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The Essence of Modernity

INTRODUCTION

The author of the work translated here is Mîrzâ Yûsuf Khân Mustashâr ad-Dowla Tabrîzî, one of the prominent liberal thinkers who contributed substantially to the development of a theory of constitutional government for Persia towards the end of the nineteenth century. Biographical information about Mustashâr ad-Dowla can be gleaned from his own works and several other sources of the period. Although his contribution is universally acknowledged in his homeland, he is hardly known in the west. Apart from an article by Mehrdad Kia, a few other studies devote short sections to his role before the Constitutional Revolution (1905-1911) in Persia. ¹

He was the son of Mîrzâ Kâzîm Āqâ Tâjîr Tabrîzî, a merchant from Azerbaijan, and was born in the city of Tabrîz. ² In his home town he followed the traditional curriculum, learning Persian and Arabic literature and religious sciences, and some elements of Islamic Law. He started his political career as a secretary in the English consulate. It was during this time that Mustashâr ad-Dowla became interested in politics and curious about European culture


and technological progress. In 1270/1853 he resigned his position at the consulate, and chose to work in the office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. First-hand information about his political career can be found in his *One Word*, in which he describes how Nāṣir ad-Dīn Shah appointed him to a position of consul in the town Hājjī Tarakhān for eight years. In 1278/1861 he returned to Persia and had an audience with Nāṣir ad-Dīn Shah in Tehran. Seventeen months later he returned to Hājjī Tarakhān. After three months he set out to travel to several European countries, visiting Moscow, and later St. Petersburg, where he stayed for six months. Here, Mustashār ad-Dowla was appointed *Chargé d’Affairs*. In 1280/1863, he was promoted to Consul General in Tiflis, a position he held for four years. At the end of 1283/1866 he was promoted to *Chargé d’Affairs* in Paris, where he remained for three years. When he arrived in Paris he visited the ‘*Exposition of 1867*,’ which made a great impression on him. From Paris, he made four private visits to London.3

Mīrzā Malkum Khān (1249-1326/1833-1908) has been identified as the person, mentioned in *One Word*, with whom Mustashār ad-Dowla exchanged ideas about the progress of European countries and the decline of Persia, but this is far from certain. His influence is in any case clear from the terms used. Malkum Khān wrote his *Kitābcha-yi ghaybī yā daftar-i tanẓīmāt* (Booklet inspired by the unseen, or the book of reforms) in 1275/1858-9. This book introduced many key terms such as *qānūn* (codified law), *islāḥāt* (reforms), *majlis-i showrā* (consultative council), *millät* (in the sense of nation), *huqūq-i millät* (rights of the people) and *millī* (national). Mustashār ad-Dowla follows Malkum Khān in his use of these terms to advocate legal reforms, and also in the literary device of presenting his inspiration as a message conveyed from the unseen world. While Mustashār ad-Dowla concentrates on describing the legal system which should result

from the reform, Malkum Khān also advocates the summoning of a national constitutional assembly: a mechanism for getting the reform underway.  

According to the author of Tārīkh-i Bīdārī, the friend referred to in One Word is Malkum Khān, but H. Algar has pointed out that they were not in London at the same time: Malkum’s appointment to England did not come until 1873; Mīrzā Yūsuf Khān’s term in Paris ended in 1870—the same year in which Yak Kalima was written—and he was back in Tehran by August 1871, at the least. Nonetheless, Algar observes that “Malkum’s more remote influence on the composition cannot be discounted” and it is quite possible that Mustashār ad-Dowla was inspired to write the treatise by views he exchanged through letters with Malkum Khān. Malkum Khān is

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4 Another Persian reform writer of the period was Mīrzā ʿAbbās Nūrī (Abdul-Bahā) whose Risāla-yi madaniyya (1292/1875) and Risāla-yi Siyāsiyya (1311/1893) set out broader principles for social reform, including reform of the legal system and institution of a code of law, and rationalisation of the court system, but also extending to educational reform, democratic accountability, the separation of the religious and political orders, and the summoning of a constitutional assembly to achieve these ends. These ideas were interpretations and applications of the ideas found in his father’s writings (Bahā’ u-llāh, 1817-1892), the founder of the Baha’i Faith. An influence from Babi or Bahai sources on Mustashār ad-Dowla cannot be ruled out, given the large number of crypto-Babis and crypto-Bahais among educated and court sources of the time (see, eg J.R.I. Cole “The Provincial Politics of Heresy and Reform in Qajar Iran: Shaykh al-Rais in Shiraz, 1895-1902.” Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East Vol. 22, nos. 1-2 (2002 [2003]), pp. 119-126).

5 H. Algar, Mīrzā Malkum Khān, pp. 139-40; see also M. Kia, Constitutionalism, p. 764. Other influences are likely: Shaykh Rīfāʿa Rāfīʿ at-Tahtawī was sent to Paris in 1826 and wrote a travelogue which shows a familiarity with French thought on natural rights, including Montesquieu and Rousseau. He also translated the French Civil Code into Arabic with a commentary. Since the structure of the Yak Kalima, with its 19 points, does not correspond to the structure of the Civil Code, it is possible that he has relied on some such commentary.

6 H. Algar, Mīrzā Malkum Khān, p. 140.
the person responsible for coining new words to express modern European political and social concepts. One of these coinages was to use the word qānūn to mean codified law, which is accessible to the public and rationally administered, in contrast to the way in which the Sharīʿa and the common law were administered in Islamic countries.

Whoever the friend mentioned in One Word may have been, Mustashār ad-Dowla says that he asked him: “Why have other countries achieved such progress, while we have remained in such a state of lethargy and disorder?” The friend answers, “The foundation and origins of the European system of administration are one word, and every sort of progress and benefit one sees here result from this single word. (...) The people of your country are far from the essence of the topic. (...) A few of you attribute the administrative system and progress of Europe to derivative and transitory things. Some of you think that they are based on sciences and industries such as the telegraph, steam-powered boats and carriages, and military equipment. These are the results and not the prerequisites. You only form inadequate ideas based on superficial reasoning. You do not give any attention to the underlying mechanisms. When you wish to throw open the doors of progress and civilisation in Persia, you fail to identify the one word at the beginning of your task. Every time that one of the Muslim scholars writes on this topic, purely for the sake of service to his homeland, he describes the history and industry of Europe without referring to the foundations and origins of their administrative processes. This is why the efforts of the functionaries of Islamic governments are fruitless and the writings of authors on this topic are useless and without impact.”

In 1285/1868-9, Mustashār ad-Dowla was summoned to Tehran, where he continued his reformist activities. Being a friend

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of Ḥājj Mīrzā Ḥusayn Khān Sipahsālār, who at that time was the sadr al-aʿżam, he received a cabinet post, but after a dispute, Sipahsālār exiled him to Khurāsān in the year 1290/1873-4. Their friendship reportedly came to an end when Sipahsālār asked him to break off his friendship with Mīrzā Muḥmūd Khān, known as Nāṣr al-Mulk. Sepahsālār and Nāṣir al-Mulk were not on good terms and often clashed. Mustashār ad-Dowla refused to break off his friendship, saying: “I am friend to both of you, and I do not desire to break off my friendship with Nāṣir al-Mulk without any reason!”

In 1290/1873-4, while he was in Khurāsān, he wrote the book Kitābcha-yi Banafsh or Risāla-yi Rāh-āhan (A treatise on the railway), praising its benefits. To further his modernist ideas, he asked the clergy to issue a fatwa in favour of building a railway between Tehran and Khurāsān. Because of his involvement with social and political affairs in Khurāsān, it was not long before he was appointed Governor of this large province. In 1291/1874, he was summoned to the royal court in Tehran where his services to the country were recognised. He met Nāṣir ad-Dīn Shāh, who offered him a robe of honour, and appointed him to a senior post for the foreign ministry (wizārat-i khāriji), serving in Azerbaijan.

In 1299/1881-2, the Ministry of Justice fell into the hands of Mīrzā Yaḥyā Khān Mushīr ad-Dowla Qazwīnī, who had been educated abroad and advocated a modern European system of Justice for Persia. He recruited Mustashār ad-Dowla to his Ministry, appointed him as his deputy, and granted him the title of Mustashār ad-Dowla (‘Counsellor of the State’). Mustashār ad-Dowla accepted this office, emphasising that “the decrees issued and implemented by the Ministry must be based on the Quran and in accordance with the code of laws.” Unfortunately, he was not long in this office. He attributed his resignation to the prevalence of customs such as bribe-taking and the overturning of court verdicts. During the same period, articles were published in Persian newspapers such as Akhtar, in which Mustashār ad-Dowla’s enemies complained about him and the way he was running the Ministry. Hostile people
attributed criticisms of the Persian justice system, published in newspapers, to Mustashār ad-Dīn Shah. They convinced Nāṣir ad-Dīn Shah that Mustashār ad-Dowla was behind these criticisms. This was reason enough for Nāṣir ad-Dīn Shah to order the chamberlain Maḥmūd Ḥasan Khān to seize him and birch him. He was then imprisoned for five months and fined heavily. He remained there until some friends interceded, and he was then placed under house-arrest. Later he was appointed to a senior post in Azerbaijan, but his enemies again complained about him. This time, they brought him and his book *One Word* before Nāṣir ad-Dīn Shah. It is reported that Nāṣir ad-Dīn Shah ordered the guards to beat him with *One Word* on his head and face, so that he suffered swollen eyes. Afterwards, the Shah sent him in chains to Qazwīn where he remained imprisoned for some time. His house was confiscated and his stipends were stopped.

Finally he was released from prison through the intercession of Zill as-Sultan, the prince-governor of Isfahan, and returned to Tehran. An exceptional source describing his arrival in prison and his physical and mental condition there is the diaries of Ḥājj Sayyāh. “They reported that Saʿd as-Saltāna had ordered that a carpet should be placed in the room next to ours, and they prepared the shackles for a traveller who was coming from Tabrīz. They made the preparations, and for that day they shackled all of us prisoners. That afternoon they said, ”He has arrived at the guesthouse and Saʿd as-Saltāna, bearing the telegram from the Shah, went to him in person.” I understood that this was someone very important, and I said "If you see him, tell me what he looks like! They said, "It is an old and honoured gentleman who has been broken." One of the soldiers said, "I know his title, for a consideration I will tell." I said, "If he is a friend of mine, his arrival is not an occasion for gifts, but rather a new disaster visited

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9 As quoted in M.Š. Fayd, Mīrzā Yūsuf, pp. 20-1.
upon me." He said, "He is Mîrzâ Yûsuf Khân, Mustâshâr ad-Dowlâ." I was very much dismayed by this news, because this highly respected man is one of the humane, well-educated and praiseworthy men of Persia, and he wrote a book known as One Word, and he was a close friend of mine. They returned and said, "Sa’d as-Salṭana read the telegram to him in the guesthouse and he responded: ‘I already knew.’ Because of Yûsuf Khân’s personality, charisma and dignity, Sa’d as-Salṭana was very ashamed and he said, ‘One who obeys a command, bears no guilt.’ Then he said, "Entrust your own horses and furnishings to whomever you wish. The chamberlain is at your disposal: you should go with him.” So he entrusted his horses and luggage to Mîrzâ Maḥmûd Amârî, who was a friend of his. They brought him with the chamberlain and some of his luggage. When he arrived, we were locked in our rooms. They placed guards and ordered that nobody should speak. Then, from the next room, one could hear the sounds of chains and shackles. When I realised that the honoured person who was chained and shackled in the next room was Mustâshâr ad-Dowlâ, my heart stopped beating, and I lost the power of speech. My heart burned to think of the condition of the honourable old man, who had been devoted, all his life, to dignity and high-mindedness and the service of his government and the people. I was astounded by the conditions and trends in Persia. When they brought in the lantern I said to the chief guard, Ismâ’îl, “How could they bear to put chains on the neck and shackles on the feet of this old man of eighty years, who has devoted his life to the service of the government and the people, in this country and in foreign lands?” He said, “The Shah has ordered it, in a telegram.”

Night fell. It was the first day of the month of Muḥarram. It was very distressing for me to see the condition of Mustâshâr ad-Dowlâ. Hope was denied to us on every side. When they confine and chain such a great man, of such a venerable age, and with all the weakness of his years, what hope can we have of being freed? The guard Ja’far Qulî came in. I was so upset that I had a fever. I said to the guard: “I would like you to shackle both of my feet, and put a
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chain on my neck, only, do not put chains and shackles on Mustashār ad-Dowla. After all, the purpose of chains and shackles is to prevent the prisoners escaping, is it not? Is there any suspicion that that noble man would escape, in his condition?” He said: “You are feverish. If you were not in such a fever, I would do as you wish, so that you would know how delightful it is!” When the guard went, I heard the voice of Mustashār ad-Dowla, raised in complaint. Calling on the guard, who was kind, I said: “Go and see what is being done to this honoured prisoner.” He said: “[I am not able to go. It is forbidden. We may not go from room to room.” I said: “Ask his guards.” He asked, and they said: “Since Mustashār ad-Dowla has a hernia and was chained and shackled, his pain has worsened. He is in a bad way and his breathing is ragged. I said: “You should inform the guard Ja’far Qulī.” They said: ‘We are afraid he will be furious and give us a dressing-down.” I said: “You know, if anything should happen to him, it would go badly for Sa’d as-Salṭana and for you all. The Shah would hold you responsible. He ordered that he should be kept under observation, not that he should be killed!”

He paid some three hundred thousand tumans for his freedom. This was a sum he had inherited from his father. After his release he returned to Tehran, but in 1309/1891 he was again seized and exiled to Qazwīn.

Because Mustashār ad-Dowla had no income, Shaykh Muḥsin Khān granted him 1,000 tumans from the government. He died in the year 1313/1895. According to Nāẓim al--Islām Kirmānī, the author of Tārīḵ-i Bīdārī, he wrote a will during his final illness, addressed to his friends, saying: “Whenever I may die, after my departure, drag me to my grave with ropes when nobody is looking, because I am going to that Great One, the creator of all beings, whose majesty and grandeur are unrivalled. May he have mercy on his humble servant and immerse my soul in seas of his mercy. If at that time it is not acceptable to transport my body in that way, my will is that my bier should be carried on the shoulders of common
porters and buried in the eastern courtyard of Qabr Āqā.”¹⁰ Nāẓīm al-Islām Kirmānī reports that, in accordance with his Will, all his friends hired porters to carry his bier to the eastern courtyard of that graveyard, which is situated in Southern Tehran.

Even during his final illness, in 1306/1888 in Tabriz, he composed a critical letter for the crown prince Muẓaffar ad-Dīn Mīrzā. Being feeble and unable to write, he was aided by Ḥasan ʿAlī Khān, the Amīr-i Niẓām. In this letter, he addresses the crown prince personally, asking him to apply the ideas he had formulated in his One Word. Since Mustashār ad-Dowla outlines his view on many issues not covered in One Word in this letter, we have cited it in its entirety at the end of this introduction.

Both Mustashār ad-Dowla’s One Word and this letter contain daring statements directed at the ruling king and cabinet. At a time when the king had absolute power over the whole country and every critical voice would be silenced by death, Mustashār ad-Dowla offers an alternative, which will give more freedom to individuals as well as securing the position of the king. In One Word, he underscores several time the equality between a king and a beggar before the code of laws: “The king and beggar, subjects and soldiers are bound to follow it and no one has the power to oppose the book of law.” In another place, he emphasises: “there is no place for interference and giving orders in public affairs on the basis of one’s own opinion and personal idiosyncrasies, but only in accordance with what is written in the code of law.” Again he states: “No king is entitled to decree a single blow of the bastinado for the least of men.” Surely in an absolutist monarchical system in which all rights are preserved for the king, the following statement was a direct insult and undermined the King’s position: “no individual person in the world, whether king or beggar, civilian or soldier, has the right to rule. That is, they are not rulers, but are delegated

¹⁰ Nāẓīm al-Islām Kirmānī, Tārīḵ-i Bīdārī, p. 171.
responsibilities. If they are called ‘rulers,’ this is in a metaphorical sense, and not in reality.”

The chief aim of Mustashār ad-Dowla is not to criticise the person of the king, but he lists shortcomings of the government, describing the appalling situation of Persia compared to European nations. Towards the end of his letter to the Crown-Prince he warns the government that if the rule of law is not implemented, people will demand it violently. Mustashār also states that “others,” meaning foreign powers, will force constitutional government on countries such as Persia. The way he chooses to present his reform was to become familiar in Islamic political literature: every European idea that he introduces is supported with several verses from the Quran and traditions. In this way, he tries to convince both the ruling monarch and the traditional clergy, who had a strong influence in society, that the ideas of reform, the rule of law, and constitutional government do not conflict with the Islamic holy law (sharī‘a). On the contrary, they can all be found in the Quran and traditions.

Despite continual suffering, hardship and adversities, Mustashār ad-Dowla continued to patiently champion freedom, justice and liberty throughout his life, as a civil servant and author. In addition to One Word and his influential letter to Muzaffar ad-Dīn Shah, he wrote several other books such as The Joseph Mystery, The Education of Children, The Book of Reckoning and other papers and essays that were published in Persian newspapers.11

11 The following treatises are also written by Mustashār ad-Dowla and published in Tehran at Bīnā Publisher: ‘Ilm-i tabaqāt al-ard; Ramz-i jadīd-i Yūsufi-yi Tabrīz; Risāla dar wujūb-i iṣlāḥ-i khaṭṭ-i islām. We did not have access to these sources at the time this research was carried out.
In the second half of the nineteenth century, wide-ranging translations of European works were introducing the reading class to the concept of political evolution, to European political philosophy, to the structure of European society. *Yak kalima* should be placed in the midst of a virtual storm of books, traveller’s accounts, newspapers and pamphlets in Persian, in which Iranians examined themselves in the mirror of Europe. Like many other texts of the period, such as James Morier’s *The Adventures of Haji Baba of Isfahan*, Mustashār ad-Dowla deals with the theme of decline. He appeals to his wide experience in European countries to lend authority to his claim that Iranian society was backward in almost all respects, and that he knew the remedy: introducing codified law. *Yak kalima* can be characterised as a demand for justice (‘adālat) as it was understood in Europe, alongside Islam and religious law. Mustashār ad-Dowla sees ‘adālat as an old perso-islamic concept, but claims it can also be found in the French term égalité. His chief aim in all his writings, particularly his *Yak Kalima*, is to replace the arbitrary power of tribal, urban, royal and clerical establishments with an independent, democratically endorsed, code of law, in which Muslims and non-Muslims, men and women of all social classes would be treated equally.

The distinction between religious law and ‘customary’ law (the latter in fact referring to the administrative law of the state), implies a separation between the religious order and the political order, each with its code. He is not saying that the *fiqh* books should be disregarded to return to the pure Islam of the Quran, but that they should cease to be the law books actually used in the courts: public law must be based on codes of law that are universally available and written in the language of the people. The Sharī’a is implicitly reduced to a source of law, in the political sphere.

