



# The Misery of Envy (Hassad) Its Origin, Causes and Treatment

#### Introduction: The Growth of Envy under the Western Civilization

It has been observed that wherever the Western civilization has influence, in the Western world or the Muslim World, there is the development of a set of institutions, including social media and large-scale advertising, that create an atmosphere of materialism, in which people feel envious and inadequate, triggering anxiety, sadness and anger. Teachers, doctors and parents alike feel helpless against the rising tide of envy that is afflicting young men and women, as they are miserable over rivalry regarding beauty, status, position, educational achievements and material possessions.

As early on in the dominance of the Western civilization as 1930, in the "The Conquest of Happiness," the Western philosopher and mathematician Bertrand Russell cautioned, "Of all the characteristics of ordinary human nature envy is the most unfortunate... Whoever wishes to increase human happiness must wish to increase admiration and to diminish envy." Since 1930 thousands of Western psychological studies have shown a surge in envy, particularly amongst the young. However, Western civilization is helpless because it itself is the cause of rising envy, through its commitment to utilitarianism, as a basis for human happiness.

#### Western Utilitarianism is the Origin of Envy, Not Happiness

After separating religion from life through its miserable experience with the Church, the West characterized life as benefit and making utilitarianism the criterion for actions. In his book "Utilitarianism," the Western philosopher John Stuart Mill said, "Virtue, according to the utilitarian conception, is a good of this description. There was no original desire of it, or motive to it, save its conduciveness to pleasure, and especially to protection from pain." However, utilitarianism itself brought new miseries to the Western world, as well as wherever the influence of utilitarianism is strong.

Utilitarianism is the Western conception of life that defines the meaning of happiness as being related to material benefit, hedonism and materialism. Utilitarianism is the origin of increased envy through rivalry in worldly gains, whether in regards to wealth, knowledge, beauty or status. Adopting utilitarianism gave rise to strong feelings of envy, failure, inadequacy, resentment, guilt, despair and self-blame. As Western utilitarianism is itself the cause of envy, its treatment is not to be found within Western civilization. The treatment is not to be found in any branch of Western thinking, such as the foundational models of morals and human behavior within the disciplines of Western psychology, psychoanalysis and psychiatry, because the root is utilitarianism. As the Western mental health care is unable to treat envy effectively, it is then compelled to an excessive dependency on medication to suppress the raging emotions that accompany envy, whether anti-depressants or anxiolytic (anti-anxiety) medication.

However, for the Muslim parent, teacher or doctor, there is no need to seek guidance from the misguided, as the Deen of Islam is a treasure for those who learn from it. The guidance of the Noble Quran and Prophetic Sunnah has identified the various causes of envy, as well as its comprehensive treatment. The Divine Revelation gave rise to centuries of rich scholarship on the subject of envy, within the books of Tasfeer of the Noble Quran, SharH (Explanation) of the aHadeeth and Fiqh related to diseases of the heart (amraaD ul-Qalb). It is the rich Islamic civilization that accurately enlightens humankind regarding the causes of envy, its harm to the envier, its sin and what positive feeling it must be replaced with.

## The Causes of Envy (Hassad)

Envy (Hassad) means to hope that another person loses the blessing he has been granted. The Islamic civilization further specifies causes of Hassad, including pride, astonishment, rivalry, malice, superiority and enmity. As for envy through pride (takkabur), the envious man takes pride over the envied man, holding him in contempt for his rise. Allah (swt) said, هُوْ يَقْنُ مَنَى رَجُلٍ مِنَ الْقُرْيَتَيْنِ عَظِيمٍ (31) "Why has not this Quran sent down to some leading man in either of the two cities? (31) Do they divide the mercy of their Lord?" [TMQ Surah Az-Zukhruf 43:31-32]. It is arrogance that leads to dispute what Allah (swt) has predetermined (qadara) or has imposed as fate (qadaa'). It is the first sin of the heavens, the envy of Iblis, the Shaytan, of Adam (as), when Allah (swt) ordered him to prostrate.

