Reviewing the growth and decadence of communities according to Quran and sociology

M. Zarei Jlyany\textsuperscript{a},*, M. Haghighatian\textsuperscript{b}, G.R. Sharafi\textsuperscript{c}, M. Tavani\textsuperscript{d}
\textsuperscript{a}Assistant professor, Department of Islamic Studies, college of Humanities, kazerun branch, Islamic Azad University, IR of IRAN.
\textsuperscript{b}Assistant professor, Department of Sociology, college of Humanities, Dehaghan Branch, Islamic Azad University, IR of IRAN.
\textsuperscript{c}MA . in. Industrial Management, IR of IRAN.
\textsuperscript{d}Department of Social Sciences, Payamenoor University, pobox 19395 -3697 Theran, IR of IRAN.

*Corresponding author; Assistant professor, Department of Islamic Studies, college of Humanities, kazerun branch, Islamic Azad University, IR of IRAN.

ARTICLE INFO

Article history,
Received 21 June 2014
Accepted 22 July 2014
Available online 29 August 2014

Keywords,
Decadence
Growth
Development
Faith
Virtue
Functionality

ABSTRACT

What as the main objective was followed in this article was the reasons of growth and Decadence of communities, looking to the issue was based on this issue that, Islam which is Comprehensive and complete religion has special attention and consideration to all aspects of human life. And Placed in front of him a Smooth and clear direction To achieve happiness and perfection And reach the pure existence, As a rule for the growth and Decadence of communities has Posed specific causes Because one of the basic principles of Islam is believing to the wisdom of god. And that God does not do anything vain and useless and the occurrence of any event cannot be without reason. If the growth and decline takes place should have some reasons and the Wise God also has mentioned them in the Qur’an Therefore, we decide to review these reasons.

© 2014 Sjournals. All rights reserved.
1. Introduction

Man is a social creator and historically never was separated from social life. And basically life without society is impossible for him; he is born in society, grows, affects it and in turn are influenced by it. Yet he is a thoughtful creator, compared to what is going on around him is not indifferent. Further that his knowledge is the requirement for living and compatibility with nature and its surroundings. He thinks and his thought should pave the way for better living and by understanding the world, will conquer it and with this will ask the tool for his prosperity. What have raised us to review growth and decadence of communities?

First, it is necessary to answer this question. Secondly: that a step has taken in this direction so the issue can help on finding reason of many social phenomena by the Qur'an and recommending that Quran is a credible source to solve many social problems. Therefore, in this paper we try to take a step, however brief, in recognition of the divine traditions governing the growth and decadence of communities. In this way, can do negligible service to the Muslim community, and that community which wants to achieve an Islamic and grown community.

2. Problem expression

Islam is a comprehensive religion and what is needed by the human individual and social life of guidance and legislation, is placed at his disposal. So that arrive this creatures that have been called the honor of creature and has borrowed on him heavily burdened to the head home so the Quran which is the book of guidance, was revealed to clear all aspects of life and attain the pure existence for him/her. So the most important aspects of human life, that is the social dimension, are not exceptions to this rule and the Qur'an from several aspects paid to social issues, and represents human relationship with each other and with the community and their mutual influence on each other. Several verses reveals community law and traditions that govern human communities - and clear the role of individual and their will on the realization of any of these traditions – he specified in the Quran that how families and communities and nations are tormented and afflicted and what reason were involved in their crash and more importantly defines evolution and human welfare with a unique elegance and defines its achievement for people.

3. Theoretical Framework

A sociological project in relation to Growth and decadence of communities

A: radical degradation

This approach has two origins. A: adoption of religious perspectives b despair and negative impacts of the industry's growth, especially in the nineteenth and early twentieth century on the society, perceptions from the religious point of view says, the man were always a place of bliss in heaven that will go down and the man due to sin comes down.

The second view: is focused on this issue that the human has intellectual capacity, and this power of rational thought cause why the issues will be raised and brought nature to its dominant, to the extent that human knowledge is increasing, this factor causes that the order in nature, will be disrupt and day by day the human is closing to death, these people are very pessimistic to the future of the human being, They are convinced that human nature is the nature of the flesh, lust, selfishness, .... All these, cultures and civilizations cannot change these and nothing couldn’t change the evil nature of this creature. (Motahari, 1984 - Page 39)

This group knows human nature as evil that nothing can destroy evil and shame except death, suicide, Sadeq Hedayat logic.