Another theme is the importance of the separation of the legislature and the executive, and the independence and secure tenure of the judiciary. On the latter point, Mustashār ad-Dowla
clearly explains the rationale, but he appears unable to explain why it is so important to separate the legislature and the executive, appealing instead to ‘wise men’ and the fruit of experience.

Although he advocated tenets of liberalism, Mustashār ad-Dowla’s aim was not to disrupt the religious and monarchical order of Iran. Rather he tries to build a bridge of text-based arguments between the foundations of Western political philosophy and traditional Islamic culture, between the Sharī‘a and constitutionalism. In Yak Kalima, he writes not as an Islamic reformer, but as a modernist presenting reform in an islamically acceptable guise. He is writing an apologetic for reform, against criticism from the religiously orthodox. But in his letter to Prince Muẓaffar ad-Dīn Mīrzā he appears as a sincerely religious man, although he does not share the concerns of the orthodox clerics. This can be contrasted to Malik Khan, who had little personal attachment to Islam, if any, and Ākhūndzāda, another contemporary reformist who rejected Islam and was anti-clerical (as well as anti-Arab).

Rather than criticising the Islamic contribution, Mustashār ad-Dowla attributes Iran’s backwardness to the failure of Islamic peoples to understand the Quran and hadith. These foreshadow many modern principles, and one must be aware of these principles to correctly understand the meaning of the Quran and hadith. Driven by the apologetic need to present reform to the orthodox, his reinterpretations of the texts are sometimes far-fetched, for instance finding a mandate for public works in the Quranic verse (18:6) “We have appointed all that is on the earth for an adornment for it, and that We may try which of them is fairest in works,” and in the tradition “purify your courtyards.” (page 84). But this question is also far from the core theme of his work. Like many books, Yak Kalima would have been stronger with a little pruning towards the end.

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From the outset, *One Word* was widely praised and its contents were used during the secret meetings of intellectuals before the Constitutional Revolution. There were also criticisms on Mustashār ad-Dowla’s attempt to reconcile the Islamic law with the modern European justice system. The secularist Fatḥ-ʿAlī Ākhūndzāda characterised *One Word* as an “unmatched book” (*kitâb-i bīnaẓīr*) and praised Mustashār ad-Dowla’s attempt to show the compatibility of Islam with the European system of constitutional government. Yet Ākhūndzāda strongly believed that a book such as *One Word* would have no impact on the government and people of Persia. In a letter he wrote in 1875 to Mustashār ad-Dowla he emphasises that the book has the character of a piece of ‘advice’ and in Persia no one listens to any advice. He puts his finger on several issues, which are difficult points for an Islamic country even today. The first point, he raises is the equality between men and women. In his view, the Islamic law accords a lower position to women and has doomed women to eternal imprisonment, by stipulating the wearing of the veil. It is because of veiling that women are taken to harems and innocent youth are castrated to supervise these harems. The second issue that he considers as an irreconcilable difference between Islamic and modern European laws is equality between people, irrespective of their religion. His third criticism concerns the question of why Islamic law allows slaves and concubines to be bought and sold. Sexual freedom on the basis of mutual consent is the fourth point of incompatibility. Under Islamic law, those who have sexual intercourse outside marriage should be severely punished. Ākhūndzāda’s fifth point of criticism is the religious tax and the requirement to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. Why, he asks Mustashār ad-Dowla, should one give one

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fifth of his income to a divine, and why should a person who has sufficient means be expected to go to Mecca and spend his money on Arabs? Other points of criticisms are the death sentence, amputations for theft, and the use of the bastinado, which in his opinion belong among savage and uncivilised people.13

PUBLICATION HISTORY OF ONE WORD

Information about the publication history of Yak Kalima is meagre. As indicated in the colophon of the lithographed edition, Yak Kalima was completed in 1871 in Paris. Several editions have been published in Iran. We do not know when the first edition was published. At least two copies of the first edition are autographed by the author himself. This means that One Word was published before his death in 1895. This edition is used for our bilingual edition. A second lithographed edition was published in Tabriz in 1906. It was reprinted in the following year at the Royal Printing House in Tehran. On the authority of B. Mu‘minî, Fayz states that the book was also published in 1887. Šâdiq Sajjâdî republished the book in 1984 in Tehran in a collection of other treatises written during the Qajar epoch.14 This publication was immediately banned. Yak Kalima has become very popular in recent years and has been published at least twice to our knowledge. In addition to Sayyid Muḥammad Šâdiq Fayz, who printed the book together with Mustashâr ad-Dowla’s letter to Muẓaffar ad-Dîn Mîrzâ in 2003, ‘Alî-Riḍâ Dowlat-Shâhî published an edition in 2007.15

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13 Mirzâ Fath-‘Alî Ākhûndzâda, Maqâlât, Tehran, Āwâ, 1351/1972, pp. 96-102.

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May I be a sacrifice to the holy dust under your feet, I fear that no more than three or four days of life are left to this aged servant. As a servant of your house and well-wisher of your government, I feel that it is my inescapable duty to offer the final thoughts of this dying soul to the holy dust under your feet. By the time you read this petition, this aged servant will have bade farewell to this transitory world. I am totally confident, as a sincere petitioner and faithful servant of your house, that I have never betrayed my king or country. When you read this petition, [know that] there is no place for denials and counter arguments to a call coming from beyond the grave for the sake of friendship, truth and righteousness. His Majesty, the most glorious, may our lives be sacrificed to him, has been selected and elevated by God almighty to a high station and excellence, but at the same time God has summoned him to a very important responsibility as the one worthy of hearing some true but painful reflections.

It is the firm opinion of political thinkers that the extensive kingdom of Persia, which is the natural homeland of the king of Islam, is in a state of jeopardy. The great and rapid progress of neighbours and action and inaction of obstinate and insolent courtiers have so dissipated and weakened the power accumulated over several thousand years by the government of Persia that the patriots of this land are unable to provide a remedy. However the opinion of the wise and politicians of all civilised countries is as follows: The difficulties and dangers Persia is facing can be obviated with just two words, namely to turn our backs on the ways of the past and to begin with the establishment of codified law. In this way we

16 The text of the letter is taken from Tārīkh-i Bidārī and bears the following title: “A letter written by the late Mustashār ad-Dowla, the author of Yak Kalima, to the late blessed Mużaffar ad-Dīn Shah, when he was Crown Prince, in 1306/1888. It was written with the help of Ḥasan-ʾAlī Khān, the Amīr ad-Dowla.”
can gain credibility and the respect that the ancient government and people of Persia once had in the eyes of foreign people, civilised nations and neighbouring countries may be renewed. In the eyes of perceptive observers and right-thinking people, this proposition is so self-evident that there is no need for arguments or proof. The ways and means that will ensure the good fortune of the kingdom may perhaps be acquired in this way. Because then the officials in government circles, whether high or low, may consider themselves obliged to apply the articles and instructions of the code in their work, each according to his rank and position. In this way, legal equality can be given to all of the people and subjects, of whatever walk of life and community. The officials should use any measure necessary to achieve the best interest of the people.

But truly because of the mistakes of ministers and government officials it is certainly beyond the range of possibility and beyond human capacity to continue to preserve and guard the splendour and power of the ancient kingdom of Persia by relying on what our forefathers did within Persia and abroad. I swear by the dust beneath your feet, which is the salve to the eyes of Persians, if anyone has the temerity and selfishness to claim that the present management of ministries are completely free of inadequacy and failing, and that no changes are required, this is a claim without substance, clear water that proves bitter and a report not to be listened to. These misguided individuals, from their childhood to the present day are addicted to plundering the poor Persian people. They continue to take away the honour and power of the nation in exchange of fur-lined coats and halters adorned with gold. And by saying the words “the 'ulamā’ are the support of the government and the king,” they excuse their own guardians of good order and the security of the citizenry – the flattering servants and the standing army – from government responsibility.

If the government were to establish the code of laws and institute reforms in the kingdom, it would become clear that these nonsensical words have no weight and value in any of the courts and administrations of the countries that have constitutional
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governments, but only in Asian countries. If, [after Persian reforms,] the neighbouring governments were to model their procedures on the guidelines of the ministries, governors and political and diplomatic officers of the Persian government, what favours the Persian government could [then] ask of them! And would they not be granted? There is no authorisation that they would not grant in favour of the subjects of the Persian crown, whose articles would benefit Persians. How could they dare or be able to have political and commercial relations with others in their own country without the awareness of diplomatic officials of Persia?17

[In European counties] they have a book of procedures, which is the code of law. Its articles are periodically revised in accordance with the times, and it is printed every year and is distributed among the groups and individuals of the nation, even to villagers, farmers and labourers, by means of newspapers. Thus the duties and constraints of all of the people are defined. So they progress continuously. The book of procedures for Persians is the bright ideas of courtiers: whatever they desire or wish is good, and all else is pointless. So inevitably, every day they sit back, in all humility and fine words, granting themselves their own lawful rights in relation to others.

It is generally said that the government of Persia is thinking of reorganising government bodies. The wise say that this initiative has no chance, unless codes of law are established. The political thinkers and the wise of the age are raising a clamour, because the peoples of Persia, high and low, consider a code of law as an imitation of the Europeans. The responsibilities for transforming the civil service we have inherited are in the powerful hands of the most excellent individual in the state. And without a code of laws, the steps taken by government officials to improve the conditions of the peoples and of

17 The question is who is “they” in this sentence: the Persian people in the present situation who cannot lift a finger without reference to the Persian government, or the foreign governments in the hypothetical situation in which Persia
their subjects has not and will not be compatible with the astounding progress of this age. They do not believe that the continuity of Persian monarchy can be [achieved] only by being proud of the ancestors. The ministers and supporters of the government, in the light of their own duties and calling on the help of scholars and intellectuals, must begin to established codes of law and reforms. Because they think that a code of laws would be contrary to their interests, they will never take any steps to further this cause, as long as they live. Therefore it is desirable to reduce the influence of the neighbouring countries, for they are nurses better loved than mothers, and ravenous wolves in the guise of lambs, and guests who destroy your house. Until there is a government under the rule of law, they will not turn their eyes from their own interests. To achieve, their aims, they send several cats to chase a single mouse. And to instigate something in matters of politics or trade, they set in motion various intrigues against one another. Even if the [Persian] treasury had as much money as the English, and there were as many engineers in the factories as among the industrious French, and as many soldiers trained, ready and mounted as the population of China, and as many armoured ships as the United States ... still, it would only succeed if it is with the agreement of political thinkers and officials in accordance with the requirements of the times. For one day of every week, they should consult together to settle the affairs of the government and people on the basis of the truth, in accordance with the verse from the Quran: “Their consultation is in the affair.” Because it is self-evident that the commandments of God in every religion are clear and manifest, and justice is the sun shining on the peoples of the world, and it is not possible to conceal it among any people. This aged servant may be said to have learned what he can of the commandments of the glorious Quran and the example set by the Prophet in the Traditions, and I have found that the sanctified religious law of Islam is in no way opposed to law codes that are just.
Today my faculties are collected and I am sufficiently aware to understand what would be treasonous harm for the holy person of the Shah and the crown prince, our religion and rite, our country and its sons. I am especially aware that I am at the point of passing to the other world, and will stand before the court of justice of the Creator of the universe. I swear an oath with all my heart, before God, the Lord of power and might, and inform the sacred thoughts of the most holy servants of the blessed and most excellent [Shah], may our souls be sacrificed for him, concerning the matters of the world as follows: considering the exceptional progress of the Europeans and the present condition of the people of Persia, it is inevitable in these difficult times that the government of Persia will join the ranks of constitutional governments in the near future. The provisions of the codified law [should] be implemented in accordance with needs of the king and the country and their natural character and then you will see the results. Through this implementation of codified law, these extensive lands and [their] native peoples and subject peoples will be united under the flag of patriotism. The just principles of freedom of thought and equal rights will be enforced, and then no-one will listen to siren voices, because “present events are a sign of the future.” Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that he should inform the blessed heart of the King of Islam (may our souls be sacrificed for him), through sincere petitions about the equivocation of lying courtiers. Indeed, their every effort is directed at their own short-term advantages, not to supporting the sovereignty of the government of Persia. It is self-evident that in the future no people, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, will be able to live without a codified law. Whenever they themselves have not been eager to promulgate a code of law as in the case of Serbia and other cases, outsiders have forced the Ottoman government, with all its power, to accept a code of law. They will also not leave us alone and will force our hand.

I swear by the pure essence of One God that the establishment of a code of law is not in any way contrary to the true doctrine of Islam, and will not do any harm to Islam or the Muslims. On the
contrary, by implementing a code of law, Islam and the Muslims will attain benefits beyond their expectations. They will be freed and live peacefully without the interference of foreigners. In the eyes of the people of the world, they will live in glory and grandeur.

In this condition in which I have no hope of living, it is my duty to explain some points concerning the relationships between the Persian government and foreign governments, for the sake of the officials of the royal House. The conduct of the European governments and their present policies demand that the matter should be given the closest attention.

Prior to the war of 1877 between the Russian and Ottoman governments, the whole civilised world was convinced that all European countries strive day by day to promote the means of peace among human kind and prosperity for the peoples of the world, and seek to universalise the tradition of justice, freedom and integrity. We were firmly convinced that the source of life, the order of nations, and the well-being of individuals were all tied to the political centres of the courts of the European governments. The people of Europe consider some of the costumes and traditions of Eastern governments to be savage, uninformed and ignorant while they characterise the methods of European governments as educated, civilised and human. But if we are strictly fair, we will see that the methods of the contemporary Europeans are no different to those of African savages, because the former savagery of the Africans has decreased—in fact it is no more—whereas extreme savagery has become widespread among the Europeans. If they are satisfied with their own legitimate rights and their objective is universal wellbeing, why are they building up their military power, hostility and dominance to such an extent? And they call this legitimate, while they sacrifice millions upon millions of God’s creatures without any reason and for the sake of pursuing and achieving their base lusts. The Persian government is also obliged to defend its own rights and to use all proper means to establish friendship with foreign governments. The English and Russian governments have their rights as Persia’s neighbours, but their
jealousy and envy for one another put the Persian government in the most difficult position and in order to protect its rights, it has been forced to behave in a way that cannot be endured.

In the first place, we should have common policies with the Ottoman government and Afghanistan, just as we are brothers in faith and neighbours, and we should consider unity among Muslims to be a bounty. However the enemies of Islam have not permitted this, thus far, and they have taken over most Islamic countries. So long as they live, they will do their utmost to sow disunity among Muslims, and will use open, secret and spiritual influence to hold Muslims back from the speedy attainment of their goal. Sad to say, Muslims today are sleeping the sleep of negligence. The Muslims above all should be attentive to these issues, putting aside bigotry and fanaticism, so that they may no longer be afflicted, weak and despised.

Secondly, they should make a diplomatic and commercial treaty with the government of France which, after the English and the Americans, is the richest nation on earth and which has no bad intentions towards Persia. They should entrust the building of railways and factories inside Persia to them. The great ambition of the proud French nation is very like that of the Persian people. With all the governments they have encountered they have sought to establish a good reputation, not to practice deception and get a bad name. It will not be long before the establishment of a bank in Persia means that all the gold and silver coinage of Persia is gone, in exchange for trade-goods and European manufactured goods. Given the government’s high expenditure and low income, it will not be long before it needs to borrow for the first time from the Europeans.

If the Persian government were to give the concessions that it has issued to foreign governments to the French, it would be possible to obtain a sufficient sum from them at a rate of 3 or 4 percent and the easiest terms, for the purpose of starting factories and opening mines, and the interest on the debt would be paid from the yield of the factories and mines. Unfortunately, it appears that
the courtiers are obtaining this loan from the Russians on the harshest terms. So much so, that the stain of it will not be washed from the faces of the Persian people, with water and scrubbing, until the end of the world. In the light of this borrowing, the Persians must quickly protect their position in the face of their neighbours. It is not sufficient for them to simply cling to their own rights. They say: “It [codified law] is an imposition,” but it is a new kind of imposition, an imposition that is continually capable of producing protection and victory, an imposition which is today the cause of the power and grandeur of the governments of Europe, and the source of their progress. This will not be possible unless an effort is made to make all of the diverse peoples who live in Persia partners with a stake in their country’s good or bad fortune. The will not become partners and stake-holders unless they are given freedom to write and to make all efforts to disseminate knowledge and found colleges. If the tree of equality is to bear fruit, the most important thing is to put the ministries of justice, finance and the Royal Household in order, so that by justice, and in accordance with codes of law, the wealth and possession of all citizens, without distinction or favouritism or consideration for persons, may be guarded from domestic or foreign violation. Then the government itself will have no need for others to establish a bank or build factories or railways, but will rely on the possessions and wealth of the peoples of this country. This matter is so vital that immediate efforts are required.

I am sure that many will slander this aged servant, alleging that I am an enemy to Islam and the Muslims. This servant has never voiced any complaint about them. I have put Persia and the Persians in their hands, and I have resigned myself. Since they do not understand what I am saying, and they do not understand my vision, let them say whatever they want to say. Our offspring and descendants in the future will know whether those libellers are Muslims or I, who have fought for the progress of the people of this country like a martyr in the path of God throughout my life, to prevent the dignity and grandeur of Islam and the Muslims being
trampled in this way. Now I address a petition without any self-interest to your Most Sacred Threshold, beseeching you to look kindly on this aged servant, whose soul will soon ascend to the Court of Unity, in response to the Exalted Command: “O soul at rest, return to your Lord,”\textsuperscript{18} passing from this transitory world without any regret and repenting my unworthy acts.

\textsuperscript{18} Quran 89: 27-8.
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بنده کمترین، یوسف خلف مرحمت پناه حاجی میرزا کاظم تبریزی در سال هزار و دویست و هفتاد، به موجب فرمان مبارک اعلیحضرت و لی نعمت همايون شاهنشاه ايران ناصرالدین شاه خلدا الله ملكه و سلطانه به كاربردازی حاجی ترخان كه به اصطلاح فرانسه كونسلی باشد مامور شدم، مدت هشت سال در آنجا اقامت كرده و در تاريخ هزار و دویست و هفتم و دشت حسب الاجازه اولیای دولت عليه به ايران مراجعه كرده و به زيارت خال پای همايون پادشاهی شرف اندوز گشتم. پس از هفده ماه توقف در طهران حسب الامر به حاجی ترخان معاوضت كردم و بعد از سه ماه به عزم سياحت از حاجی ترخان به مکو و از آنجا به پطربورغ رفتم، و شش ماه در پطربورغ درجات وزیر مختار دولت عليه شارژدفر ماندم. پس از آن در تاريخ هزار و دویست و هشتاد هجري به كونسلی زنرال تلفیس سرافرازي حاصل کردم.
In the year 1270/1853, this least of servants, Yûsuf, descendant of that refuge of compassion Ḥâjjî Mirzâ Kāţim Tabrîzî, was directed by his Supreme Excellency, the lord of beneficence, the august King of Iran, Nâşir ad-Dîn Shah (may God extend his empire and reign),¹ to Ḥâjjî Tarakhân to a position (which in French could be called ‘consul’). I remained there for eight years. I returned in 1278/1851, with the permission of the custodians of the exalted government of Iran, and was blessed with the privilege of an audience with that august King. After a stay of seventeen months in Tehran, I returned to Ḥâjjî Tarakhân, as instructed. Three months later, I left Ḥâjjî Tarakhân to undertake a tour, going to Moscow and then to St. Petersburg. I remained in St. Petersburg as a replacement for the most excellent Vizier of the exalted government, the Chargé d’Affairs for six months. Then, in 1280/1863, I was promoted to Consul General in Tiflis.