As for envy through astonishment (at'ta'ajab), it is the envy of the one who whispers, 'why him and not me'? Allah (swt) speaks of the astonishment of the kuffar upon seeing Prophets (as) from amongst the men, (أَوَعَجِبْتُمْ أَن جَاءَكُمْ ذِكْرٌ مِن رَبِّكُمْ عَلَىٰ رَجُلٍ مِنتُكُمْ لِيُنْذِرَكُمْ وَلِتَتَّقُوا وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ (Do you find it astonishing that a reminder should come to you from your Lord through one of your own, warning you, so you may beware and perhaps be shown mercy?" [TMQ Surah Al-A'raaf 7:63]. Envy through astonishment is the case of those who disbelieved in the Prophets (saw). They envied the Prophets (as) regarding their message, revelation and closeness to Allah (swt), whilst being astonished that they are humans like them. Allah (swt) said, مَن قَوْمِهِ اللَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَتَنُوا لِنَقَاعُ الْأَذِينَ مَتَلُكُمْ مِنَا تَشْرَبُونَ مِنْهُ قَيَشْرَبُ مِمَا تَشْرَبُونَ عَلَى المَالَ المَكَلُ مِنَا تَقَدَى اللهُ عَلَى مَاللَهُ عَلَى مَاللَهُ اللهُ مَالَ المَكَلُ مِن قَوْمِهِ (swt), whilst being astonished that they are humans like them. Allah (swt) said, المَكَلُ مِنَا تَشْرَبُونَ المُوا المُعْلَى مَا تَشْرَبُونَ مِنْهُ وَيَشْرَبُ مِمَا تَشْرَبُونَ الْمَعْذَبُوا المُنْ عَلَى مَا تَشْرَبُونَ مِنْهُ مَالَى الْمَلْ مِن قَوْمِهِ (but the case of the case) المُعْدَا إِذَا يَعْمَا اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى مَا تَشْرَبُونَ مِنْهُ وَيَشْرَبُ مِمَا تَشْرَبُونَ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى مَا تَشْرَبُونَ مِنْهُ وَيَشْرَبُ مِمَا تَشْرَبُونَ المَعْهُ الْحَدِي وَعَالَ الْمَالَ مَالَ مَالَ مَالَ مَالَ مَالْعَان مُعْدَا إِنَّ عَلَى مَاللهُ عَلَى مَالْ الْعَان مَالْ مَالَ مَالْعَان مَالُ مَالْ مَالَ مَالْ مَالُ مَالَ مَالْ مَالْ مَالُ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْعَان مَالْ مَالْ مَالْعَان مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْعَان مالْعَان ما لَعَان الْعَانِ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْمُ مَالْنَا مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْعُنُونَ مَالْ مَالْعَان مَالْعَان ما مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْعَان الْعَانُ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْ مَالْعَانُ مَالْعَانُ مَالْعَانُ مَالْعَان مَالْعَان مَالْعَان مَالْعَان مالْعَالْ مَالْعَان ما مالْعَالْ مالْعَال

the chiefs of his people, who disbelieved, denied the meeting (with Allah) in the Hereafter, and were spoiled by the worldly luxuries We had provided for them, said to the masses, "This is only a human like you. He eats what you eat, and drinks what you drink." [TMQ Surah Al-Mu'minoon 23:32].

As for the envy through rivalry (tazaaHum), it is when there are two or more parties competing over one purpose. It is the envy to help in singling out his purpose, by envying the competition. It is the first sin of the earth, when Qabeel (Cain) envied Habeel. It is the envy of two men competing for the same woman in matrimony. It is the jostling between two wives joined in marriage to one man. It is the sibling rivalry between two brothers, jostling for status in the hearts of the parents, leading to envy. It is the envy of the two students for one teacher to gain respect. It is the envy between two doctors in gaining patients to their respective practices. It is even the envy of two alims competing for a following amongst the people, rather than the pleasure of Allah (swt) Alone.

Then, there is the envy of malice (shamaatah) as well. One becomes glad to see the loss of fortune of another and wishes that all blessings and gifts should be bestowed on him alone. It is as if the blessings and gifts were given to others from their own personal treasury, even though Allah (swt) Alone is the One who grants and there is no limit to His granting. Allah (swt) said, إذ المال (swt) Alone is the One who grants and there is no limit to His granting. Allah (swt) said, إذ أو المالية الما