B: The theory of evolution follower

This theory that is product of the Social Sciences on century 18-19 believe this that people can by reason and empirical research, perceive the world and monitor. This movement believes that since the physical world is dominated by natural laws, probably the social world should be such that. Views such as Augusta, Comte, Karl Marx, are such.

4. Avoid comment
In terms of thought, is including those believing that on philosophy vision, history, and social philosophy that theory is far away, he says that human beings go through three stages.

1 - Step visions or spiritual idealism – 2- an ideal stage 3 - the sensory Stage

Spengler: says Civilizations are as well as Nature flowery spring that are filled with hope and joy and creativity, this spring, is leading to a productive and motivated summer to achieve the fruits, the fall of civilization despite it is fall, but the effects of culture fruits and finally the winter which is transformation and death of civilizations season - from his perspective an algebraic approach is ruling on the fate and history of humans.

A). Ibn Khaldun’s perspective:

According to His vision the factors that caused the Decadence of government are includes:

1) Despotism is Thereby concentrating the force and power Under Ruler
2) luxury-oriented: Luxury and dive of the opulence is one of the barriers to Governance and contributing to the deterioration of the rule and the disintegration of society.

B) growth factors and degradation in the quran

1. Faith -someone who believes God –God has chosen as its head, but they do not believe in God to have accepted the inevitable and idolatrous province, since the path of faith is a single path that God knows it as light, however, since unbelief has path and several ways, the Qur’an will translate it into darkness.

2. good deeds

Quran gives the good deeds of the human growth and development very importance so that it can be realized that without good deeds human cannot benefit of growth. Its sample is on Al-asr surah:As the God is universe, loves that his worship became universe, he that brought everything to the human conquer, determine science as its Provision of conquered. Surah Mojadeleh verse 11, Surah Al-Zumar verse (9)

Justice

Justice is so important that has the second largest placement on Shia principles. Justice is an essential element and less important issue in Islam is as justice. Since issue of justice like the monotheism on all Principles are ingrained in all branches of Islam, Surah An-Nisa (135), surah Maudah (8)

Commitment keeping

Provision of being Khalifah of Allah and being similar to god is keeping the commitment since commitment keeping is of the attributes of God and realization of this trait is that makes the Godly Man.

-Charity (the Beneficent the Merciful)

Topics related to charity, Zakat, Khums And alms are represented, all for the sake of building a Godly man story with two functions

A: Charity, Zakat, Khums, alms is effective in the eradication of poverty in the community and there is no place that poverty and economic development followed the social welfare will be realized.

B: Charity the soul of charity can create kindness.

Mention most important factor that leads man to the highest level of humanity And God will be the color of her community, is mention.

Political philosophy of liturgical prayers Friday:

Friday Prayers, before everything is A large collective worship And Includes public worship impact That is stylizing of heart and soul and cleaning the heart pollution of sin And cleaning the sin blight of the heart.

Maintaining community of pollution and unchastely:
One of the major problems that was stuck in human and keeps him from perfection, is following the lusts and adultery - This factor causes that talent does not grow on their path and do not use the God possibilities in personal and social development. Its sample are on (numenoon 5),(Maarej29),(noor 30).

**Enjoining the good and denying sins**

Important determinant of population growth and the individual in society in the evolution and excellence are enjoining the good and denying sins. Factors of communities stunted growth:

1. **Polytheism and idolatry**
   As faith in God and adherence to Quran will grow and evolve mankind to growth and development. Polytheism and idolatry are the reason of destroying and lack of growth –

2. **Oppression and injustice**
   Since humans are deprived of the necessities of life, there is no fertile ground for talents; injustice would be one of the major of decline of civilizations –

3. **Deal with right and being away of it**
   Arguing with the truth and defying the dictates of the prophets, those do this that neglect and ignorance blinds covers their eyes and ears. And understand nothing - contending with human rights as a major factor in the decline (Kahf verses 54 - Anam 5)

4. **The denying right**
   The right denying is a great injustice to humanity, and is an important factor in creating a monotheistic society. (Sura Al-Baqara, 159)

5. **Secularism and doing it**
   Secularism and wanting material are among the factors that is preventing attending to the truth and closes the way to happiness and true happiness that is Monotheism religion. And teachings of prophets. - (Surah Nisa, 77), (Al Imran 14)