¹ Phrases and quotations in Arabic and French are italicized.
چهار سال تمام در تفليس ماندم. درمی‌دمت اقامت خود در مملکت مزبوره که انتظام و اقتدار لشگر و آسایش و آبادی کشور را می‌سنجیدم. همواره آرزومی کردم، چه می‌شد که در مملکت ایران نیز این نظم و اقتدار، و این آسایش و آبادی حاصل می‌گردد.

در اواخر سال هزارودویست و هشتاد و سه به موجب فرمان پادشاهی خلخالد ملکه به شارزدفری پاریس سرافراز گشتم، از راه اسلام‌بول و نمستان عازم مقصود گردیده. وقتی که داخل شهر پاریس شدم و افپوزیسون يعني بساط عمومی هزارودویست وشصت و هفت مسیحيه را مشاهده کردم. در مدت سه سال اقامت خود در پاریس چهاردفعه به عزم سیرات به لندن رفتم. در این مدت می‌میدم که در فرانسه و انگلیس انتظام لشگر و آبادی کشور و ثروت اهالی و کثرت هنر و معارف و آسایش و آزادی عامه‌ای صد اقتدر است که در ممکل سابق الذکر دیده بودم و اگر اغراق نشمارند توانم گفت که آنچه در ممکل سابق الذکر مشاهده کرده بودم نمونه بوده است از آنکه بعد در فرنگستان می‌دمد اگر چه سبب این نظم و این ترکیبات و این آسایش و آبادی را از عدل می‌دانستم به سبب آنکه این سلطنت و این ثروت و این آبادی و عمارت به غیر عدل می‌سیر نشود. چنانکه در اثر آمده‌ا سلطان نه یکها ولی مال نا بعماره و نا عماره ای نبود. و هرچند بر وجه يقین می‌دانستم که این عمارت از عدلات است و این ثروت و راحت از حسن سیاست، لیکن پیش خود خیال کرده و بخود می‌گفتند با اینکه بینان دین اسلام مبنی بر عدل
I remained in Tiflis for a full four years. During my stay in that country I saw such good administration, military power, order and prosperity, that I continually wished it was possible for Iran, too, to have this good administration, power, peace and prosperity.

At the end of 1283/1866, I was promoted to Chargé d’Affaires in Paris by royal decree. I proceeded by way of Istanbul and through the Austrian Empire. When I arrived in Paris, I witnessed the Exposition, or Universal Exhibition, of 1867. During my three years in Paris, I went on private visits to London four times. During this time I saw that in France and in England, the military order and prosperity of the country, the public services, the multitude of arts and sciences, and the peace and freedom of ordinary people were a hundred times greater than in Russia. It may sound exaggerated, but I can say that what I witnessed in Russia was only a foretaste of what I later saw in Europe. I recognised that this good administration and progress and peace and prosperity stem from justice because such sovereignty, wealth, fine cities and buildings would not be possible without justice, as it is written: “There is no king without capital and no capital without foundations and no foundations without justice.” And I knew for a certainty that these foundations are composed of justice, this wealth and peace were the results of good policy. But I said to myself: “Given that the foundations of Islam are based on justice and equity,

2 The manuscript mistakenly gives this date as 1267 A.D.
وانصارفست و با اینکه در چندین جای قرآن مجدد خدادی تعالی عدل را ستوده و سلطانین و حکام اسلام نیز هیچوقت منکر عدل نبوده‌اند، پس چراماجنین عقب مانده و چرا اینطور از عالم ترقبی خودرا دورتر داشته‌ایم.

چون روزهای در این فکرت شدم از شدت تفکر خواستم بود و پنداشتم هنر غیر از اهمیت مغرب مابین زمین و آسمان به سوی ممالک اسلام ماجره شده با آوار بند گرفت: "ای سالکان سبیل شریعت سید افراد و ای پیشواهان با غیره اهل اسلام این آنتم من النصرة و السلطنة این انتم من النصرة و المعرفة چرا این طور غافل و معطل نشسته‌اید و چرا از حالت ترقی سایر مثل اندیشه نمی کنید همسایه شما و حضور کوهستان‌های داخل دایره مدنیت کرده و هنوز شما منکر ترقیات فرنگستان هستید. در کوچک‌ترین بلدهای مجاور شما مربی خانه و نمایشگاهی منتظم برای ذکر و انت بنا کردند، و هنوز در معظم ترین شهر شما یک مربی خانه وک معلم خانه نیست. کوچه‌های دهات همیا همیاری زیادی و توسط و تظاهر بافته و لی در شهرهای بزرگ شما بسبب تنگی و اعوجاج و کشافت وسوراخها در بهت که در کوچه‌های هست عبور نامفروز گردیده در هم‌جواری شما راه آهن مسیاند و شما هنوز بر از این نیز دیده‌اید. در همسایگی شما جمع کارها و امورات اهالی در محکمه‌های منتظمه از روز قانون بروق اختیار حقیقت فیصل می‌یابد در دیوان خانه‌ای شما هنوز یک

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and that at several points in the glorious Quran, God the exalted has praised justice, and that Islamic kings and rulers throughout history have not rejected justice, why then, have we remained so backward? Why in this age are we increasingly remote from the progressive world?”

One day I was thinking about this so intensely that I could not sleep. I thought I saw a messenger from the unseen, standing between heaven and earth, who appeared from the West and faced the lands of Islam. He cried aloud: “O travellers in the path of the Sharia, the ruler of mankind, and O you zealous leaders of the people of Islam! Where is your victory and authority and where is your wealth and knowledge. Why in this age do you sit, negligent and useless, and why do you pay no attention to the progress made by other peoples? Your neighbours have brought the wilds of the mountains into the circle of civilisation while you are still denying the progress of Europe. There are well-ordered hospitals and schools for both boys and girls in the smallest of the neighbouring territories, while there is not even one hospital or school in your largest city. The village streets in neighbouring countries are ordered, wide and clean but the streets in your great cities are so narrow, dirty, crooked and potholed that it is impossible to pass. In neighbouring countries, they build railways while you have not even started to use wagons. In neighbouring countries, all processes and affairs of the people are determined impartially in tribunals based on a code of law. Today your courtrooms do not contain a single book of codified law

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3 Mehrdad Kia (Constitutionalism, 752, 758) suggests that the reference is to the Russian subjugation of Daghestan, completed in 1859.
نیست که حکام عرف تکلیف خود را از روی آن بدانند. در همسایگی شما هرکس به‌دهی خود را به محصول آورده به دیوان می‌دهد درملک شما حکومت را مجبور به گماشتن تحصیل داران می‌کند. فلان فلان... این غفلت و این بی‌اعتنای مالش برای شما و اخلاف شما موجب خسارت و وندامت عظیم خواهد گشت و در روز جزا در حضور خداوند مسئول و شرمنده خواهید شد از خواب غفلت بیدار باشود برخود و اخلاف خود ترحم کرده به معاونت و ارشاد اولیای دولت و به اتفاق و اتحاد علمای دین راه ترقی خود را بپایند.

چون هالفت غیبی از ابراد این مقالات فارغ گشت بنده از خواب بیدار شدم در حالی که بنن از صولت تقریبات هالفت بشدت تمام می‌لزیم. پس از آن که آرام حاصحل شد، عزم اینرا کردم باکی از دوستان که از توازیک و احتمال اسلام اطلاع کامل داشت ملاقات کرده، سر این معنی را بفهمم که چرا سایر ملل به چنان ترقبیات عظیمه رسیده‌اند و ما در چنین حالت کسالت و بینظمی بایقی مانده‌ایم. به آن دوست رسیده این مطلب را با او به میان آورده، سر این معنی را پرسیدم. جواب چنین داد: "که بینان واصول نظم فرنگستان یک کلمه است و هرگونه ترقبیات و خویشی ها درانجا دیده می‌شود نتیجه همان یک کلمه است." گفت: "اهل مملکت شما از اصل مطلب دورافتاده‌اند." پرسیدم: "چگونه؟" دوست مزبور جواب داد: "که بعضی از شما نظم و ترقی فرنگستان را از فروعات...
people force the government to appoint tax-collectors and similar persons.” by which judges applying customary law could know their own duty. In neighbouring countries each person brings their taxes to government offices without any need for a tax-collector. In your country, “This negligence and lack of careful management destroys your estate and that of your children; it will cause loss and great regret. On the Day of Retribution you will be questioned and will blush. Wake from the sleep of negligence. Take pity on yourself and the generations to come. With the support and guidance of the leading figures of the government and in cooperation and unity with the religious scholars, find your own path to progress.”

When the messenger from the Unseen had ceased to argue thus, I awoke. I was in such a state that my whole body was trembling violently from the force of the assertions of the messenger. Once I had regained my composure, I decided to meet with one of my friends who was fully informed about Islamic historiography and Traditions, in order to unravel this conundrum: Why have other countries achieved such progress, while we have remained in such a state of lethargy and disorder? I went to this friend and presented my question, wanting to understand this mystery. His response was that the foundation and the origins of the European system of administration are one word and every sort of progress and benefit one sees here result from this single word. He said: “The people of your country are far from the essence of the topic.” I asked: “What do you mean?” My friend said: “A few of you attribute the administrative system and progress of Europe to derivative and transitory things. Some of you think
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نگاره رعایت می‌گردد، و برخی از علوم و صنایع تصویر می‌نماید مانند تلفنگراف و کشی‌ها و اعیان های بخار و آلات حریق که اینها نتایج است نه مقدمات و فقط به نظیر ساده قصد نظر می‌کنند و از عملاً عمده کصرف نظر می‌نمایند و اگر می‌خواهید در ایران آسیب ترقی و مدنیت راه بی‌بنداید در به کارها از تطبیق کلمه واحده خشقت می‌نمایند و هرگاه کسی از دانشمندان اسلام محض خدمت وطن تأثیری در این مواد می‌نویسد از تاریخ و صنایع فرنشگتان تعیین می‌کند و از بینان وصول عمل‌آراً آنها اشاره نمی‌نماید. این است که کرده ای کارگزاران دول اسلام بی‌مهر و نوشته‌های متفاوتان این مطلب متوکل و بی‌اثر مانده،" گفت: "چگونه یک کلمه می‌گرکردن یک کلمه این همه ترکیب میتواند حاصل بشود؟ آن یک کلمه چیست؟ معنی آنرا به من بیان کنید." گفت: "معنی یک کلمه را من می‌گویم و یا در رساله خود درج نمایند."ا

مقدمه در شرح نک کلمه

آن دوست چنین گفت، یک کلمه که جمع انتظارات فرنشگتان در آن مندرج است کتاب قانون است که جمع شرایط و انتظارات معمول بها که به امور دینیه متعلق دارد و آن محرز و مسطور است و دولت و امت معائین فقیه بقای آنست چنانکه هیچ فردی از خانه‌های افسانه‌ای انگلیس یا انگلینس یا پروس مطلق نصراف نیست نمی‌توان در هیچ کاری که متعلق به امور محاکمه و مراجعه و
that they are based on sciences and industries such as the telegraph, steam-powered boats and carriages, and military equipment. These are the results and not the prerequisites. You only form inadequate ideas based on superficial reasoning. You do not give any attention to the underlying mechanisms. When you wish to throw open the doors of progress and civilisation in Iran, you fail to identify the one word at the beginning of your task. Every time that one of the Muslim scholars writes on this topic, purely for the sake of service to his homeland, he describes the history and industry of Europe without referring to the foundations and origins of their administrative processes. This is why the efforts of the functionaries of Islamic governments are fruitless and the writings of authors on this topic are useless and without impact.” I said: “What do you mean by one word?” “Is it possible to achieve so much progress through one word? What is this word? Please explain what it means.” He said: “I shall explain the meaning of the one word and you should include it in your treatise.”

**INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC OF THE ONE WORD**

My friend said: “The one word that encapsulates all administration in Europe is the book of law, in which all conditions and routine administrative procedures that relate to worldly matters are recorded. The government and the people together undertake to maintain the continued existence of the law, in such a way that no individual living whether in France, England, Germany, or Austria holds absolute power. In other words, in any case that relates to criminal and civil law or politics and such like matters, he cannot
سیاست و امثال آن باشد به هوای نفس خود عمل نمی‌تواند کرده. شاه و گدا و رعیت و لشگری در بند آن مقید هستند و احتمال قدرت مخالفته به کتاب قانون ندارند و باید بدانند که قانون را به لسان فرانسه لووا می‌گویند و مشتمل برچند کتاب‌سازی که هریک از آنها را "کود" می‌نامند و آن کودها در نزد اهلی فرانسه ب منزله کتاب شریعت است در نزد مسلمانان، اما درمیان این دو فرق زیاد هست.

فرق اول (کود) به قبول دولت و ملت نوشته شده نه به رای واحد.
فرق دومی اینست که کود فرانسه همه قوانین معمولی‌ها را جامع است و از اقوال غیر معموله و آرای ضعیفی و مختلفی در عبارت و منفی است. اما کتاب فقهی اسلام اقوال ضعیفی را نیز حاوی است و هر چه اولی اخلاق کتیر دارد به نحوی که تمیز دادن صحیح از ضعیف دشوار است اگر چه مجه‌ت.

و مفتی باشد مگر اعلم از علمای عظام.

بهتر می‌بود که به مفاد فرمان جليل و اعتضمو بحبل الله جمعا و لا تفرقو علما منفق شده، قوانین شریعت را معین فرموده بنویسند و همه مهر کتند و اولیای دولت و وكلای ملت نیز مهر کرده در خزانه ضبط نموده و از روی آن نسخ متعددی طبع کرده، تمام حکام و ساکنان دیوان از اعلی و ادی به کدخدایان شهرها بدانند که بنای عمل عادم مردم بر شریعت میبادند و قادر به اجرای حکم خلاف قانون شریعت خواهند بود.
follow his own personal inclination. The king and beggar, subjects and soldiers are bound to follow it and no one has the power to oppose the book of law. You should know that law in the French language is called *loi* and it comprises several volumes, each of which is called a code. For French people these codes are the same as Shari‘a-books for Muslims but there are many differences between the two.

The first difference: the code is written with the approval of government and people and not according to one opinion. The second difference is that the French code combines and orders all the applicable law codes. It is free of uncommon expressions, unsupported opinions and contradictions, whereas the books of Islamic jurisprudence also preserve weak opinions. And there are many contradictions in each of these rulings in such a way that it is difficult to distinguish the sound rulings from the weak ones, even for a [traditional] religious scholar (mujtaḥid or muftī).

However, it would be better for the most learned of the great ʿulamāʾ if they were to agree in accordance with the illustrious command: “Hold you fast to God's bond, together, and do not scatter” (Quran 3:103). It would be better if they were to define the laws of Shari‘a and to write them down. They should all approve them, and the high functionaries and representatives of the nation should also approve them, and they should be preserved in the archive. ¹ By printing many copies, all the judges and civil administrators from the highest to the lowest, even town overseers, would know them, so that the affairs of the common people would be based on the Shari‘a. They would be unable to issue judgements contrary to the codified Shari‘a.

¹ Literally: *khazīna*, ‘treasury.’
فرق سیم آنست که کود فرانسه به زبان عالمی نوشته شده است معانا و مقادش بسیار مفهوم می‌شود و شرح و حاشیه را احیای ندارد معنی البلاغ المبین در قرآن متین این است پس کتاب قانون بدون اغراق به زبان معمول این زمان که هرکس از خواندن آن بهره‌مند شده تکلیف خود را بدانند باید نوشته شود.

فرق چهارم که عمده و اهمیت است، آن است که کود فقط مصالح دنیویه را شامل است چنانکه بحلال هرکس از هر مذهب و ملت که باشد موقف‌القدرت دارد و امور دینی را کتاب مخصوص دیگر هست اما در کتاب شرعی مسلمانان مصالح دنیا با امور اخرویه چون صلوه و صوم و حج مخلوط و ممزوج است فله‌ای برای سیاست عالمه ضرر عظیم دارد چراکه مثل غيرمسلمه از ساکنان ممالک اسلام به خواندن کتاب قانون شما رغبت نمی‌کند به سبب اینکه احکامی که از قبیل صوم و صلوه و حج و خمس و زکوة و امثال این‌هاست با مذهب مثل غیر مسلمه موافق نیست و به هیچ وجه به احکام مزبوره عمل نکرده کرده اما درسایر احکام که به امور انجام تعلق دارد تکلیف رعایاتی که از مذاهب مختلفه در تحت انتخاب دولت واحده هستند علی‌السویه است، پس هرگاه مانند علمای متقدمین قوانین اسلام را کتاب‌های علی‌جهد بنویسند مثلا کتاب عبادات و معاد علی‌جهد و کتاب سیاست و معاش را علی‌جهد ضرری به شریعت نخواهد داشت.
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The third difference is that the French code is written in the language of the common people. Its meanings and purposes are easily understood and they do not require any explanation or marginal gloss. The concept of “to preach the Clear Message” in the Quran\(^5\) thus refers to the book of the code. It should be written without ambiguities and in the language current in this age so that everyone can benefit from reading it and may know their duties.

The fourth relevant, and most important, difference is that the code considers only worldly matters, so that it is suitable for the condition of every person, irrespective of their ethnicity and religion. There is a different book for religious matters. In contrast, in the books of Islamic law, worldly matters are tempered and mixed with other-worldly affairs such as obligatory prayers, fasting and pilgrimage. This causes great harm in administering the affairs of the common people because non-Muslim peoples living in Islamic lands have no desire to read your code of law. Since commandments such as fasting, obligatory prayer, pilgrimage, \textit{khums} tax (tithing), alms and such like are not in accordance with the religions of non-Muslim peoples, and they would never act according to such commandments. But as for the remaining commandments relating to worldly matters, the duties of all subjects, of various religions but under one government, are the same. Thus if the foremost ‘\textit{ulamā}’, wherever they may be, were to write Islamic codes in separate books such as the book of acts of worship, the afterlife, and books of civil and commercial matters, this would not be detrimental to the \textit{Sharī`ah}.

\(^{5}\) E.g. Sura 16 verses 35 and 82, 29.18, 36.17, 64.12: all verses which state that the role of the Prophets (and by implication religion) is only to deliver a message, and not to force obedience.
و در حدیث شریف/ انتِم/علم بِامیر دُنیاکم فرموده شده تنظیم اموردنیا را به اعتبار مکلفان سفارش نموده.