As for superiority (ath'azaz), the envious man greatly dislikes the welfare and good of another, causing him mental anguish. He cannot bear when the person that is envied is bestowed any wealth, power, recognition and honor. So it arises from the instinct of survival, manifesting in the desire for dominance, precedence and superiority. Imam Ghazali said, التعزز وهو أن يثقل عليه أن يترفع عليه غيره فإذا أصاب بعض أمثاله ولاية أو علما أو مالا خاف أن يتكبر عليه وهو لا يطيق تكبره ولا تسمح وهو أن يثقل عليه أن يترفع عليه غيره فإذا أصاب بعض أمثاله ولاية أو علما أو مالا خاف أن يتكبر عليه وهو لا يطيق تكبره ولا تسمح وهو أن يثقل عليه أن يترفع عليه فيره فإذا أصاب بعض أمثاله ولاية أو علما أو مالا خاف أن يتكبر عليه وهو لا يطيق تكبر ولا تسمح فليه فيره فإذا مصاب بعض الله ولاية أو علما أو مالا خاف أن يتكبر عليه وهو لا يطيق تكبره ولا تسمح عليه وهو أن يتوفع عليه فيره فإذا أصاب بعض أمثاله ولاية أو علما أو مالا خاف أن يتكبر عليه وهو لا يطيق تكبره عليه ولا يرضي ولا تسمح عليه ولا له من غرضه أن يتكبر بل غرضه أن يدفع كبره فإنه قد رضي بمساواته مثلا ولكن لا يرضي عليه أن يترفع عليه ولا مالا فاف الله ولاية أو علما أو مالا خاف أن يتكبر عليه وهو أن يتقل عليه أن يترفع عليه ولا الله ولاية مثلا ولكن لا يرضي الماله ولاية مثلا ولكن لا يرضي بمساواته مثلا ولكن لا يرضي عليه أن يترفع عليه ولا الله ولاية مثلا ولكن الا يرضي عليه الماله ولاية مثلا ولكن الا يرضي عليه الله ولاية مثلا ولكن الا يرضي عليه أن يترفع عليه ولا الله ولاية مثلا ولكن الا يرضي الله ولاية مثلا ولكن لا يرضي الله ولاية الله ولاية الله ولاية الله ولاية الله ولاية مثلا ولكن الا يرضي الله ولاية مثلا ولكن الا يرضي الله ولاية مثلا ولكن الا يرضي الله ولاية من يرضي إلى ماله وله ولاله ولاية الله ولاية الله ماله ولاية مثلا ولكن اله ماله ولاية الله وله وله ولاية الله ولاية الله وله ولاية الله ولاية الله ولاية الله ولاية الله ولاية الله و

As for enmity ('adaawah), it is the hatred of the one who wishes that the enemy does not have riches and gifts and they go away from him. It includes the envy arising from enmity of the

believers. Allah (swt) said, مَنَا اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ الْأَنَامِلَ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ قُلْ مُوتُوا بِغَيْظِكُمْ أِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ (swt) said, بَذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ» (مَوَإِذَا لَقُوكُمْ قَالُوا آمَنَا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا عَضُوا عَلَيْكُمُ الْأَنَامِلَ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ قُلْ مُوتُوا بِغَيْظِكُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ (And when they meet you, they say, "We believe." But when they are alone, they bite their fingertips at you in rage. Say, "Die in your rage. Indeed, Allah is Knowing of that within the breasts."" [TMQ Surah Aali Imran 3:118]. Allah said, مَنْ يَعْدِ إَنفُسِهِم مِن بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْحَقَّ (الْحَتَابِ لَوْ يَرُدُونَكُم أَنْ اللَّهُ الْحَقَّابِ اللَّهُ الْحَقَابِ لَوْ يَرُدُونَكُم (believe." But when they are alone, مُوَدً كَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ يَرُدُونَكُم (Many among the People of the Book wish they could turn you back to disbelief because of their envy, after the truth has been made clear to them." [TMQ Surah Al-Baqarah 2:109].

There are those who afflicted by one cause of envy alone, whilst there are others who are afflicted by all of them. May Allah (swt) secure us in goodness.

## The Beneficial Knowledge and Beneficial Action Regarding Envy

Envy is a disease of the heart that cannot be cured without knowledge of Islam and acting in the opposite way that envy incites.

Regarding beneficial knowledge, Imam Ghazali says, نعرف تحقيقا أن تعرف تحقيقا أن "The beneficial knowledge for the illness of envy is that you know in reality envy is a harm for you in the worlds life and in the Deen and that it there is no harm upon the maHsud (envied) in the worldly life and the Deen, instead he benefits in both of them." Indeed, envy is understood as it is, it will be understood as an enemy and abandoned.