6. **Following the suspicious**
   Qur’an about those who believe not in the Hereafter, knows that they are characterized by the subordination of the suspect and thought - (Surah Najm 28), (Sheba -53), (Anam 148)

7. **Lack of authority scholars in the community**
   One of the characteristics of a developing society is that there are committed Scientists in it - Scientists who are not silent against corruption and guide people by his knowledge.(Hood, verse 116-117)

8. **Blind imitation of ancestors** - (Baqara, 170)
   And when they are told follow what God has revealed they say but we follow from what we found our fathers upon, isn’t it right not that their fathers did not understand anything and were not guided -

9. **Moral corruption and sexual perversion**
   One of the most important factors that has a large impact on the growth lack of communities and takes a community to destruction sometimes is drowning in sexual immorality and vulgarity - the Sura Anam (151), Isra, 32, 80-81 Araf.

**Why homosexuality is banned?**

Imam Sadiq narrated that Allah has forbidden sodomy, said if it was lawful intercourse with boys, men, were women needless, the human race was severed, causing the loss of natural intercourse of agree and disagree Sexes and brings high moral and social corruption. (Makarem 1997, vol 9, p 196) Stunted economic Growth:
1 - Low Sales: (Surah HUD -84)

The belief in Tawheed (unity) and correct ideology, a healthy economy has particular importance and also show that Disorganization of the economic system is the Source of widespread corruption in the society.

2 - A lavish and extravagance

Two evil occurrences that are strictly forbidden in Quran and Islamic traditions are counted as the removing factors of Blessings and catastrophe landing.

3 - Usury

Those who eat usury cannot arise except as due to those evil contact, became crazy and are unable to maintain his balance, fell down sometimes, sometimes arises - this is because they said that it is like a magnet - (Sura Al-Baqara 275-276).Historical examples include (Growth and decadence of civilizations in the mirror of history)

1 - Aad people a Symbol of opinion Diversion - 2 - people of Noah a Symbol of insensitivity.3 - Battle of Uhud a Violation of the Covenant 4 – Thamud people: a Symbol of Moral corruption and the class gap .5 – The Loot peoples a Symbol of Lust and Promiscuity 6 – Madyan people a Symbol of Economic deviation. 7 - Pharaonic civilization. A Sample of Ideological and social deviation.

Islam perspective towards the future of communities:

Islamic discussed traditions and social rules in two ways, a whole human society. And humanity in general is considered as a unit so there are two views.

1) where each community is considered separately and is entitled And takes its name the village, certain periods of the rise and fall of raised will be expressed And cites reasons for it, And talk about the various traditions that Through their actions and their behavior is governed And recommends study in the context of them For the edification of posterity - In this respect, For every nation had decreed an end - (Sura Araf 34) Nahl (61)

2 - Islam perspective in relation to the whole human community as a unit: According Islam view if considers the international community, as a Community moving to development and Islam believes in this context that Societies and civilizations towards the unique and uniform is moving, Finally, the course will be merged and future of human societies is a international community unit that has evolved safety, well-being, good succession And the right of Justice establishment and humanity Will have a huge perfectionist - In terms of Quran It is obvious that Ultimate Wisdom is the rule of right and Destruction of and wrong And the sequel is for a virtue and virtuous

5. Conclusions

The concept of growth, expansion, degradation in Sociology, and Quran was examined And saw that the Growth and development From the perspective of sociologists Went beyond the scope of most people's material life, This theory highlights mainly based on capital accumulation As the most important factor of economic growth Along with other factors of production Such as manpower, natural resources and.... But when we refer to the Quran we See that Growth concept Encompasses all aspects of human existence And is not limited to only one aspect of human existence - The Holy Quran knows lack of growth reason Economic issues on Many societies, such as (usury - a bribe - a low bar, lavish, squander, abuse, rape, ...). But for the real growth does not adequately address the financial economic issues Only - But the Qur'an view is a perfect human being and human society, it considered the person within the community, and community with The specifications and features see them as an integrated unit - a unit That should Grows on several aspects That one of its Aspect is financial and economic Growth.

References

Motahari - M - human social evolution - Sadra publication – Tehran
Motahari, M., 368. Society and History. Sadra publicat.