فرق پنجم کود قوانین عرفیه و عادیه را نیز جامع است و لی در نزد مسلمانان مسائل بسیارکه به عرف و عادت تعلق دارد در سینه هاست نه درکتاب و مادام که قوانین عرفیه درکتاب محدود نیست، وقوع مظموم بیشمار به اسم عرف و عادت آسان است، با وجودی که اصول متخذه مسلمانان به شریعت پیغمبر اسلام موافق نیست زیرا که در اثر آمده: المعروف عرفان کالمشروط شرع. پس قید و تسجيل قوانین عرفیه نیز واجب است.

به‌جماله هیروقت که ذات امپراطور با پادشاه وضع قانونی را اراده نماید اگر به مالیات و خراج متعلق نباشد اول به دیوان سناد عئینی مشورت‌خانه اعظم ارسال می‌کند بعد به دیوان وکلای ملت و الا بالعكس. یعنی اگر متعلق به خراج باشد اول بی‌دیوان وکلای ملت می‌فرستند بعد به سینا واین قاعده به‌این کریمه و/و امرهم شورى بینهم موافق است و قضیه امتحان و تحقیق و مباحثه وکلای ملت بفرمان عالی قاعتبروا یا/و اولی/البصار مطابقت تمام دارد و حسن این ترتیب در عقول سیله محل انگار نمی‌تواند شد.

چون اهالی فراتسه و سایر دول ممتدنه باوساطه وکلای خود از حق و ناحق مباحثه و گفتگو کند هرکلیفی را قبول نمایند ظهور و اختلاف و عدم مطاوعت محل می‌باشد، چونکه خود بر خود حکم کردنده و ذات امپراطور و پادشاه نیز ایمن باشد زیرا که از غدر ارباب نفوذ و از فتنه اهل فساد به این طریق
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As it is said in the holy tradition: "You know best in ordering worldly matters" the ordering of worldly affairs should be entrusted to capable people.

The fifth difference is that the codes of public (‘urfiyya) and traditional (‘adiyya) law are also collected, whereas among Muslims, many questions relating to public and traditional law are oral and not in the book. So long as the public laws are not defined in books, it is easy to perpetrate innumerable injustices in the name of custom and tradition, even though this is not in accordance with one of the principles accepted by Muslims as part of the law of the Prophet of Islam. For it has been said: "Recognition as public law is equivalent to being specified as the religious law (sharī‘a)." So it is necessary that the public law too should be delimited and written down.

When the emperor or king desires that a code should be instituted, if it is not related to taxation, he first sends it to the Senate, that is the grand consultative chamber, and then to the house of representatives of the people. On the other hand, if it is related to tax, he first sends it to the house of representatives of the people, then to the Senate. This procedure is in accordance with the blessed verse: "Their affair being counsel between them" (Quran 42:38). And the evaluation and scrutinising and debating of the people’s representatives is in complete accordance with the exalted instruction: "Take heed, you who have eyes" (Quran 59:2). And the virtue of this arrangement in terms of rationality cannot be denied.

Since the French and other civilised nations discuss all matters through their own representatives, no imposition that they accept can be a cause for opposition or disagreement, because they themselves have made the decisions that affect them. In this way, the emperor or king is also secure,
فارغ بالعالی می‌شود و هرچه فرمایید مخالفی را تصادف نکند و امرا و ارکان دولت نیز آسوده و فارغند به سبیل آنکه امور و مصالحی را که در اکثر احوال موجب شکایت آن شک هرچه بی‌بیون و کلای ملت اعلام و آراً عامل را استحصال کردن بی‌گری بر دولت و امت چه غایله و هایله خواهد ماند.

گذشته از قانون غالب امور دیوانی نیز در فرگوسن به قبول ملت و دولت اجربه می‌باشد هرکه این تفاوتهای پنج گانه را بخلو خاطر و تأمل تمام بخواند. لاجرم خواهد دانست که در فرگوسن شخصی مطلقالتصرف نیست. یعنی خودرآی و خودسر در امور اهالی نمی‌تواند مداخله و حكم بکند مگر موافق آنچه در قانون نوشتته شده. خلاصه همه سربسته‌اند به رشته قانون و در این معنی در قرآن کریم می‌فرماید/یحسب الانسان/آن بی‌پرهک سدی.

چون در مملکتی که انسان سربسته است و سدی نیست، یعنی مثل شترگلانی نیست. هرکس به قانون معین وظیفه خود داند و بکار و شغل خود پردازد و لامحاله ستم نکند و ستم نیبند زیرا هرچیز را که خارج از قانون است، داند و مدافعه کند. و قانون حسب اصول المذكوره در زیرکمالن دولت و امت است و بقای او عین بقای جان و مال جماعت است.

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since he is relieved of the perfidy of influential grandees and the mayhem caused by depraved people. Whatever he orders, it does not face opposition. The affairs of the government officers are also relieved, since cases and issues that are likely to give rise to complaints are announced in the chamber of the people’s representatives, and the opinions of the people are received. If this is not done, what misfortune and anxiety will be visited on the government and the people! In Europe, not only the codes of law but also most administrative affairs are implemented with the consent of the people and government.

Whoever thoroughly considers these fivefold differences without bias, will undoubtedly understand that there is no one in Europe who has unrestrained freedom of action. In other words, there is no place for interference and giving orders in public affairs on the basis of one’s own opinion and personal idiosyncrasies, but only in accordance with what is written in the code of law. In brief, everyone is bound to the thread of the code. This sentiment is also presented in the noble Quran: “What, does man reckon he shall be left to roam at will?” (75:36).

For in a kingdom where a person is bound and is not a camel left free to wander (i.e. like a camel turned out to graze), everyone knows his own duty based on specified law and devotes himself to his own occupation and work. A person cannot commit oppression and does not suffer oppression, because he knows everything that is excluded by the code and he will shun it. The code is in accordance with the principles mentioned above because the government and the people guarantee it. Its continuity is the source of the security of the person and property of all people.
اکنون می‌توانم گفت که یک کلمه‌ای سابق الذکر عبارت از قانون است
ولی به شرط آنکه مقاصد تفاوت‌های پنجم گاهی را موافق باشد همه عمارت و
انصاف در این است. عمارت و تروت راحت همه از عدالت می‌زاید و
ویچ پیغمبر علی (ع) فرموده اند/اعکس/اساس/العمران.
سنوال کردم که کوچه‌ای از چگونه مبادی اجتهاد کرده شده است جامع
حق است یا باطل در جوابی گفت: "انگر چه کوچه‌ای جامع حق است و سرمشق
پنجم چندین دول متمدن به معنایی نکفتم که کود فرانسه یا سایر دول را برای
خودتان استنساخ کرده معمول بدارید، مراد من کتابی است که جامع قوانین
لازمه و سهل العبارة و سریع الفهم و مقبول ملت باشد تدوین چنین کتابی با
شرطی که در شرح تفاوت‌های پنجم گاهی بیان کردم ممکن است خصوصاً در
دیوانی که اجزای آن از رجال دانش و معرفت و ارتباط حکمت و سیاست
باشند همه کتاب معنی‌بره اسلام را حاضر و جمله کودهای دول متمدن را
جمع کنند در مدیت پنجه کتابی جامع نویسند چنین کتابی چنین مقبول عقله
ملت نوشته شود وا به دستخط همایون شاهنشاه برسرد و حفظ آن به عهد
مجلس مخصوص مستقل سیده‌های شود لامحاله وظیفه دولت و ملت اطاعت
بر قانون می‌باشد یک کلمه که من گفتم این است.
و تدوین چنین کتابی بطوری مزبور یعنی بروجود مذاکره و مشاوره در
نرد اسلام نامسوب نیست در کتاب اخبار ثبت است.
Thus I can claim that the one word mentioned previously can be explained with the word ‘code’ with the condition that the code is in accordance with the points made in relation to the five-fold differences. Every refinement and fair dealing lies in this. Refinement, wealth and tranquillity all spring from justice. ‘Alī, the executor of the Prophet, has stated: “Justice is the foundation of prosperity.”’

I asked: “Are codes, whatever their origins may be, universally valid or void?” He answered: “Although the codes are all valid and have served as models for so many civilised governments, nevertheless I have not said that you should copy the code of France or other governments for yourselves and promulgate it. What I mean is a book in which all the codes would be applicable, easily explained, readily understood and acceptable to the people. It is possible to write such a book, including the conditions I mentioned in my explanation of the five-fold differences, especially in an assembly whose members include men of learning and understanding, men of wisdom and policy. They should gather all the most respected books of Islam that are available, and all the codes of civilised governments. In a short time they will be able to write a comprehensive volume. When such a book, acceptable to the intelligent men of the nation, has been written and has received the signature of his majesty the King, and its preservation has been delegated to a special independent assembly, undoubtedly it would be the duty of the government and the people to obey the code. The one word of which I spoke is this.

To prepare such a book in the way mentioned above, that is, through consultation, is not unprecedented in Islam. One of the pious stories recounts
که در اواخر اسلام اصحاب پیغمبر (ص) قوانین تجهیز لشگر و تدوین دیوان‌ها را از قانون فرس قدمی اقتباس کرده و عالمیان را معلوم است که شاه عالم گیر از سلاطین هند به جمع علماء و کیبراء فتاوی مشهوره و منقحه را به وجود آورد.

پس از آنکه دوست مزبور شروع مسطوره را از روی اطلاع کامل و بصیرت تمام به بنده تقریر نمود ختم کلام به انتظار کرد: "حال اگر به مشتملات کودهای فرانسه و سایر مملکت علیه نظرکنند خواهید دید که تداول افکار ام و تجارب اقوام عالم چگونه مصدق شریعت اسلام اتفاق افتاده و خواهید یافتم که آنجا قانون خوب در فرانگستان هست و ملل آنها بواسطة عمل کردن به آنها خود را به روبروی رسانیده‌اند پیغمبر شما هزارودویست و هشتادسال قبل از این برای ملت اسلام معین و برقرار فرموده.

پس از اتمام صحبت با دوست مزبور چندر اوقات خود را به تحقیق اصول قوانین فرانسه صرف کرده و بعد از تدقیق و تعقیب همه آنها را بمصاحبه را برش پاها، اگر از کتاب‌مین با قرآن مجید مطابق یافتم. زهی شرع ممین که بعد از تجربه های هزار و دوست هشتاد سال است به‌تویه نگشته و زهی حبل مین که پس از ترکی علوم و تقدیم فنون فرسوده نه. بهتر آنست که بیان تفصیل این نکته را از ما قابل فصل نموده و به‌جهت اطلاع وطن ناشان، خود به ایراد اصول قوانین فرانسه پردازم.
that in the early days of Islam, the companions of the Prophet borrowed the rules for collecting an army and for preparing administrative records from the codes of the ancient Persians. The people of the world know that the one of the kings in India gathered religious scholars and great men, passing famous and clear judgements (fatwās).

When the friend I mentioned had offered these explanations to this servant, demonstrating his perfect mastery and acute perception, he concluded the conversation thus: “Now, if you glance at the contents of the codes of France and other civilised governments, you will see how the currents of opinion and the experience of the nations of the world affirm the religious laws of Islam. You will see that while there are excellent codes in Europe and the people there have raised themselves to the highest degree of development by following them, your Prophet has determined and established this for the Islamic peoples 1280 years ago.”

After completing my discussion with this friend, I set myself to research the principles of the French codes for some time. After careful study and deepening into all those codes I found, in accordance with the verse “not a thing, fresh or withered, but it is in a Book Manifest” (Quran 6:59) that they are in accordance with the Quran. Praised be the Perspicuous Law (shar') that has not been rendered obsolete by 1280 years of experience. Praised be the Firm Cord that has not been weakened by the progress of arts and sciences. It would be better to explain this point by devoting a chapter to the principles of the French code from its beginning in order to inform the home-land, so far as I am able.
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اگر ما تجس و تفخیص در اجرای کودتای فرانسه بکنیم اطلاع بی‌منتها وکار بی‌هووه و بی‌حارس است زیرا که قوانین دنیویه برای زمان و مكان و حال است و فروع آن غیر برقرار است، بین فروع آنها قابل التغییر است.

ولی اجمالاً عرض می‌کنیم که روح دانشی کودتاهای مزبوره و جان جمله قوانین فرانسه مشتمل بر نوزده فقره است چنان‌که در ابتدای کود چاپ شده در فقره اول از نظامنامه حکومت که کونستیویسون نام دارد عبارتی مسطور شده که ترجمه‌اش این است این کونستیویسون شناخت و تصمیم و تکلف در این اصول کبره را که در سال هزار و هفتصد و هشتمد نه اعلام شده ود آن اصولی اساس حقوق عامه فرانسه است.

بنده آن اصول کبره و اساسیه را تفخیص کردم بر وجه اشارت سابقه و ارقام اتیه در نوزده فقره مندرج پس ترجمه آن فقرات را به عبارت فارسی در این رساله ثبت نمودم:

اصول کبره اساسیه فرانسه اینهایت:

۱) مسایل در محاکمه در اجرای قانون؛
۲) منصب و رتبه دولت برای هیچ کس ممنوع نیست اگر اهل باشد؛
۳) حریت شخصیه بینی هرسک حرّ و آزاده است و کسی را مجال تعرض
نیست مگر بحقوقی که در کود مذكوراست؛
۴) امنیت تمامه بر نفس و عرض مال مردم؛
۵) مدافعه ظلم هرسک راحق است؛
If we were to deeply search and investigate all the parts of the French codes, it would lead to endless prolixity. Moreover it would serve no purpose, because all worldly codes are related to time, place and situation, and the detailed application of the codes are not fixed, that is, their details are subject to change. However, I can briefly explain that the unchanging essence of these codes and the spirit of all the French codes fall under nineteen headings, which are printed at the beginning of the code. In the first heading of the book of government and order (known as the constitution), there is a phrase whose meaning is as follows: “This constitution recognises, confirms and guarantees those great principles that were promulgated in the year 1789. These principles are the foundation of the general law of France.”

I have investigated these great fundamental principles, considering what has already been said, under the nineteen headings, which I have translated below. The great fundamental principles of France are as follows:

1. Equality in judicial matters and in implementing the code;
2. Appointments and promotion in government are open to all suitable people;
3. Personal liberty: everyone is free and nobody has the power to infringe this freedom, except according to the rights written in the code;
4. Full security of persons, and of their honour and property;
5. Everyone is entitled to resist oppression;
۶) حریت مطابع، یعنی هرکس آزاد و مختار است در نگارش و طبع خیالی خود بشرط آنکه مخالف و ضرر احکام کود نباشد اگر مخالف و ضرر باشد منع و ازالة ضرر واجب است.

۷) حریت عقد مجعوم، یعنی جماعت حر و مختار است در اجتماع اگر مذاکرات ایشن به کود مخالف و ضرر نباشد;

۸) اختراع و قبول عامه اساس همه تداول حکومت است؛

۹) حریت سیاسیه، یعنی اهلی حق دارند در انتخاب وکلا و نواب برای دیوان کورتریستلاتیف یعنی دیوان قانون گذار که در مقابل دیوان دولت است؛

۱۰) تعيین مالیات و باج برحسب ثروت بلا امتیاز؛

۱۱) تحریر اصول داخل و خارج دولت;

۱۲) هر مأمور وحاکم در تصریف مسئول است;

۱۳) قدرت تشغیع و قدرت تنفيذ بالفعل منقسم بايد بشود و دريد واحد نباشد یعنی مجلس وضع قانون جدا و مجلس اجرای قانون جدا باشد و بهم مخلوط نباشد;

۱۴) عدم عزل اعضای از محکمها؛

۱۵) حضور ذریه درحقین تحقیق جنایات؛

۱۶) تشهیر مفاوضات سیاسیه و حوادث جناییه در روزنامه رسمیه، یعنی هر منصب و رتبه و شغل بهرکس دادند و هر قسم تنبيه و سیاست در حق مجرمین روا دانستند و هرگونه تقریرات در مجلس مبعوثان ملت ایراد کردن در روزنامه‌های رسمیه آن روزه حقیقت وقابه اعلان و انتشار یابد؛
6. Freedom of the press: everyone is free to write and publish his own thoughts, except for what is in opposition to, or harmful to, the stipulations of the code. If it is in opposition or harmful, it may be prohibited and forcefully confiscated;

7. Freedom to form associations: the public are free to come together if their discussions are not opposed to or harmful to the code;

8. All government policies are based on the choice and approval of the people;

9. Political liberty: each person has a say in the election of representatives and guardians for the collège élatief, that is, the institution that passes laws, which is distinct from the cabinet;

10. Taxes and duties are to be levied on the basis of wealth without discrimination;

11. The amounts of the government’s income and expenditure are to be specified;

12. Every official and judge is accountable for the conduct of his office;

13. The executive and legislative powers should be separated in practice and should not be in one hand, in other words, the body that establishes the code and the body that administers it should be distinct and should not be mixed;

14. The judiciary cannot be dismissed;

15. The presence of jurors when investigating crimes;

16. The publication of political deliberations and criminal cases in the official gazette. That is, every appointment, rank and office given to any person, and every reprimand and punishment handed down to criminals, and all statements of the assembly of people’s representatives, should be faithfully reported in official newspapers of the day;
۱) عدم شکنجه و تعذیب؛
۱۸) حریت صنایع و کسب؛
۹) بنای مکتب خانه‌ها برای اطفال فقر

اکنون می‌خواهیم بعضاً ملاحظات خود را براساس کودهای فرانسه‌ها معرفی خدمت هموقتنان خود بدارم.

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فقره اول که عبارت است از مسایل در محاکمه و مراقبات در اجرای قانون، یعنی اجرای شدید احكامی که در قانون نوشته شده درحق اعلی وادنی، وضعیت و شریف، قوی و ضعیف به طریق مسایل باشد و به هیچ وجه امتیاز نداشته باشد اگر چه مدعی و مدعی عليه ذات امپراطور باشد حكم قانون چون دیگران بر او نافذ است.

ملاحظه باید کرد که این قضیه‌ها که بر اقامت عدل و انصاف چهقدر مدختی دارد و در دین مقدس اسلام اساس همین است طلب قضای عکاسی و ابوسعید الخدّری از حضرت رسول پناه صلیعلیه و آله و مراقبه جناب ولایت مالی علیه السلام باخصم خود در نزد شریح قاضی ثبت کتاب احادیث است و در کتاب تواریخ آمده که ابو يوسف قاضی

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17. No torture;
18. Freedom of the crafts and professions;
19. Establishment of primary schools for the children of the poor.

Now I would like to present some of my own opinions, based on the French codes, in the hope that this explanation will be of service to my compatriots.

I. EQUALITY IN JUDICIAL MATTERS AND IN IMPLEMENTING THE CODE

The first section deals with equality in judicial matters and in implementing the code, that is, the laws written in the code should be equally enforced on high and low, plebeians and nobles, weak and powerful, without any discrimination, even if the complaint of the plaintiff is against the emperor himself. He is subject to the laws of the code like other people.