In our Deen, envy consumes the good actions, as if they were wood burnt up by fire. The Prophet said, «إِيَّاكُمْ وَالْحَسَدَ فَإِنَّ ٱلْحَسَنَاتِ كَمَا تَأْكُلُ ٱلْتَارُ ٱلْحَطَبَ» "Beware of envy, for envy consumes virtues, as fire consumes wood." (Abu Dawood). Envy is a sin and those of Jannah are free of it, whilst those who are far from Jannah are filled with it. The accursed Shaytan refused to obey Allah (swt) with regards to Adam (as), envying his status through his arrogance.

Envy is injurious to the one who envies in worldly life, filling it with sorrow, anxiety, sadness and anger. This is whilst the envied person suffers no harm in this world and the Next. Imam Ghazali said, bit is is whilst the envied person suffers no harm in this world and the Next. Imam Ghazali said, bit is is ubited by the enviet of the person suffers are a sea lities of the person suffers of last is a sea lities of the person suffers are the person suffers and a sea lities of the person suffers are a sea lities of the person suffers are sea of the person suffers are provided by the person suffers are provided by the person of the person of the person suffers are provided by provided the person of the person of the person of the person set. If you did not believe in the reasoning person exposes himself to the Wrath of Allah the Almighty, without benefiting himself. Instead, it comes with harm that he bears and pain that he suffers, so that his Deen and his Dunya will perish in vain and without benefit."

The envier even benefits the envied in the Aakhira, gifting him his good deeds. Imam Ghazali said, وأما أن المحسود ينتفع به في الدين والدنيا فواضح أما منفعته في الدين فهو أنه مظلوم من جهتك لا سيما إذا أخرجك الحسد إلى said, وأما أن المحسود ينتفع به في الدين والدنيا فواضح أما منفعته في الدين فهو أنه مظلوم من جهتك لا سيما إذا أخرجك الحسد إلى said, القول والفعل بالغيبة والقدح فيه وهتك ستره وذكر مساويه فهذه هدايا تهديها إليه أعني أنك بذلك تهدي إليه حسناتك حتى تلقاه يوم القيامة القول والفعل بالغيبة والقدح فيه وهتك ستره وذكر مساويه فهذه هدايا تهديها إليه أعني أنك بذلك تهدي إليه حسناتك حتى تلقاه يوم القيامة من القول والفعل بالغيبة والقدح فيه وهتك ستره وذكر مساويه فهذه هدايا تهديها إليه أعني أنك بذلك تهدي إليه حسناتك حتى تلقاه يوم القيامة وما القول والفعل بالغيبة والقدح فيه وهتك ستره وذكر مساويه فهذه هدايا تهديها إليه أعني أنك بذلك تهدي إليه حسناتك حتى تلقاه يوم القيامة من القول والفعل بالغيبة والقدح فيه وهتك ستره وذكر مساويه فهذه هدايا تهديها إليه أعني أنك بذلك تهدي إليه حسناتك حتى تلقاه يوم القيامة وما من المعمة والقدح فيه وهتك ستره وذكر مساويه فهذه هدايا تهديها إليه أعني أنك بذلك تهدي إليه حسناتك حتى تلقاه يوم القيامة القول والفعل بالغيبة والقدح فيه وهتك ستره وذكر مساويه فهذه هدايا تهديها إليه أعني أنك بذلك تهدي إليه أعني النعمة ألم من معرمت في الدنيا عن النعمة أول والفعل بالغيبة والقد فيه والفعل الذي عن النعمة أول والفعل بالغيبة والقد فيه وهتك ستره والفعان النعمة أول والفعل بالغيبة والقد في النعمة أول والفعل الغيبة والقد في الذيبا عن النعمة ألفي مع مان النعمة والفي والفعان والفعان المان والفعان النعمة أول والفعان النعمة أول والفعان والفعان والفعان والفعان والفعان والفعان والفعان والفي والفعان والفيبة والفي والفعان والفعان المالم والفعان المول والفعان والفي والفي والفعان والفعان والفعان والفي والفعان والفعان والفعان والفعان والفيبة أول والفعان والفعان والفعان والفيبة والفي

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## The Islamic Ruling Regarding Envy

Envy means to hope that another person loses the blessing he has been granted. Allah (swt) said, هَنَكُسُ عَلَىٰ مَآ ءَاتَنَهُمُ ٱللَّهُ مِن فَضْلِهِ﴾ "Or do they envy people for what Allah has given them of His Bounty?" [TMQ Surah An-Nisaa 4:54].

