

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْنَا الْقُرْآنَ الْكَرِيمَ، فِيهِ آيَاتٌ لِلْسَّائِلِينَ،
وَاسْتِفْهَامَاتٌ تُنَبِّهُ الْمُتَدَبِّرِينَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ
لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ
وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ
سَارَ عَلَى هَدْيِهِمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, Who sent to us the Noble Qur'an, wherein there are signs for those who inquire and questions that stimulate the minds of those who reflect and contemplate. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, who has no partners. And I testify that our leader and Prophet, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the servant and messenger of Allah. O Allah send Your salutations, peace and blessings upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad and upon all of his family and companions, and upon whomsoever follows them in the best of ways till the Day of Judgment.

Every Prophet was sent to a nation & belonged to that community, this was their Qawm; Qawm-Musa, Luut, Eesa, Muhammad...

"O Allah! Forgive my nation, for they have no knowledge." (Bukhari)

"And the Messenger has said, O my Lord, indeed my people" (25:30)

"And for every nation is a messenger." (10:47)

All Prophets addressed those around them as '*Ya Qawmi*' (O, my people/community) while inviting them to Islam & goodness. Those who accepted the Prophets' message became part of their *Ummah*.

Believers thus have dual obligations: **1)** towards their own **QAWM** (*country*), and **2)** towards their **UMMAH** (*religious companions*)

Therefore, Muslims must to give their best to their Qawm & Ummah with their **ILM, ISLAH, IKHLAAS**, ability, time & skillset. Service to Allah & Humanity with honesty, integrity & competence, not avoiding responsibility, blaming others and escaping the reality.

It is vital to promote a balanced & tolerant society; establish justice, equality, stability & progress. Indifference, frustration, rejection & denial are not solutions to individuals, communities or humanity.

Is engagement in politics **PROHIBITED**, **PERMISSIBLE**, or **NECESSARY** in Islam? What does the Qur'an say about our **Responsibilities** to the world?

WHAT IS SIYASAH IN ISLAM?

SIYASAH in modern Arabic means politics, however its root & original meaning is more holistic & effective to humans. sheds great light on why it is translated today as such and what its applications are.

Originally **SIYASAH** meant to train a horse, a long process based on it's age & method. Training wild horses is especially difficult – much like training a human being or even a nation of human beings. Training the horse may be done violently or gently, quickly or slowly. Everything will have short & long-term effects, just like it will upon a community. So **SIYASAH** is about training a community for it to develop, prosper, taking them from their negative states to enlightenment, from darkness into light.

THE PURPOSES OF CREATION

Building good governance & infrastructure in which people can thrive is one of the reasons for creation. Human need training to achieve this.

1. PURPOSE IS TO SERVE ALLAH, HIS RASOOL & DEEN

“And I have not created the jinn and mankind except that they may serve Me. (51:56) “Obey Allah & His Messenger” (3:132)

2) PURPOSE OF ISTI'MAAR (CULTIVATION - DEVELOPMENT)

To cultivate and develop our civilisation. Something positive & of benefit. Developing a civilisation needs planning, expertise, regulations & policies which would be the responsibility of a just government.

“He brought you into being out of the earth, and made you thrive thereon”. (11:61) “Whoever has land, let him cultivate it or give it to his brother to cultivate... (Nasai)

3) PURPOSE OF ISTIKHLAAF (STEWARDSHIP - LEADERSHIP)

“For, He it is who has made you inherit the earth, and has raised some of you by degrees above others, so that He might try you by means of what He has bestowed upon you.” (6:165)

Leadership is for all of mankind to be responsible for the planet and what is within their capacity to be a shepherd over. To follow Allah, His Rasool & the appointed leaders. We must **PRESERVE** our **Past & Present**, & **Develop** our **Future**. We are obliged to improve our roads, healthcare systems, communities & environment - we must not destroy or dismantle them. “Do not corrupt the earth after its reformation.” We are responsible to leave for the forthcoming generations. We must leave a world which is healthy, safe, and productive for them.