We can see how essential this issue is for the establishment of justice and fairness since it is the very foundation of the holy religion of Islam. ʿUkkāsh and Abū Saʿīd al-Khudarrī’s request to the Prophet for blood-money (qiṣāṣ), and ʿAlī’s appeal against his enemy before the judge Shurayḥ, are recorded in the books of Traditions. Also it is recorded in the books of history that Abū Yūsuf, the Caliph’s judge, brought the Caliph Hārūn al-Rashīd before the court of Islamic law on the basis of a claim made by a Jew,
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برده و مرافعه کرد. خدایتعالی در قرآن مجید در سوره نساء امر به این معنی نموده می فرماید و اگر حکمت میان الناس ان تحکموا بالعدل یعنی زمانی که حکم کنید میان مردمان حکم کنید به مساوات زیرا که عدل در لسان عرب به معنی تسویه است چنانکه اعتدل المیزان گویند در سوره نحل ایضا فرموده ان‌الله می‌آمیر بالعدل والاحسان و ابیاتهٔ الاقربی و یکی از الفحشاء و المنکر و ایضاً در سوره مانده امر می فرماید و اگر حکم فاحکم بینهم بالقسم معنی اگر حکم کنی تو پس حکم کن میان ایشان بعده و مساوات ایضاً در سوره مزبور می فرماید فلای تخشوا الناس و اخشوری یعنی ای حکم کنندگان مترسید از مردان در اجرای احکام حق و بترسید از من که خداوند هستم و بیان در سوره انعام می فرماید و اگر قلتم فاعلیوا ولو کان ذااقربی معنی زمانی که حکم کنید پس طریق عدل و مساوات را مرعی دارید اگر چه محکوم علیه خویش نزدیک شما باشد و بیان در سوره ص خطاب به حضرت داوود عليه السلام می فرمایید ای داوود گردانیدم ترا خلیفه در روى زمین پس حکم کنن میان مردمان برستی و مساوات چنانکه محقق در شرایط/السیاس در کتاب قضا فرموده تجب/التسویه بین/الخصوم حال ما باید بدون اغماض از راه حقانیت و انصاف بگوینم که درکدام یک از محکمه های عدلت مملکت اسلام موافق احکام مزبوره رفتار می شود و کدام یک از حکام عرف را در دست خود کتاب قانون هست که از روى آن با رعايا که امانت محترمه خداوند است رفتار یکد.
and he heard the case. Moreover God the Exalted states in the glorious Quran in the Sura of Women (4:58) “When you judge between the people, that you judge with justice.” That is, when you judge between people, judge with equality (because ‘justice’ in Arabic means equality and even balance). As it is written in the Sura of the Bee: (16:90) “Surely God bids to justice and good-doing and giving to kinsmen; and He forbids indecency, dishonour, and insolence, [admonishing you, so that haply you will remember.”] And similarly in the Sura of Food (5:45) “If thou judgest, judge justly between them.” That is if you are judging, then judge among them with justice and equality. Also in the same Sura (5:47) it is written: “So fear not men, but fear you Me.” That is, O you who judge, do not fear people in issuing just judgement but fear me, for I am God. And again in the Sura of the Cattle (6: 152), it is written: “And when you speak, be just, even if it should be to a near kinsman.” That is, when you deliver judgement, observe the way of justice and equality even if the condemned should be a close family member. And again in the Sura of the letter ‘Ṣād’ (38:26) David is addressed: “David behold, We have appointed thee a viceroy in the earth; therefore judge between men justly and follow not caprice.” That is, truly, O David, I have given you authority on the face of the earth, therefore give judgement between people in righteousness and equality. As Muḥaqiq has said in the book entitled Divine Judgement (qaḍā) about the Islamic laws: “Seek for equality between the opponents.” Now, we must say forthrightly and in all fairness and without bias what this entails. What court in the Islamic world functions in accordance with the principles above? And what judge in a traditional court (‘urf) is given a code of law so that he can treat the subjects, who are an honoured trust from God, in accordance with it?
به هر دیگر شعوری بدون دلیل معلوم است که ظلم قیبیح و مخرب مملکت و سبب غضب خدا و موجب انواع ذلتها است حکام حالمیه اسلام و مقصری‌یا که بالفرض شرب یا خلاف دیگر کرده به معوض عتاب می‌آورند. در آن بین اگر حاکم به سبب های دیگر متغیر است، امر به کشتن یا قطع باد او می نماید، و اگر تغییر خارجی ندارد، حکم می کند او را بچوب می‌بندند. در این بین رقعه به دست حاکم می دهم. اندوزه چوب خوردن مقصر، موافق به مطلب آن رقعه است. اگر مطلو است، آن قدرچوب یابید بخوردو تا رقعه تمام بشود. اگر مختصر است کمتر چوب خواهد خورود. اغلب اوقات اندوزه چوب خوردن مقصر، موافق به تشغیل قلب حاکم است: اگر قسی‌القلب است مقصر در زیر چوب می‌میرد، و الا ناخن‌هایش می‌رزد.

هر عقل و هر قانون و هر انصاف تصدیق می کند که تنیبه هرگونه جراهم قبل از وقت یابید معین شده باشد که حکام را از آن اندوزه نه قدرت زیادتر باشد نه کمتر. با اینکه در شرع مقدس پیغمبر آقرازمان (ص) در حد نهایت تاکید شده، مع‌هوا چیزی که اصلا محل اعتنات نیست، این مسئله است و تأدب بندگان خدا محول به میل حکام شده. مثلا چند نفر مقصر که درجه جرم آنها همه به یک قرار باشد، بعضی را حاکم میکشد، بعضی را سیاست می‌کنند، برخی را چوب می‌زنند، بعضی را خلطت می‌دهد. در همین فقره اندک تأمین بشود، معلوم می‌گردد چه قدر ظلم فاحش و خارج از طریق عقل و انصاف است. و همچون مملکت ممکن نیست از خرابی و بلا و غضب و استیلای بیگانه این باشد. از مضرت و قباحت آن اگر کتاب‌ها شرح داده شود کافی نخواهد بود.
For anyone possessed of understanding, it is self-evident that injustice is detestable and the destroyer of the kingdom. It brings down the wrath of God and is the cause of all kinds of vice. Suppose an Islamic judge today brings a malefactor, who has drunken alcohol or committed some other offences, before the bar. If at that moment the judge is distracted with many other things, he may order execution or the amputation of his hand, and if there is no distraction, he may order him to be taken to the bastinado. If at that point the judge is given a letter, he delays with counting the strokes for the offender because of the letter. If it is a long one, the offender must endure countless strokes: if it is short, he will receive fewer. In most cases, the number of strokes is subject to the mercy of the judge. If the judge is hardhearted, the offender will die under the rod and if not his toenails will fall out.

All rational thinking and every code and any sense of fairness will confirm that punishment of every type of crime should be fixed in advance so that the judges do not have the power to increase or decrease it. Although it is emphatically stated in the holy law of the Prophet of the last day, this issue has been totally ignored. And the discipline of God’s servants is changed at the whim of the judge. For example, there may be several offenders whose equal guilt has been established: some are condemned to death, some receive discretionary punishments, a few are given the bastinado and some receive robes of honour. If we think about this example, it becomes clear how much utter injustice and irrationality and unfairness there is. Such a country cannot escape destruction, disaster, oppression and subjugation to foreigners. Volumes would not suffice to explain the injury and harm done to such a country.

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6 The literal translation of *ba chūb bastan* is ‘to tie to the plank.’ Bastinado is beating on the soles of the feet and was a common punishment during the Qājār era.
فقره دوم به این صورت خوانده می‌شود:

فقطه ثانیه از فقرات نوزده گانه کونستیوشن فرانسه عبارت از امتیاز فضله است، یعنی ناامید به منصب و رتبه دولت از رؤی فضل و علم مقصود از فضل و علم نه این است که یک نفر سرتیب یا یک نفر حاکم در علوم انسانی و راه‌های ماهر و فاضل باشد بلکه مقصود این است که یک نفر سردار در بدو طولیت علوم متعلق به نظام و لشکریانی را به‌لحظه کرده و در مدرسه نظامیه عمل آن را نیز به بیان و بعد داخل خدمت عسگری به شده مراتب را بتدیری طی کرده در وقت و موقع خود به رتبه سرداری پایه سالاری برسد.

همچنین یک نفر حاکم باید از بدو درس دوره و علم حقوق را بررسی بکند و از کجایی به تدریج ترقی کرده به فرمان فرمایی برسد و طرز سلوك و رفتار خود را با زیربخشان خود بداند و با آنها از روز نصفت و عدالت رفتار کند در این باب نیز خداده مهرابان ما را از ارشاد و هدایت محروم فرموده چنانکه در سوره حجرات می‌فرماید/ ان اكرمکم عناد/ اتیمک یعنی عزیز و مکرم ترین شما نزد خداوند پرهیزگارترین شماست و باز درسوره هود می‌فرماید و یبت کل ذی فضل فضله یعنی بدهد خدای هر صاحب فضله را جزای فضل او. باز در سوره
II. SELECTION BY MERIT AND KNOWLEDGE
The second of the nineteen headings in the French *constitution* refers to selection by merit. This means that one attains a position or rank in the government by means of merit and knowledge. The standard of merit and knowledge does not mean that an army commander or a judge should be outstanding in literary fields, rather it means that a commander in his youth has learned sciences relating to discipline and military engagements, and has seen it in practice in a military school. Then he should have entered military service and passed through the ranks, and in due time he may achieve the rank of commander or general.

In the same way, a judge should first master the procedures of administration and the science of law. He can gradually advance from the lowest ranks to a position of responsibility.⁷ He must know how to treat people who are under him and he should treat them with equity and justice. In this matter, again, God the beloved has not left us bereft of guidance, for as it is written in the Sura of the Inner Apartments (49:13): “Surely the noblest among you in the sight of God is the most godfearing of you.” That is, the greatest and the most honoured of you in God’s eyes is the most abstinent among you. And again in the Sura of the prophet Hûd, it is written (11:3): “and He will give of His bounty to every man of grace.” That is, God gives every possessor of virtue a reward for his virtue. And again in the Sura of

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⁷ The words are from *kad-khudā* (lit. ‘chief of a quarter’) to *farmān-fārmā* (lit. ‘issuing orders’).
آل عمران مي فرماید لا اضيع عمل عامل منكم يعني ضائع نگردنام عمل عاملي را از شما. باز در سوره النجم مي فرماید ليجزي الذين استوا بما عملوا و يجزي الذين احسنوا بالحسنى يعني سرا دهد آتان را كه بد كردن و جزا دهد آتان را كه نيكونى كردن. به مثوبت نيكو در سوره بقره فرموده و لا تنسوا الفضل بينكم يعني فراموش نكنى تفصيل را در ميان يکديگر. ايضاً در سوره نور آيه ٣٨ مي فرماید ليجزيهم الله احسن ما عملوا الخ... و كلم معجز نظام حضرت ولايت پناه على عليه السلام كه فرموده الشرف بالفضل و الادب لا بالاصل و النصب مصدق اين معنى است و نيز فرموده:

اینهاالفاخر جهلا بالنسب
ام الناس لام ولاب
ام حديد ام نحاس ام ذهب
و حياء و عفاف و ادب

و ايضاً مي فرماید لا فضل الا لاهل العلم انهم على الهدى لمن استهدي اداً دراين باب علامه جلى رحمة الله در اواخر كتاب صلاح نوشته است يجب ترجيح الفاضل على المفضل عقلاً
One Word

the Family of ʿImrān (3:195): “I waste not the labour of any that labours among you.” That is, I will not waste the deeds of any doer among you. And again in the Sura of the Star, it is written (53:51): “He may recompense those who do evil for what they have done, and recompense those who have done good with the reward most fair.” That is, He punishes those who do wrong and rewards those who do good with a fine reward. And again in the Sura of the Cow (2:237), it is written: “Forget not to be bountiful one towards another.” That is you must not forget generosity with one another. And again, in the Sura of Light (24:38), it is written: “that God may recompense them for their fairest works.”

The inimitable words of his holiness, the Essence of Guardianship (ʿAlī), “nobility derives from merit and ethics and not from lineage and firm ties” confirm this point. Also he has stated:

O you who boast of your ancestry, knowing nothing!
Truly, people come from a mother and a father.
Do you not see how they are moulded
from silver or iron, from copper or gold?
Better the glory of a well-proven mind,
with modesty, chastity and virtuous conduct.

And again he states: “There is no merit except for the people of knowledge, truly they are on the right path, they are guidance for those who wish to be guided.” On this topic, ʿAllāma Ḥillī at the end of his book Ṣalāḥ (Expediency) has written: “Logically, the more accomplished person takes precedence over
لکر کلمه

لچح تقدیم المفضل علی الفاضل من الحکیم الخبیر و سمعا و در سوره
یونس (ع) افمن یهدی الی الحق احق ان یتبع امن لا یهدی الا ان یهدی فما
لکم کیف تحكمون فضل و ادبی که مقتضی حالت این عصر است هر عاقل
با بصیرت میداند که علوم و صنایع حاضره حالیه است که به واسطة آن
ملل بی تربیت فرنگستان درصد سال به انچنان درجه اوج و ترکی عروج
نمدنه و کل مشرق زمین را محتاج به خود کرده‌اند.

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فقره سیم حریت شخصیه است، یعنی بدن هرکس آزاد است و احید را
قدرت نیست سیلی و مشت به کسی بزند و یا دشنام و فش بدهد. صورت
این مسئله متعدد و کثر است من جمله احید را درون خانه کسی حق
دخول و تجسس نیست و هیچ کس را به گناه دیگری عقوبت نمی توان کرد
و کسی را باظن مجرد نمی توان گرفت و حبس نمود و احید را بدون
حکم قانون جریمه و تنیبه و سیاست نمی توان کرد. این نیز کانه قانون
اسلام است چنانه خداوند در سوره حجیره میفرماید یا ایها الذين امنوا ان
جانکم فاسق بنباء قبیلی یا ان تصبربا قوما بجهای فتصبحوا على ما فعلتهم
نادمين یعنی ای انکسانیکه ایمان أوردهاید اگر فاسقی بشما خبر بیاورد پس
تفحص كامل درصد و کذب آن بکنید
the less accomplished, since the primacy of the accomplished over the more accomplished is repugnant to the wise, the all knowing and all hearing.” In the Sura of Jonah (10:35) it is written: “God – He guides to the truth; and which is worthier to be followed: He who guides to the truth, or he who guides not unless he is guided? What then ails you, how you judge?” How crucial merit and knowledge are, in the conditions of this age! Everyone who can see and think knows that contemporary sciences and industry have reached such a stage that, through them, the uneducated European people have attained such a degree of ascendancy and progress in one hundred years that they have made the whole eastern world dependent on them.

III. LIBERTY OF THE PERSON

The third heading is liberty of the person, that is the body of every individual is free and no one has the right to slap or punch any one, or to curse and abuse. This principle takes numerous forms. For example, no one is entitled to enter and search the house of any person; no one may be punished for the fault of someone else; and no one may be arrested and imprisoned on mere suspicion. No one may be fined or punished without the verdict of a court under the code. This is also confirmed in the Islamic code, as God says in the Sura of the Inner Apartments (49:6): “O believers, if an ungodly man comes to you with a tiding, make clear, lest you afflict a people unwittingly, and then repent of what you have done.” That is, O those who have attained to faith, if a wicked person brings a report to you, you should conduct a complete investigation to find out whether it is trustworthy or a lie,
به جهت اینکه می‌باید از راه عدم علم و ندانایی بحیطت کار درحق قومی فعل مکروهی پس از آنچه کرده باشد پشیمان و نام شوید.

این‌ها در همان سوره مأثور است یا ایها ایها الدین امنو اجتنبو کثيرا من الظن ان بعض الظن اثم و لاتجسموا يعني ای کسانی که صاحب ایمان هستید اجتناب چنین از گمان بد درحق مردم دردستی که بعض گمان بدگن است و تجسم مکنید چیزیرا که بر شما مخفی باشد. باز در سوره نور می فرماید یا ایها الدین امنوا لا تدخلوا بیوتا غير بیوتکم حتی تستأنسوا يعني ای کسانی که ایمان آورده‌اید داخل متشوید بخانهای غیر تا وقتیکه انسبت حاصل بیشود باز در ایه دیگر بعد از این می فرماید فان لم تجدوا فيها احدا فلا تدخلوا حتی يؤذن لكم و ان قیل لكم ارجعوا یارجاوا هو ازکی لكم پس اگر کسی را در خانه نیابید داخل شوید تا وقتی که صاحب خانه اذن به شما بده هرگاه به شما بگویندكه بازگردد پس بيتوقف بازگردید و اصرار در ملاقات نکنید که آن بازگرددن برای شما پاکیزمر است. ایضا در سوره بقره می فرماید و لیس الپرین تأتوا الپبیت من ظهورها يعني نیکونی نیست در آنکه درآئید بخانه‌ها از پشت بام‌ها.

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فقره چهارم امنیت جان و عرضا و مال است این نیز از اصول اسلام است چنانکه خدای تعالی در قرآن می فرماید: من قتل نفس با غیر نفس او قсад فی الأرض
lest through lack of evidence and not knowing the truth of the matter, you may breach the rights of any people. Later you may regret it and repent.

And again in the same Sura (49:12) it is recorded: “O believers, eschew much suspicion; some suspicion is a sin. And do not pry.” That is, O you who possess faith, avoid thinking ill about people. Truly the least suspicion is a sin. And do not search for anything which is hidden from you.

And again in the Sura of Light (24:27): “O believers, do not enter houses other than your houses until you first ask leave.” That is, O you who have attained to faith, do not enter houses other than your own unless you have close ties. Again, in the next verse, it is written: “If you find not anyone therein, enter it not until leave is given to you. And if you are told, 'Return,' return; that is purer for you.” Thus, if you do not find anyone in a house, do not go into it, until the owner of the house gives you permission. Whenever they tell you to withdraw, you should do so immediately. And do not insist on staying, because your withdrawal is purer for you. In the Sura of the Cow (2:189) it is written: “It is not piety to come to the houses from the backs of them.” That is, there is no virtue in entering houses through their roofs.