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, أَوْكَا مَمَا أَمَوْلُوا إِخْوَانًا كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ "Don't sever relations of kinship, don't bear enmity against one another, don't bear aversion against one another and don't feel envy against the other and live as fellow-brothers as Allah has commanded you." [Muslim]. The Prophet (saw) said, مَنْتَانَ قَبْلُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْرَاءُ بِالْجَوْرِ وَ الْغَرَبُ بِالْعَصَبِيَّةِ وَ اللَّقَبْلُ بِالْحَصَبِيَةِ وَ الْقُوْرِ وَ الْعَرَبُ بِالْحَصَبِيَةِ وَ الْتَعَرَبُ بِالْحَصَبِيَةِ وَ الْتَعَرَبُ بِالْحَصَبِيَةِ وَ الْتَعْرَبُ بِالْحَصَبِيةِ وَ الْعَرْبُ بِالْحَصَبِيةِ وَ الْعَرْبُ بِالْحَصَبِيةِ وَ الْعَرْبُ بِالْحَصَبِية وَ الْتَعْرَبُ بِالْحَصَبِية وَ الْعَرْبُ بِالْحَصَبِية وَ الْتَعْرَبُ بِالْحَصَبِية وَ الْعَرْبُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ بُوالْحَسَبَة وَ وَ الْعُرْبُ وَالْعَمَاءُ والْحَصَبِية وَ الْعَرْبُ والْحَصَبِية وَ الْعَرْبُ وَالْحَصَبِية وَ الْعَرْبَاء وَ الْعَرْبَ فَعْرَبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبَ وَ الْعَرْبَ فَعْرَبُ وَ الْعَرْبَ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبَ وَ الْعَرْبَ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبَ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَنْبُ مَنْ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبَ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبَ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ مَنْ الْحَالَ وَ وَ الْحَسَدَة مَنْ مَنْ الْحَابَ وَ الْعَرْبُ مَنْ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ مَالْتُعَنْ وَ الْعَرْبُ مَالْعَنْ الْعُرْبُ وَ الْعَرْبُ مَا الْعَرْب

Allah (swt) said, هَوَمِنْ شَرَ حَاسِدٍ إِذًا حَسَنَهُ (And from the evil of the envier, when he envies) [TMQ Surah Al-Hassad 113:5].

والحسد مذموم، وصاحبه مغموم، وهو يأكل الحسنات, Imam Qurtubi stated in his Tafseer regarding this ayah, وأول ذنب عصبي به في الأرض، فأما في السماء فحسد إبليس كما تأكل النار الحطب... ويقال: الحسد أول ذنب عصبي الله به في السماء، وأول ذنب عصبي به في الأرض، فأما في السماء فحسد إبليس "And envy is reprehensible, whilst the envier is distressed and it eats good deeds as fire eats wood... It is said: envy is the first sin with which Allah was disobeyed in the heavens and the first sin with which He (swt) was disobeyed in the earth. As for the heavens, Iblis envied Adam (as), whilst on the earth Qabeel (Cain) envied Habeel (Able)."

انَ الله جمع الشرور في Imam al-Husayn bin al-Fadl (died 282 AH) commented on the same ayah, إنه أخسُ الطبائع "Allah gathered the evils in this verse and concluded them with envy to make known that it is the lowest of natures."

كما أنَّ الشيطان هو النهاية في الأشخاص المذمومة، Imam Ar-Razi commented on the same ayah, saying, أمَّ الشيطان هو النهاية في الأشخاص المذمومة، حاسد إذَا حَسَد وهو قوله: وَمِن شَرّ حَاسد إذَا حَسَد of reprehensible persons. For this reason, Allah (swt) concluded the collection of human evils with envy, in His saying: And from the evil of the envier when he envies."

The Hanifi Ottoman Imam, Mehmed Ebüssuûd Efendi, commented on the same ayah saying, مفيدة للانتقال من توبيخهم بما سبق إلى توبيخهم بالحسد الذي هو شرُّ الرذائل وأقبحها "it is beneficial to move on from reprimanding them for the aforementioned, to rebuking them with envy, which is the worst and ugliest of vices."

Indeed, it is forbidden to hope for the loss of the blessing of another, whilst envy leads to other forbidden acts, such as backbiting (gheebah), spreading calumnies (nameemah), lying, cutting relations, withholding rights and even causing physical harm.