IV. SECURITY OF LIFE, HONOUR AND PROPERTY
The fourth heading is security of life, honour and property. This too is one of the essential teachings of Islam as God the Exalted has decreed in the glorious Quran (5:35): “whoso slays a soul, not to retaliate for a soul slain, nor for corruption done in the land
فكانما قتل الناس جميعاً يعني أ기에 كسي بكشذ كسي را بآ أئكه فنسى را
كشته باشد و يا فسادى كرده باشد مانند دزدى و زنا همچنان است كه همه
مردمان را كشته است. أيضاً در سورتين انعام و بنى اسرائيل فرموده ولا
تقتلوا النفس التي حرم الله الا بالحق يعني مكشد نفسى را كه حرام كرد
خدای كشتن اين را مگر بحق. أيضاً در سورة بنى اسرائيل مي فرماید من قتل
مظلوماً فقد جعلنا لوليه سلطاناً يعني مفرز، كرديم مر وارث مقتول را تسلط و
قوت قصاص. و باز در سورة بقره مي فرماید يا أيها الذين امنوا كتب
عليكم القصاص في القتلى يعني اي مومنان واجب شد بر شما قصاص
نموندن در كشتن قاتلان. باز در همان سورة مي فرماید و لكم في القصاص
حبيبة يأولى الابناء يعني زندگي و بقا برای شما در قصاص است اي
صاحبان عقول. أيضاً در سورة نساء يأبى 33 و در سورة فرقان يأبى 68 در
همين معني.
و اما در امنيت عرض و ناموس در سورة نور مي فرماید الزائية
والزانية فايلدوا كل واحد منهما مانه جلدة يعني بمرد و زن زناکار بزند
صد تازیانه. أيضاً در سورة 42 يأبى 4 و 6 و در سورة فرقان
shall be as if he had slain mankind altogether.” That is if someone kills a person, except if someone has been killed or corruption has been perpetrated, such as robbery or fornication, it is as if all people have been killed. Similarly in the Suras of the Cattle (6:151) and of the Israelites, it is written: “slay not the soul God has forbidden, except by right.” That is, do not kill anyone because God has forbidden killing, except by way of justice. In the Sura of the Israelites (17:33) it is said: “Whosoever is slain unjustly, We have appointed to his next-of-kin authority.” That is, we have granted all the heirs of the person who is killed the authority and power [to demand] retribution. And again, in the Sura of the Cow (2:178), it is said: “O believers, prescribed for you is retaliation, touching the slain; [freeman for freeman, slave for slave, female for female.”]

That is, O believers, you must apply the law of retribution in cases of murder. In the same Sura (2:179) it is said: “In retaliation there is life for you, men possessed of minds.” That is, there is a life and continuity for you in the law of retaliation. O men of understanding. There are similar statements in the Sura of Women (Sura 4) verse 33, and in the Sura of the Criterion (Sura 25) at verse 68.

As regards the security of reputation and family honour, it is stated in the Sura of Light (24:2): “The fornicatress and the fornicator – scourge each one of them a hundred stripes.” That is, flog the man and woman who commit fornication, one hundred lashes. There are similar verses in the same Sura, verses 4 and 6.

And in the Sura of the Criterion (25:68)

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8 The reference appears to be to verse 29: “(...) And kill not one another.” Verse 33 refers to the appointment of the heirs. Such minor differences in the numbering of verses are not unusual.

9 4-6: “And those who cast it up on women in wedlock, and then bring not four witnesses, scourge them with eighty stripes, and do not accept any testimony of theirs ever. (...) And those who cast it up on their wives having no witnesses except themselves, the testimony of one of them shall be to testify by God four times that he is of the truthful.”
و لا یقتلون النفس التي حرم الله الا بالحق و لا يزرون. بعلاوه آیات مذکوره
حكم رجم در زناى محصن‌هان از احكام استوار در امنیت عرض و ناموس
است.
اما امنیت مال خدای تعالی در سوره مانده می‌فرماید و السارقه و
السارقة فاقطوا/ ابین‌ها به‌یعنی ببرید دستهای دزد را خواه مرد باشد خواه
زن. این آیات باهره در امنیت جان و عرض و مال قانون متین و محکم
است پس معلوم شد که این قانون از اصول قوانین نوزدگانه ورانسنه نیز
مطابق است با احكام خدای و قانون اسلام آنها این قوانین شریفه را رعایت
کرده‌اند در مدت چهل سال سی کرور نفوس ورانسنه به هشتاد کرور رسیده
اما در مملکت ما از چنین سال‌ها با این طرف نفوس ایران را نشنیده‌ام که
زیاده بر هیچ‌ده کرور برآورد کرده باشند.

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فرقه پنجم از فقرات نوزدگانه کود مدافعه ظلم هرکس را واجب است هرکه
به نظر بصیرت بنگرد اغلب خوبیها و آسایش و آبادی و امنیت فرنگستان
از وجود این قانون است و چون این امر مزبور علت اصلی عدل و
انصاف است این است که خدای تعالی در چنین محل قرآن مجید امر و
ترغیب به آن می‌نماید من جمله در سوره آل عمران می‌فرماید ولتکن
منکم امة بدعون الى الخير و يأمرون بالمعروف و ينهون عن المنكر و
اولینک هم مفلحون
it is said: “(...) nor slay the soul God has forbidden except by right, neither fornicate.” In addition to these verses that have been mentioned, the penalty of stoning for the fornicator who is, or has been, married is one of the indubitable principles to guard security of reputation and family honour.¹⁰

In relation to the security of property, in the Sura of the Table (5:41), God the Exalted has said: “And the thief, male and female: cut off the hands of both.” That is: cut off the hands of the thief be it man or woman. These lucid verses constitute a clear and decisive code on the security of the person, honour and property. Thus it is clear that this code as contained in the nineteen principals of French law is also consonant with the commands of God and the code of Islam. The French have respected these noble codes. Over a period of forty years fifteen million French people became forty million, whereas in our country in the recent years we have not heard of any estimated population higher than nine million.

V. DEFYING INJUSTICE

The fifth of the nineteen headings of the code is that each individual is required to defy injustice. Any intelligent person will see that most of the virtues, ease, prosperity and security of Europe are due to this law. Since this command is the chief foundation of justice and fairness, God the exalted at several points in the glorious Quran has commanded or encouraged that it be respected. For example, in the Sura of Imran (3:104) “Let there be one nation of you, calling to good, and bidding to honour, and forbidding dishonour; those are the prosperers.”

¹⁰ Having quoted the Quran, which specifies only 100 lashes for adultery, Mustashâr ad-Dowla here indicates that he nevertheless accepts the customary ruling of death by stoning.
یک کلمه

یعنی باید بعضی از شما باشند که آنها دعوت بکنند مردم را بکارهای نیک و امر و ترغیب نمایند بامور پسنده و منع نمایند از امور ناشایسته که باعث خرابی مملکت و عدم امنیت است و آنهایی که این کار را می‌کند ایشانند رستگاران. ایشان در سیره هود می‌فرماید و یا ترکنوا ایلین ظلموا

یعنی میل مکنید به سوى آنان که ستم کردنده ایشان در سیره آل عمران آیه ۱۰۶ می‌فرمایدکنتم خیر امة / اخرجت للناس و در سیره توبه آیه ۷۲ و آیه ۱۳۳ و در سیره حج آیه ۷۴ و در سیره نحل آیه ۹۲ و در سیره لقمان ۱۶ در این معنی احکام اکیده و آبای صریحه است.

از نتایج حسن‌های این قانون اختیار و آزادی زبان و قلم شایع شده هرکس از اعلی و اندی هرچیزی که در خیر و صلاح و رفاه ممکنت و ملت به خیالش برسد با کمال ازادی می‌نویسد و منتشر می‌کند اگر خیال و تصورات او مقبول امت باشد تحسین و در صورت عکس منع و تلقیح خواهند کرد.
That is, they should be some of you who call the people to do good deeds and command and encourage them to do approved things and forbid unworthy things that are the cause of the ruin of the country and insecurity. And anyone who does this work will have their sins forgiven. Likewise in the Sura of Hûd (11:113) it is said: “And lean not on the evildoers.” That is: do not be partial to those who have committed oppression. And again in the Sura of the Family of Imran, verse 106 it is said: (3: 110) “You are the best nation ever brought forth to men.” And the Sura of Repentance, verse 133 (9:112)11 and in the Sura of Pilgrimage, verse 42 (22:41)12 and the Sura of the Bee, verse 92 (16:89)13 and the Sura of Luqmân the Wise, verse 16 (31:17)14 there are clear verses and subtle commandments of the same sort.

The benefits of this code have led to freedom of speech and of the pen. Every person, whether high or low, can write and publish with full freedom anything that comes to his mind about the well-being, expediency and peace of the country and the nation. If people accept his thinking and ideas, he will be praised, otherwise they will vilify and reject him.

12 22:41: “If We establish them in the land, perform the prayer, and pay the alms, and bid to honour, and forbid dishonour; and unto God belongs the issue of all affairs.”
13 16:89-92: “And the day We shall raise up from every nation a witness, then to the unbelievers no leave shall be given, nor shall they be suffered to make amends. And when the evildoers behold the chastisement, it shall not be lightened for them, and no respite shall be given them. (...) Surely God bids to justice and good-doing and giving to kinsmen; and He forbids indecency, dishonour, and insolence, admonishing you, so that haply you will remember.”
14 31:17: “O my son, perform the prayer, and bid unto honour, and forbid dishonour.”
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وقر قانون شريف نظر طبق قانون إسلام است و در این باب شيخ

طوسي عليه الرحمة در كتاب نهاية/الحكم فتعه است الأمر بالمعروف و

النهي عن المنكر فرضان من فنائض الإسلام و هما فرضتان على الأعيان لا

يسع احدا تركهما او الاختلال بهما و الأمر بالمعروف و النهي عن المنكر

يرجع بالقلب و اللسان و اليد اذا تمكن المكلف من ذلك...

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وقر قرار أزادي مطبوعه هاست، بعضی از احكام این آزادی داخل حکم علوم

و معنا عام أگر أن چیز پیچ شده متعلق بعلوم و معنا باشند یا در

شرف آنها یا مات و احده مسیر هست که بعضی از آنها را خواهم نوشت

و برخی از احكام آزادی مزبور داخل امر بمعروف و نهی از منکر است

اگر چیز پیچ شده متعلق ب اینها باشند پاره از احكام أن بحق مدافعه مظام

راجع است بالجمله مطبوعات از قبل کتب و رساله و روزنامه هرچه باشد

لاجرم بحث به یکی از احكام مزبوره راجع می شود. پس أن راجع البته

حكم مرجع شریف را دارد و اگر مطلب پیچ شده ضرری به دین و يا به اخلاص

عامة و يا مخالفته به احكام (کود) دارد ازاله أن ضرر واجب است. و

درحديث شريف الضرر پزال وارد است و این حديث در نزد کافه إسلام

اصلى از اصول فقه شده است.
Thus, this noble code is also in accordance with the Islamic code. On this subject, Shaykh Ṭūsī\(^\text{15}\) writes in his book *An-nihāya al-aḥkām* (“The Ethics of ordinances”): “*Commanding the good and forbidding what has been condemned* are Islamic duties. *They are incumbent on every individual. No one is permitted to neglect them or to subtract from them. Commanding the good and forbidding what has been condemned are two obligations, upon the heart, and tongue, and hand for whoever is capable...*”

**VI. FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**

The sixth heading is freedom of the press. Some of the ordinances of this freedom fall under the laws concerning sciences and education. In so far as what is printed relates to sciences and philosophy, there are many relevant Quranic verses and Islamic traditions and I will cite some of them. And some of the ordinances of this freedom fall under the principle of commanding good and forbidding what is condemned. If something is printed, by way of books, pamphlets, newspapers or whatever it may be, and it relates to those obligations, some of the ordinances of that right to defy injustice also cover it. Consequently, its line of argument will refer it to one of the ordinances mentioned, and “the reference necessarily implies the thing referred to.” And if something printed on a topic is harmful to the faith or to the ethics of the society or if it is contrary to the laws (*code*), it is obligatory to eliminate that harm. In a noble tradition it is said: “*Eliminate the harm.*” In the eyes of all Muslims, this tradition is the essence of the basic principles of Islam.

\(^{15}\) Ṭusi (955-1067) also known as Shaykh at-Ṭa’īfa.
با یاد دانست که حرف‌یت مطابع در ممالک متحد آمریکا و انگلیس و فرانسه و سوئیس و بلژیک و یونان به مرتبه کامل است و امروز در شهر پاریس صد چاپخانه و شبکه صد کتاب فروش است.

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فقره هفتم آزادی مجامع است، هر فرقه و هر جمع‌آوری وقت ارادة کنند در مجموعی مخصصی جمع شده در مسیله از مساله‌های علوم یا سیاست و افعال حکومت و یا در امر معاش خود بدون موافق گفتگو و مباحثه می‌کنند و هر صنفی از اصناف اهلی را از قبیل اصل زاده گان و ارباب صنعت و اهل شکر و زار این مجمع های مخصصی هست و همه مجمع‌ها اگر چه در افکار طریق مختلفه دارد و در دولت همه به مقصد واحد متوجه است و عقد جمع‌آوریات (ولی به مقصد واحد).

در زمان پیغمبر صلی الله علیه وآله مختار و آزاد بود چنانگه اصحاب

کرامت هر روز در مسجد نبوی (ص) فرقه فرقه اجتماع کردنی دی و از آن حضور چندین مسائل خفیه استفسار و استیضاح نمودند. حاضر پیغمبر (ص) به منبر صعود فرموده و در مجمع علم به حل مشکلات و ایجاد مسائل مبادرت فرمودند. وقتی که آنحضرت اسمه را به سرداری شگر نصب فرموده و به جهاد مأمور کرد جامعیت از اصحاب پیغمبر (ص) اعتراض از جوانی اسمه میان آوردند و در اهلیت وی شبهه نمودند با اینکه اسمه با لشکر ازمدیشه بیرون رفت به معنا دو را در راه نگاه داشتند. یا آنکه پیغمبر (ص) از خانه سعادت بیرون آمد و به منبر صعود فرمودند اهلیت اسمه را با آثار اثبات و اصحاب را قناع
It should be recognised that in the United States of America, England, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Greece, the press is completely free. And today in Paris there are one hundred publishers and six hundred booksellers.

**VII. FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY**

The seventh heading is the freedom of assembly. Every grouping and association is free at any time to gather in specific meetings and to discuss and debate any academic or political question, or the doings of the government or matters affecting their own means of livelihood, without any impediments. And the people of every kind of guild have specific associations, whether they are notables, skill-tradesmen, the military or agriculturists. Although they have different ideologies, all the associations are united in concern for the permanence and the progress of the government.

In the time of the Prophet, the organisation of assemblies was open and free (but always for one purpose). So much so that the most important companions of the prophet would gather in separate groups each day in the Nabī mosque, and they would present any subtle issue to Him for information and elucidation. The Prophet would go up to the pulpit and would solve the difficulties and clarify the issue in front of all the people. Once, when the Prophet appointed Usāma [Ibn Zayd] to lead the army and had issued a call to arms, a group of the Prophet’s companions objected that Usāma was a young man and expressed doubt about his competence. Although Usāma had left the city with the army, people made him stop on the road. Then the Prophet came out of his house, ascended the pulpit, and demonstrated Usāma’s competence with examples,
و ساکت کردن با وجودی که تن مبارک خسته و ضعیف بود هیچ اظهار رنجش خاطر نفرمود.

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فقره هشتم انتخاب و قبولملت اساس همه تا بر حکم است و این کلمه از جوامع الکلم انتخاب و در نرد صاحبن عقول مرتیب صحشت را حاجت تعیین نیست و در نقل و شرع اسلام نیز چنین است و آیه کریمه در آل عمران و لو کنت فظا غلیظ القلب لا نفیسا من حولک یعنی اگر بودی تو درشت خوی و سختگوی هر آینه پراکنده شدنی اصحاب تو از گردگرد تو و آیه شریفه و امرهم شوری بینه در این امر باب عظمی است و این با ب از مقاصد استناده است.

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فقره نهم از اصول نوزده گانه (کود) فرانسه حق انتخاب وکلاست مر اهلی را در مقابل دیوان دولت و به این سبب اهلا را در بحث تدقيق افعال حكومت مداخله عظیم هست و وكلای مزبوره که به اصطلاح فرانسه پیت میگویند با شروط معلومه و معینه در کتاب قانون از جانب اهلا منظمو و در مجلس کورلریسائنتیف یعنی مجلس قانون گذار مجتمع می شوند و این قاعده در شریعت مطهره اسلامی به باب مشورت راجع است و مشورت.
so that the companions were satisfied and stopped cavilling. Although His blessed body was weak and wounded, he gave no thought to His own distress.

VIII. ELECTION AND APPROVAL BY THE PEOPLE
The eighth heading is that the election and approval by the people is the basis of all the government’s administration. This concept is contained in the book of many significations [the Quran]. For those of sound mind its compelling nature needs no elucidation. It is also found in the texts and laws of Islam. One blessed verse in the Sura of the Family of 'Imrân (3:159) says: “Hadst thou been harsh and hard of heart, they would have scattered from about thee.” That is, had you been rough in bearing and harsh of speech, verily your companions would have dispersed from your circle. And the noble verse (42:38) “Their affair being counsel between them” is a subject on which much more could be said. This is one of the reasons for seeking the opinions of others.

IX. ELECTING DEPUTIES
The ninth heading in the nineteen folds code of France is the right of the people to elect deputies, even in opposition to the cabinet. By virtue of this, the people have a considerable role in debating and scrutinising the doings of the government. Such deputies (in French terminology député) are chosen by the people in accordance with clear and fixed provisions in the written Code. They assemble in the council known as the Corps Législatif, that is, the council that passes the laws of the code. A basis for this can be found in the sacred Islamic law, under the heading of ‘consultation,’
از قوانین اعظم اسلام است چنانکه خداوی تعالی در قرآن مجید به رسول خود امر می‌فرماید در سوره آل عمران و شاواهرم در الامر يعني مشارکت کن درگاه‌ها با اصحاب خود و جناب پیغمبر (ص) با اکبر مهاجر و انصار دربان اذان برای اخبار نماز جماعت شوری فرمودند.

اپس آن حضرت در اکثر آن‌ها به اینکه رأی مبارک‌شهر مهشودن شدن درسکینه بود اما چون رای جماعت و اصحاب مایل به خروج از مسجد شد پیغمبر خدا (ص) بعد از شوری رأی جماعت بر رأی مبارک خود ترجیح دادند. ایستاً حديث صحیح وارد است وقتی که حضرت رسول صلی الله علیه وآله وصحیح و عمره به مکه تشکیف می‌بردند در یکی از منزل با اصحاب خود مجلس مشورت منعقد فرمودند و نیز از حضرت رسول پناه صل الله علیه وآله وصحیح است: "بدیخت نشود بندِ یه به مشورت در امری شروع نماید.

و کلام معجز بیان حضرت ولايت ماب علیه السلام لاصواب مع ترک المشوره مؤید این قول است. و همچنین در اثر مشهور المشاورة اصلی در الدين و سنة ایکه في العالمین و هي حق على عامة الخلفیه من الرسول الى اقل الخلق يعني مشورت اصلی است از اصول دین و سنت خداوند است بر عالمیان و آن حقی است بر عامة خلق ایکه رسول صلى الله علیه وآله ورسوله الی ناسی خلق خلاصه جناب رسول (ص) محض به جهت وضع سنت مشورت درمیان امت در هرکار با اصحاب خود شور می‌فرمود.
which is one of the greatest codes of Islam. In the glorious Quran, God the Exalted commanded his own messenger in the Sura of the Family of ʻImrān (3: 159): “take counsel with them in the affair.” That is, consult your companions about matters. The Prophet consulted with the foremost of those who had accompanied him from Mecca and of the Muslims of Medina, with regard to how the people could be called to congregational prayer. There is another example, in the battle of Uhud. His own blessed opinion was to remain fortified in Medina, but the opinion of his companions and the people favoured leaving the city. Having consulted the general opinion, the Prophet of God preferred their opinions over his own. And again there is a sound Islamic tradition that on one occasion the Prophet had left Medina intending to perform the greater and the lesser pilgrimage. At one of the stopping places he summoned a counsel of his companions to consult. It is also reported that the Refuge of the Messengers of God said: “He who consults before starting an enterprise, will not suffer misfortune.”

The inimitable formulation of ʻAlî, that “There is no good outcome if consultation is neglected,” confirms this saying. And similarly in his celebrated work, he states: “Consultation is one of the essential principles of the religion and way of God in both worlds, and it is obligatory for the people God created, from the Messenger of God to the least of creatures.” That is, consultation is one of the principles of the religion and way of God for the whole world and it is a right for all people, from the Messenger of God to the least of creatures. In short, purely in order to establish the example of consultation among the Muslims, the Messenger consulted on every issue with his companions.
فقره دهم تعيين ماليات و پاچ باج است بر حسب ثروت بلافاصله و این امر نه به فرمان مجرد امپراتوری است و نه با ميزان احتیاطی هریت دولت بلكه از روی مداخله و منعفته سالیانه هرکس است و تعيين این كار برضا و قبول ديوان وكلا است كه در حقيقه قبول عامه است فلهذا بدهی كه اهلی متحمل ادامه آن شده است در سر و عده معینه به پای خود بدون محصل به محل معین برده می‌دهد.

زهی عدالت كه هرکس از روی تعيين قرض خود داند و به صفاي دل دهد و اين امر از روی مساوات است نه از روی امتياز به اين معني كه هرکس از اعلي و ادنى مقدار معين از منافعش يا مداخلش باید به دولت بهده واحدی مستثنی نيست و اين قرار به شريعت اسلاميه مطلوب كليه دارد چنانكه در قرآن مجيد و احاديث شريفه مقدار و زمان زكوة و صدقات معين و معلوم است و فردی از اين تكليف محروم و مستثنی نيست.

و پايد دانست كه قاعده ايشان در اين خصوص بر اين است كه اول مکنت و قدرت و استطاعت اهالي را مشخص و بهدي سالیانه آن را معين كرده و بعد به مقام مطالبه و اخذ بر مي آيند و اين قاعده به عينها مطلب شرع اسلام است زيرا كه قرآن و احاديث ايمان را قبل از عمل تكليف كرده و عمل را پس از ايمان چنانكه تكليف اول به وجوبیت زكوة و صدقات ايمان آوردن است آنان كه ايمان ندارند زکوت‌شان علیاً مقبول نیست.
**X. TAXES AND TRIBUTE IN PROPORTION TO WEALTH**

The tenth heading is that taxes and tribute are in proportion to wealth, without discrimination. This is not determined merely by the decree of the Emperor nor on the basis of the government’s demands, but rather on the basis of individual income and profits each year. The rate of taxes is set with the approval of the body of the people’s representatives, which is in fact the approval of the people. Therefore, the people will bring the tax they have to pay at an appointed time and place without the intervention of a tax-collector.

What perfect justice this is! Each person ascertains his own dues, on the fixed basis, and pays it honestly. This is done on the basis of equality without discrimination. That is, everyone, high or low, has to give a fixed proportion of his profits or income to the government, and no one is exempt. This is entirely in accordance with the Islamic law, as the amount of tithes and alms and the times they are due are set out in the glorious Quran and noble traditions, and no one is exempt from these duties.

It should be noted that in France their primary basis is to first ascertain the ability of people to pay and the amount of money they have to pay annually. Only then do they make demands and collect it. This basis is in essence consonant with Islamic law. As the Quran and the religious traditions say, beliefs come before deeds and deeds follow beliefs. The primary duty is to believe in the necessity of tithes and alms. God does not accept the alms of those who do not believe.
فقره یازدهم تحریر اصول داخل و خروج دولت و نشر آن است به‌دهی اهالی را قادر معین‌یک‌لازم است و این قدر معین‌رها در مقابل خروج دولت مقياس و میزانی است ضروری. اگر مخارج یک دولت محرّر و معلوم نباید تعیین مالیات بر وجه عدلّت میسرّ نشود و مقدار احتیاج اداره‌ها چون اداره لشکر و اداره داخله و اداره خارجه و غیره بدين طريق معلوم میشود يعني قبل از وقت مشخص میکنند كه برای وزارت جنگ، فلان مقدار و برای وزارت داخله فلان مقدار و برای وزارت خارجه فلان مقدار مخارج خواهد شد و با این طرز خلاصی از اسراف در خروج دولت و رفع تعدی نسبت به رعایا آسان میگردد و از انطرف هم چون اهالی می‌دانند که مخارج لازمه دولت فلان مقدار است در ادادی آن تعلل نمی‌ورزند پس این قاعده نیز در شریعت مطهره اسلامی به باب تبییغ و تفهیم مطالب است. حديث فلیلیغ/شاهد منکم/الغائب (یعنی شما که در این مجلس حاضرید تبییغ بکنید غانبان‌را).
در این باب برهان واضح است و حضرت رسالت پنجه صلی الله علیه و آله و اکثر خطبی‌ها در پی هر جمله هن بلغت فرمودی. اگر مستعمل‌ینعم گفتندی و خواهش توضیح و تکرار ننودند حضرت به جمله آخر گفتندی.
باید دانست احسن سیاست آن است که بر اخلاق حسنه مؤسس باشد این کلام ارسطاطیس است و بعقل و نقل مطالبی پس واجب است که تداریک دولت به تغییر اخلاق تبعه و اهالیش سبب نباید بلکه به تهذیب و تحسین اخلاق آنها اسباب عمدّه شود.
XI. PRINCIPLES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT

The eleventh heading is that the principles of income and expenditure of the government should be written. The dues of the people need to be specified and this fixed amount must be in balance with the government’s expenditure. Necessarily, if the expenditure of a certain government is not known, it is not possible to fix taxes justly. Thus the total need of ministries such as the ministry of defence, and of internal and external affairs and such like are stipulated. That is, for instance, they stipulate in advance how much money will go to the ministry of war and how much for internal affairs and how much for external affairs. This prevents excessive expenditure by the government and injustice to the subjects. On the other hand, the people know about the government’s necessary expenditure and they do not hesitate to pay their dues. This foundation is also in accordance with all that is written on the subject of communication and understanding in the holy Islamic law. One tradition states: “You who are present, inform those who are not present.” That is, you who are present in this meeting, inform those who are absent.

On this subject there is evident proof. In the majority of his sermons, the Prophet repeated after each section “Have I said enough?” If the listeners said, “yes” and did not ask for more explanation, the Prophet would go on to the next section.

We should understand that the best sort of governance is based on proper ethics. This saying comes from Aristotle and is in accordance with reason and the transmitted teachings of religion. Thus, it is necessary to base the government’s policy fundamentally on correcting and refining the citizens’ morals and not on people’s degenerating ethics.
بنابراین اکثر تدبیر سیاسی فرانسویان در تهذیب و تحسین اخلاق اهالی مدختی عظیم دارد و قضیه تعیین مالیات و تحریم خرج که شرح داده شد از این تدبیر است امر مز در ممالکت اسلام چون محصولان مالیات بسر اهالی گماشته شوند و اهالی که از مخارج دولت خبر ندارند چنان پندارند که به‌دهی آنها به‌هو و هوس حکم‌داران صرف می‌شود لیکی اکثر آنها برای تخلیص گریبان از تکالیف دولت به خیال پیدا کردن راههای حیله و خدیعه و دروغ و حبس مال و کمی ثروت خود می‌افتد و بدين جهت اخلاق صادقه اسلامی آنها تغییر پزیرد و از آن طرف نیز محصولان مالیات راه‌های حیله و دروغ آنها را گفته کنند و آنها را به مجمع برند وچوب زند لاجر ماهالی را خفف و مسکن و هنگ ناموس و فرار عارض گردد و اخلاق شجاعت و بطال و علو همت آنها مرده شود. در دولت انگلیس سابقا برای تعیین مالیات نسبت به واردات اهلی قاعده تفحص گذاشته بودند امروز آن قاعده راترک کرده و بقول خود هرکس اعتماد می‌کنند یعنی از مداخل هانیمه صلاح دولت و رعیت است و موافق قانون در بدو کار معین کرده‌اند از خود شخص می‌پرسند و او هرچه بگران باور می‌نمایند و مالیات را از روی مداخل او از قرار گفتگو خودش اخذ می‌کنند.

ملاحظه باید گرده که به اهالی به چه درجه اعتماد کرده‌اند و به جهت همین اعتماد چه قدر اخلاق آنها را به اصلاح آورده و به صدیق و راستی معتقد شده‌اند و از وقتی که این تدبیر را به کار برده‌اند مالیات دولت روز به روز زیاد شده
As a result, the majority of political policies in Europe have a strong effect on the refinement and improvement of people’s ethics. The issues of determining taxes and the publication of expenditures, which I previously explained, belong to this category of policy. In Islamic countries today, when tax collectors are appointed over the people, individuals have no idea about the government’s expenditures, so they think that their taxes are spent for the leisure and pastimes of those in authority. Therefore, in order to find a way to evade their obligations towards the government, most people use legal constructions or fraud, lying, hiding their capital, and concealing their possessions. The result is that their honest Islamic morality degenerates. Moreover, when tax collectors find out about their ways of deception and lying, they take them to prisons and birch them. Naturally the people suffer from fear, humiliation, and dishonour. The virtues of chivalrous behaviour, courage and noble ambition perish.

In the past, the English government would fix taxes on the basis of an investigation of each person’s income. Today however, they have abandoned this method and rely on each individual’s word. In other words, having defined those sources of income that are in the interest of the government and the people, and in accordance with the code, they ask each individual, and accept what each says. They collect taxes on the basis of a person’s income, based on his own report.

It is remarkable how much trust they put in individuals, and how much they have refined the people’s ethics. They have become accustomed to truthfulness and honesty. From the day that they applied this policy, the government’s tax revenues have grown day by day.
و به تجربه دیده‌اند که سابقاً اگر از صد نفر ده نفر به‌دهی خود را ناراحت گفتی امروز پنج نفر به‌هم نمرسد.

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فحره دوازدهم از فقرات نوزده‌گانه هر وزیر و امیر و حاکم در ماموریت خود مسئول بودن است. سبب مسئول بودن این است که هر مامور مكلف است به متابعت احكام قانون چون سایر مكلفان. و این قاعدده نیز از شریعت اسلام است زیرا که در قرآن عظیم هر تکلیف بصیغه جمع آمده/اطیعوا/ و اترا/فرموده و خطاب عام کرده. حتی ذات/پیغمبر صلی الله عليه و آله را از تکلیف استثنائی ننموده مسلمانان که بر مكلف بودن انبیاء و اوالیاً معتقدند هیچ حاکم و امیری را از تکلیف آزاد نمی‌توانند شمرد. حديث کلکم راع و کلکم مسئول عن رعیتیه مؤید این قول است.

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فحره سیزدهم تفريع قدرت تشريع از قدرت تنفيذ. مقصود از این سخن آنست که وضع و تنظیم قوانین در اختیار مجلسی باشد و تنفيذ و اجرای آن در درست مجلس دیگر و نه مجلس که آن مجلس هیچ گونه بیم و امیدی از این مجلس نداشت به‌اشک تا که هریک از دو مجلس ودیعه خود را
They have learnt that, whereas in the past ten out of every hundred people would lie about their obligations, today it is no more than five.

XII. MINISTERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES
The twelfth of the nineteen headings is that every minister, commander and notable is answerable for his own sphere of responsibility. The reason that he is responsible is that each official is obliged to follow the provisions of the code like other people with responsibility. And this is also found in Islamic religious law. In the holy Quran, every responsibility is summarised in the formulation “Obey, and bring forth”. This is preached to the mass of the people, and even to that essence of prophethood. No-one is excluded from responsibility. Muslims, who believe that the prophets and saints have been entrusted with a task, cannot exempt any ruler or commander from responsibility. The tradition “each of you is a shepherd, each is answerable for his flock” confirms this sentiment.

XIII. SEPARATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE FROM THE EXECUTIVE POWER
The thirteenth heading is the separation of the legislative power from the executive power. This means that one body is responsible for establishing and compiling codes of law, and implementation and enforcement are in the hands of a separate body. The former should not have anything to hope or fear from the latter, so that each of the two is

16 Not an exact Quranic citation, but two verbs which are found together as aspects of the believer’s duties. The author intends us to read it as “obey, and let it be seen [that you have obeyed].” See for example Sura 24:56, “Come forward with the zakāt dues, and obey the messenger,” or Sura 58.13, “Come forward with zakāt dues, and obey God and his messenger.”
با استقلال و آزادی تمام حفظ تواناند کرد. اگر در فواید و محسنات تفرق دو اختیار مذکور صد جلد کتاب نوشته شود، باز هزار یک فواید آن را راجمی نمی تواند داد آن هرگونه ترقی و قدرت و قوت و ثروت و معموریت و تجارت در دولت فرنگستان دیده می شود از نتایج جدایی دو اختیار است و هر قسم بنکریم و بی پولی و عدم قدرت و نکث در صنایع و تجارت و زارعت در مشرق رنگ مشاهده می شود از اختلاط و امتزاج دو اختیار است. عقلای روان زمین از روز تحقیق و تجربه گفتگوند در دولتی که دو اختیار مخلوط هم استعمال بشود ممکن نیست که باعث ضعف و خرابی و بلكه بالمال سبب انقراض آندولت نگردد. 

والجمله این قانون مستحسن فرنگستان نیز از قوانین قدیمیه اسلامی است چنان که در ایام پیشین مجتهد و مفتي در وظیفه خود و والیان ومحترمان در وظیفه اجرای تنفیذ مستقل بودند. 

اگر چه تنظیم قانون و تنفیذ درحقیقت به مرجع واحد یعنی به وحدت امامت مربوط است ولی در ترتیب تفرق واجب است چنانکه نشیر علی کرکی در شرح شرایع الإسلام درکتاب امر به معروف می گوید: وبرق بین الحكم و الواقیه بان الحكم انشاء قول فی حكم شرعي بتعلق بواقعة شخصیه كالحكم على عمر و بثبوت دین زید فی نفته.
able to guard their own preserve with perfect freedom and independence. Even if a hundred volumes were devoted to the benefits and virtues of the separation of these two functions, a thousand and one more benefits would have to be omitted. All the progress, power, capacity, wealth, social development and commerce in the European states at the present time result from the separation of these two functions. All regions of the east are seen to lack order, wealth and power, and to be deficient in industry, trade, and agriculture. This is due to the mixture and confusion of the two functions. On the basis of investigation and experience, the wise men of the world say that if the two functions are mixed indiscriminately in a government, weakness and decline must result, and it may even result in the downfall of that government.

Once again, this praiseworthy European law is also one of the ancient laws of Islam. For in former times, legal experts were independent in their own tasks, and the governor and sheriff were independent in the task of implementation.

Although in reality the compilation of laws and their implementation are bound to one source, that is, the oneness in the institution of the imāmat, a structural distinction is necessary. As Shaykh ʿAlī Karrakī\(^\text{17}\) in his commentary on Sharāḥ al-islām\(^\text{18}\) in the chapter dealing with “command what is accepted [and forbid what is reprehensible]” said: “The difference between a judgment and a fatwa is that the judgment is a declaration in a legal opinion concerning a personal event such as the judgment for a certain person establishing the debt for another person who has committed a misdeed.

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\(^\text{17}\) Known under the names Muḥaqiq the second and al-ʿAmīlī (c. 870-940 A.D.)

\(^\text{18}\) The author of this book is al-Ḥillī, known as Muḥaqiq the First
و اما الفتوى فإنها بيان حكم شرعي لا يتعلق بمادة شخصية و انما هو وجه كلى فهو في الحقيقة بيان مسألة شرعية.

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فقره چهاردهم عدم عزل اعضا از مجالس حكم يعني محكمهای عدالت و از دیوانانه سنا که مشورت خانه کبرى باشد. منصب قضاء و منصب سیاسی يعني اعضا دیوان خانه سنا بودن ابدی است. فوايد این قانون بسیار است: اول اینکه در اعمال مشکله تجربه و بصیرت حاصله کردهاند؛ دوم اینکه در کار دولت و ملت پی گردد هستند؛ سیم چون بدوام و بقای در منصب مطمئن هستند محتاج نمی شوند که از کسب حمایت بخواهند و در مقابل آن به قبول توسط مجبور شوند این قانون نیز بشرط اسلامیه مطابقت دارد زیرا که عزل ملزمی از منصبه بی جنحه و بی ثبوت تهمت ظلم و جفا است و ظلم و جفا در شریعت اسلام ممنوع است.

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فقره پانزدهم حضور ثوریه ها در حين تحقيق جنايات. زری اشخاصی هستند که اهالی مملکت آنها را از مردمان آبومند و درستکار و امین انتخاب میکنند و اقل آنها دوازده نفر می باشند و همیشه هنگام تحقيق جنايات و جرایم کبیره در محکمهای عدالت حضور بهم می رسانند وچون قاضی احتجاج وکالتگوی
A legal opinion on the other hand is an explanation of the ruling in religious law, not linked to any specific event but in general. It is in essence an explanation of a question of religious law.

XIV. MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL BODIES
The fourteenth heading is that the members of the judicial bodies (the courts of justice and the supreme constitutional court) cannot be dismissed. The post of judge and of senator (that is, membership of the supreme court) are perpetual. The benefits of this provision are many. Firstly, these people have accumulated experience and understanding in difficult matters. Secondly, they should work for the government and people without self-interest. Thirdly, because they are assured of the continuity of their appointment, they have no need for the patronage of any person, whose pleas they would then be obliged to accept. Once again this provision is in conformity with the Islamic law, since the dismissal of an officer from his post without any cause or confirmation of the accusation against him would be injustice and oppression, which are forbidden in Islamic law.

XV. THE ROLE OF JURORS
The fifteenth heading is the presence of jurors when investigating crimes. Jurors are individuals who have been selected by the people of a country from among honourable, upright and trustworthy men. There are at least twelve jurors. They are always present when crimes and serious offences are investigated before the courts of justice. The judge hears the evidence for the defence and the arguments
مدعی و مدعی عليه را استماع نماید پس آن کار را محول به تمیز و تحقیق زوری‌ها می‌کند و از ایشان رأی می‌طلبد. زوری‌ها به محل مخصوص و خلولت داخل شده بعد از مذاکره و تحقیقات فیما بین خود به هرچه اتفاق و یا اکثریت آراء قرار گرفت آن را به قاضی افاده می‌کند و زوری‌ها را حق حکم و یا تعیین مقدار عقوبت نیست بلکه فقط نظر ایشان به بیان رأی و اشارات مقرر است. 