### Hassad (envy) is to be Replaced by Ghibtah and Competition over Good Deeds

As for hope that one has the like of something as another has, this is ghibtah and this is allowed. In the language, ghibtah is عنه عنه زوالَها عنه are an it is allowed. In the language, ghibtah is أَن يتمنى المرءُ مِثْلَ ما للمغبوط من النعمة من غير أَن يتمنَى زوالَها عنه For a person to wish for a favor similar to the favored one, without wishing for it to be removed from him." The Prophet (saw) said, «بان المؤمن يغبط والمنافق يحسد» (ه المالية عنه the prophet (saw) said, الشافعية الكبرى) "A believer has ghibtah but a hypocrite envies." (لا الشافعية الكبرى) للمالة المعالية والمنافق المنافق المالية المالية المالية من النه من النه المؤمن يعبط والمنافق من النه المالية الم

As for competition in good actions, Islam encourages such competition amongst the Muslims. Allah (swt) said, (مُوَفِي ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسُ الْمُتَنَافِسُونَ» (So in this let the competitors, compete." [TMQ Surah Al-Mutafifoon 83:26]. The verb and the noun are of the masdar of munaafisah (competition). Those who compete are like two servants who both try to please their master and hope to be ahead of the other in this matter, whilst their master is generous in his bounty, such that neither competitor is deprived.

«لَا حَسَدَ إِلَّا فِي اتْنَتَيْن رَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا فَسُلِّطَ عَلَى هَلَكَتِهِ فِي الْحَق وَرَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْحِكْمَةَ فَهُوَ , The Prophet (saw) said Do not envy except in two cases. The first is a person, whom Allah has يَقْضَى بِهَا وَيُعَلِّمُهَا» given wealth and he spends it righteously; the second is the one whom Allah has given wisdom (of Deen) and he acts according to it and teaches it to others." [Bukhari]. Abu قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ «مَثَلُ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ كَمَثَل أَرْبَعَةِ نَفَر رَجُلٌ آثاهُ اللهُ مَالًا وَعِلْمًا Kabshah Al-Anmari narrated. فَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ بِعِلْمِهِ فِي مَالِهِ يُنْفِقُهُ فِي حَقِهِ وَرَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ عِلْمًا وَلَمَ يؤتَّنِهِ مَالًا فَهُوَ يَقُولُ لَوْ كَأَنَ لِيُ مِثْلُ هَذَا عَمِلْتُ فِيهِ مِثْلَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَهُمَا فِي الْأَجْرِ سَوَاءٌ وَرَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا وَلَمْ يُؤْتِهِ عِلْمًا فَهُوَ يَخْبَطُ فِي مَالِهِ يُنْفِقُهُ فِي غَيْرٍ حَقَّهِ وَرَجُلٌ لَمْ يُؤْتِهِ اللَّهُ عِلْمًا وَلَا مَالًا فَهُوَ يَقُولُ لَوْ كَانَ لِيُ مِثْلُ هَذَا عَمِلْتُ فِيهِ مِثْلَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَهُمَا فِي الْوِزْرِ "The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, 'The likeness of this Ummah is that of four men: سَوَاع» A man to whom Allah gives wealth and knowledge, so he acts according to his knowledge with regard to his wealth, spending it as it should be spent; a man to whom Allah gives knowledge, but he does not give him wealth, so he says, "If I had been given (wealth) like this one, I would have done what (the first man) did."' The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, 'These two will be equal in reward. And then there is a man to whom Allah gives wealth but does not give knowledge, so he squanders his wealth and spends it in inappropriate ways; and a man to whom Allah gives neither knowledge nor wealth, and he says: "If I had (wealth) like this one, I would do what (the third man) did." The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, 'They are equal in their burden (of sin).'" [Ibn Majah]

Conclusion: The Khilafah Alone Will End the Global Influence of Utilitarianism and its Bitter Fruits, Such as Envy

Allah (swt) said, مَتَى زُرُتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ» (1) حَتَى زُرُتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ» (1) Until you visit the graveyards." [TMQ Surah At-Takathur 102:1-2]. After the destruction of the Khilafah on 3 March 1924, 28 Rajab 1342 AH, the world is burdened by the Western civilization and its materialistic outlook towards value, morals and purpose. It has led to great misery and suffering for humankind, through narrowing vision to the temporary worldly life. It is the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood that will generate media, social media and education upon the noblest rivalry for humankind, which is competition for the pleasure of Allah (swt), Whose favors know no limits. Allah (swt) says, ستايقُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِن رَبِكُمْ وَجَنَةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْض أُحِتَى السَمَاءِ وَالأَرْضِ أُحِتَّ لِلْذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاسَّهِ وَرُسْلِهِي

who believe in Allah and His messengers." [TMQ Surah Al-Hadid 57:21].

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