فله‌ای این قاعده نیز در شریعت اسلام به باب مشورت راجع است

بنا بر آن امکان مشاور نامیدن سزاوار است. و در این باب شیخ طوسی در کتاب قضا گفته است:

یعنی این یکی یا نفری است که در دیوان نیست ولی در محضر قاضی می‌باشد با نقش، تعیین ورزیده، به عنوان مدعی به حضور قاضی می‌آید.

لطف زوری در اصطلاح فرانسه بمعنی آن کسی است که سوگند خورده باشد چون زوری‌ها هن انتخاب شده بر وفق قانون معینه سوگند یاد می‌کنند که همیشه برجاده حق و راستی بوده و بدون هرگونه منظور آرا، خود را برمسومات و مخاطمات در حق هرکسی بوده باشد بروجه راستی و خلوص بیان نمایند. پس زوری‌در وظیفه خود مشاور سوگندخور است. مختی نمایند که قاعده انتخاب زوری در محکمه‌ای مخصوص فرانسه و بجنحه

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of the plaintiff and claimant, then he hands the matter to the jury to investigate and determine the truth and asks for their opinions. They go to a certain place in private. After consulting and investigating among themselves, they give whatever they have decided, unanimously or by majority vote, to the judge. The juries do not have the right to issue judgement, or to decide on the severity of punishment. Their considerations are confined to clarifying opinions and evidence.

This principle is also contained in Islamic law, under the heading of consultation, since they could be called counsellors. On this topic, Shaykh ʿUsūlī has written a chapter on Decision:

Whenever a dispute arises, the judge should have knowledgeable and upright people present when hearing the case, and during the counter arguments, from all the schools of law. If a case arises that needs clarification, they can answer and present their arguments in the matter. If they are present, they should be involved and be consulted, and if they are not present, one should call them. And if a ruling is issued, if it is agreeable, they need not oppose it, but if it is wrong they are obliged to clarify how it should be [and so forth.]

The word juror in French refers to somebody who has sworn an oath, because when jurors have been chosen in accordance with the established law, they swear an oath that they will always adhere to truth and justice, and will form their opinions based on evidence and arguments, giving every one his due, without any favouritism. And also, that they will deliver their decisions based on uprightness and sincerity. Thus the juror is bound by oath in fulfilling the duties of a counsellor. It will be evident that the principle of the selection of jurors in the particular case of European courts
دوره نگوسی\\n\\n\textcolor{red}{\textbf{۶۱}} (۶)

فقره شانزدهم تشهیر و اعلام افتخارات و مفاوضات سیاسی و حوادث جنایی و مخاطرات رسمی و کلای ملت در روزنامه‌های دولتی. این قانون مطابقت تامه دارد به قاعده تبليغ شرعی که در فقره یازدهم شرح کردن و به وجوه مذکوره راجع است به قانون حریت مطبوع.

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فقره هفدهم عدم شکنجه و تعذیب. مادام که هرگناهی را که در کتاب قانون جزای مخصوص و معین موجود است تعذیب جانی برای اقرار گرفتن و به بهانه های دیگر غیر معین است و جزای هر تقصیر قبل از وقت در کتاب قانون معین است. و یکی از حکم و امره و سران لشگر جرئت و قدرت ندارند که نسبت به زیر دسته خود بدون حکم قانون به هواه نفس به جهت اقرار گرفتن یا سبب های دیگر که محض ظن باشد چوبی بزنند یا شکنجه بکنند یا فحشی بگویند. حتی در قانون ایشان چوب و تازیانه
has become necessary because the judicial office is permanent. Since, under their laws, the judicial office is lifelong, sitting judges have permanent power. Therefore to limit this power, it has been found necessary to appoint jurors and counsellors. The jurors give their findings in one case, and other jurors are appointed for the next case.

XVI. PUBLICATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT
The sixteenth heading is the publication of the political debates and criminal acts and official speeches of the representatives of the people in government newspapers. This law is in complete accordance with the principle of the promulgation of Islamic law, as was explained under the eleventh heading, and it follows from the law of the freedom of the press.

XVII. ABSENCE OF THE RACK AND TORTURE
The seventeenth heading is the absence of the rack and torture. Since a particular punishment for each crime is specified in the book of the code, physical torture to obtain a confession or for any other reason is not possible. The punishment for each offence is fixed in advance in the book of the code. None of the judges, governors, or army commanders has the power or temerity, on their own initiative, to subject a suspect who is in their power to the birch or the rack or other excesses, whether to obtain a confession or for any other reason, without a legal decree. In fact,
زدن ممنوع است و در سان ایشان فحش و دشنام نیست و این قسم تنبیهات را به خلاف می‌رساند. این قانون شریف نیز طبق قانون اسلام است چنانکه خداوند تعالی در قرآن مجيب می‌فرماید و من جاء بالسیئة فلا یجزی الا مثلها. ایضاً در سوره نحل فرموده و ان عاقبتم فعاقباً بمثل ما عوقبتم.

ایضاً در سوره آل عمران آیه ۲۴ و در سوره زمر آیه ۷۰.

باخمینه نکته شریعت اسلامیه را که در باب سیاست امروز اهل اسلام ترک و فراموش و اهل فراغنستان اخذ و تدارک کرده‌اند واجب آمد که در اینجا به سمت تحریر در آورم. در شرع پیغمبر (ص) اصولی است از اصول که قضیات و حکم مهماکن ذراً حدود کنند یعنی در تخفیف جزای جانی سعی نمایند جمعت متمدنه که از اهل شهوت و غفلت مربی هستند لاجرم افرادش از ارتكاب جرم وجنایت و استحقاق حدود خالی نمی باشد اگر حکم طریق تجسوس و شکنجه را پیش بگیرند بسی جانها را بايد اعدام و بسی پرده‌ای ناموس را بايد هنک کنند با این که طبیعت اصول اجتماع در این عالم مدنیت حفظ جانها و ستر ناموس ها را اقتضا کرده پس لازم است که حفظ جانها و ستر و حرمت ناموس ها را بر اعدام و هنک ترجیح دهد و بقدر امکان از عیب ها اغماض نمایند و این ترجیح و اغماض بجع ترک تجسوس
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birching is forbidden in their code, and they use no curses or insults. They do not even apply such punishments, which are contrary to human dignity, to horses, mules or other beasts of burden. This noble law, too, is in accordance with the Islamic code. For God the exalted has said in the Quran: (6: 160) “[Whoso brings a good deed shall have ten the like of it]; and whoso brings an evil deed shall only be recompensed the like of it.” And again in the Sura of the Bee (16: 126) “And if you chastise, chastise even as you have been chastised.” The same can be found in the Sura of the Family of Imrān (3: 24)¹⁹ and in the Sura of the Crowds, verse 70.²⁰

Note that the maxims of Islamic law regarding punishment are abandoned and forgotten in the Islamic world today, whereas the people of Europe have seized and understood them. I should state here that in the law of the Prophet, one of the fundamental principles is that judges and rulers should wherever possible “breach the prescriptions” that is, should do what they can to lighten the physical punishment. In civilised societies, which are made up of licentious and neglectful people, the individual certainly cannot be exempt from committing crimes and offences deserving the specified physical punishments (ḥudūd). If magistrates were to apply the method of imprisonment and the rack, how many would have to be hanged and how many would be disgraced! The fundamental nature of society in this civilised world demands that life and reputation should be protected. Therefore it is necessary to prefer the protection of life and reputation over execution and the rack, and so far as possible to overlook vices. And this preference and overlooking

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¹⁹ The verse is 3:25 in the usual numbering: “But how will it be, when We gather them for a day whereon is no doubt, and every soul shall be paid in full what it has earned, and they shall not be wronged?”

²⁰ 39:70: “Every soul shall be paid in full for what it has wrought; and He knows very well what they do.”
و شکنجه میسر نیم‌تواند شد. و در این نکته از جناب پیغمبر صلی الله عليه وآله حديث اذرو الحدود ماستطعن وارد شده یعنی تخفیف به‌هی دین اجرای حدود هر چه ممکن باشد. در فرنگستان به جهت اطمینان این قانون سلطانین را حق عفو و بخشش هست. مثلا هیچ پادشاهی قادر نیست در حق این را دارد ناس حكم زدن یک چوب و تازیانه به‌هد اما هرپاسه حق این را دارد مقصری که دیوان عدل حکم بر قتلش كرده باشد پادشاه قتل را تبیل به حبس مؤبد بکند در صورتی که اولیای مقتول راضی بشوند. ملطفت باید شد که این معنی به چه دره به‌عث محبت و اخلاص قلبی اهلی نسبت به پادشاه می باشد در حقيقة سلطانین را منبع عفو و رحمت قرار داده‌اند. عجب‌تر این است که این قضیه در مشرق زمین به تمامه برعکس است: ببین تفاوت کار از کجاست تا بکجا.

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فقره هدجده حزب‌یت صنایع و کسب. مقاله شرعیه در این نوع حزب‌یت همان آثار است که در حزب‌یت مطلق وارد شده. باید دانست که در فرنگستان باعث عمل و اعظم در ترقی صنایع و کسب آزادی ایهاست چنانکه هرکس به‌گونه کسب و به‌قسم صنعتی که بخواهد اقدام کند مانع و ملامتی از کسی نخواهد دید. معهذا این نیز در تحت قانون است به این معنی کسی که صنعتی و عملی اختراع کرد امتیاز آن را چه از دولت متوبعه خود و چه از سایر دول متمدن دعا مدت معینه با شروط قانونیه برای خود تحصیل کرده از منافع آن به‌هرمیند می‌شود و این باعث می‌گردد
would not be possible without abolishing interrogation and the rack. There is a tradition from the Prophet about this point: “Avoid the prescribed punishment wherever you can.” That is, lighten the administration of the prescribed punishments wherever possible.

In Europe, in order to complement this law, the kings have the authority to remit punishments or to pardon. For instance, no king is entitled to decree a single blow of the bastinado for the least of men. But all the kings are entitled, when any person has been condemned to death by the court of justice, to commute the sentence to imprisonment, on the condition that the relatives of the person who has been killed agree. It should be noted how much this causes love and sincerity in the heart of people with respect to the king. In fact, the kings are established as the source of forgiveness and mercy. Even more astonishing is that the situation in the East today is quite the opposite. “Behold the differences between here and there.”

XVIII. FREEDOM OF CRAFTS AND PROFESSIONS
The eighteenth heading is the freedom of crafts and professions. The rulings of the Islamic religious law on this form of freedom point in the same direction as the absolute freedom [in the west]. Note that in Europe, freedom has been the principal cause of progress in crafts and professions. If an individual wishes to enter any profession or branch of industry, there will be no obstruction or criticism from anyone. Moreover, there is another aspect to the code. If someone discovers a craft or a work, either his own government or other civilised governments will grant him the rights to it, for a specified period under legal conditions, and he will benefit. As a result,
که هرکس در استعارات جدیده سرف افکار کنند و به این وسیله حرف و صنایع ترقی و انتشار می‌پاید.

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فرقه‌های نوزادان از فقرات نوزادگانه حقوق عبارت به‌ینی مکتب خانه‌ها و معلم خانه‌ها برای تربیت اطفال فقرایی چون تعلم علوم و معارف در فرانکستان مطلق‌اً از الزام امور و اقدام وظایف است لیکن این‌که این اختیار برای فراهم کردن و مساکن حتی نابینایان را از حقوق عبارت شمردند. بنابراین بعضی آثار شرعی از آیات قرآن و احادیث نوی در شب فدا در اینجا مناسب افتاد، منجمله خدای تعالی در قرآن مجید می‌فرماید برکت قربان ای نزدیک دانش آموخته و دانش آموزان این‌که اندکی در علم و دانش را درجه‌بندی نکرده و دانش‌آموزان فرموده ایم‌هی در ترتیب زمینه الیکه نزدیک و تعلیم دانش آموزان در این‌که اندکی در علم و دانش و ۲۷۲ و ۲۷۳ و ۲۷۵ و ۲۷۶ و ۲۷۷ و ۲۷۸ و ۲۷۹ و این‌که در سوره طه آیه ۱۱۳ و درسوره علی آیه ۳۰ و ۴.
everyone focuses their thoughts on contriving something new, so that trades and industry progress and expand.

XIX. **ESTABLISHING SCHOOLS AND TEACHER-TRAINING COLLEGES**

The nineteenth and last heading of universal rights is the right to have primary schools and teacher-training colleges for the sake of the education of the children of the poor. Because the teaching of sciences and letters is regarded as the most necessary matter and the primary duty in Europe, the education of the children of the poor and needy and even of the blind, is considered as a universal right. Many of the rulings of the religious law, based on the verses of the Quran and the traditions concerning the Prophet which praise knowledge, are relevant here. For example, in the glorious Quran (58:11) God the exalted says: “**God will raise up in rank those of you who believe and have been given knowledge.**” That is, God the exalted has promised lofty ranks for the people of science and knowledge. And again in the Sura of the Crowds (39:9) He says: “**Are they equal -- those who know and those who know not?**” This points to the precedence of the knowledgeable and the low rank of the ignorant. Yet again in the Sura of the Cow, verse 272,21 the Sura of Tã Hâ, verse 113 (20:114),22 the Sura of the Clot of Blood, verses 3 and 4 (96:3-5),23

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21 2:272. “He gives the Wisdom to whomsoever He will, and whoso is given the Wisdom, has been given much good; yet none remembers but men possessed of minds.”
22 20:114: “O my Lord, increase me in knowledge.”
23 96:3-5: “Recite: And thy Lord is the Most Generous, who taught by the Pen, taught Man that he knew not.”
وكلمته، ودرس سورة عنكبوت آية ۲۲، وسورة نحل آية ۵۰، وبني إسرائيل آية ۱۳.

در شرف وفضيلت علم تأكيدات بلغة فرموده وحديث معاذ بن جبل في فضيلت علم وتعلم در كتاب جامع ابن عبدالبراء مسطور است كه جناب رسولت بناء صلى الله عليه وآله فرموده:

تعلموا العلم فان تعلمه الله حسنة وطلبة عبادة ومذاكرته تسبيح و البحث عنه جهاد وتعميه لمن لا يعلمه صدقة وبذله لاهل الله قربه. لأنه معالم الحلال و الحرام ومنار سبيل هاد الجنة هو الانيس في الوحشة وصاحب في الغربة والمحدث في الخلوة ودليل على السراء وضراء وسلام على الاعداء والزین عند الاخلاء يرفع الله به إمارة فيجعلهم في الخير قادة وائمة تقتص اثارهم ويدتد بفعالهم. ترقع أعمالهم وتقتنس أثارهم وترغب الملائكة في خلتهم واجنحتها تمسهم. يستغفر لهم.
the Sura of the Spider, verse 42 (29:43), the Sura of the Bee, verse 45 (16:48), and the Sura of the Children of Israel, verse 13 (17:15), the high station and benefits of science have been eloquently emphasised. The tradition reported by Ma’âdh ibn Jabal regarding the excellence of science and teaching in the collection of Ibn ʿAbd al-Barâ confirms that Muḥammad said:

“Study science, for truly, this is a good deed and seeking it is an act of worship and studying it is praise of God and the search for it is striving in the path of God (jihad) and teaching it to one who does not know it is an act of charity and sharing it freely with one’s people is the cause of union. For truly it consists of the distinguishing marks of permitted and forbidden things and is the guiding light on the path of the people of Paradise. It is the companion in time of fear and the friend in exile, the counsellor in the world, the guidance underlying fortune and misfortune. It is armour against foes, and virtue in doing good. Through it God elevates peoples and he makes them leaders and paradigms in virtue. Their example is followed and their doings are imitated, their works are studied and their traditions are transmitted. The angels seek their friendship and pass their wings over

24 29:43: “And those similitudes — We strike them for the people, but none understands them save those who know.”
25 16:48: “We sent not any before thee, except men to whom We revealed: ‘Question the people of the Remembrance, if it should be that you do not know -- with the clear signs, and the Psalms; and We have sent down to thee the Remembrance that thou mayest make clear to mankind what was sent down to them; and so haply they will reflect.”
26 17:15: “Read thy book! Thy soul suffices thee this day as a reckoner against thee. Whosoever is guided, is only guided to his own gain, and whosoever goes astray, it is only to his own loss; no soul laden bears the load of another. We never chastise, until We send forth a Messenger.”
کل رطب و باب و حیاتان البحر و هو امه و سباع البر و اتعمه لان العلم حیوة القلوب من الجهل و مصابيح البصار من العمی. يبلغ العبد بالعلم منازل الاخبار و الدرجات العلي في الدنيا و الآخرة. التفكر فيه يعد الصيام و مدارسه تعدل القيم. به توصل الارحام و به يعرف الحلال و الحرام و هو امام العقل و العقل تابعه و يلهمه السعاده و يرحجه الشقيه و قال ایضاً لا يقبض العلم انزاعاً من الناس و لكنه يقبض العلماء.

یعنی علم قبض نمی‌شود و نمی‌میرد لكن علماء قبض می‌شوند و قال ایضاً اطلبو العلم من المهد الى للهد و مضمون كلام معجز نظام جناب ولايت مأب على عليه السلام العلم علمان علم البلدان و علم الادیان و العقل عقلان عقل المناش و عقل المعاد ملتزباً هست و تحصیل علم می‌کنند مقدم داشته اگرچه در ایران مدارس بسیار هست و تحصیل علم می‌کنند اما از برای معاذ نه از برای مناشه با اینکه پیغمبر (ص) فرموده: "من لا معاذ له لا معاذ له." و آن قسم تحصیل در چنبر تحصیل علوم صناعی و معاش اهل فرنگستان مثل چراغ است در مقابل أفتاب و مانند قطره است در چنبر دریا از اشعه علوم فرنگیا ذره به ایران تابیده صنعت طباعت و آبله‌کوبی و تلغراف و عکس تصویر ایجاد شده که منافع و محسنات مستغنی از بیان است.
them. All things moist and dry and the great fishes of the sea and its creatures, and the wild animals of the land and its cattle ask forgiveness for them. For knowledge is life for the hearts, dispelling ignorance, and light for the eyes, curing blindness. One who attains to knowledge attains the most excellent station, and the most exalted degree in this world and the world to come. Reflecting on it is equivalent to fasting, and teaching it is equivalent to giving gifts to one’s family. And through it comes the recognition of the permitted and the forbidden. It is the leader of reason and reason follows it. The fortunate will be inspired while the iniquitous deprived.” And in another place he says: “Knowledge will not be entirely eliminated among the people, unless the ‘ulama’ are taken from us.”

That is, knowledge will not cease, and will not die, unless the ‘ulamā’ cease. And again he says: “Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.” We should note the significance of Ali’s inimitable saying: “Knowledge is of the two kinds: knowledge of physical things and of the religions, and intelligence is of two kinds: intelligence in earning a livelihood and intelligence concerning [our] ultimate destination.” Here, the knowledge of physical things takes precedence over knowledge of religions. While there are many schools in Iran, they teach the sciences relating to our ultimate destiny, but do not give instruction regarding the means of livelihood. But has the Prophet not said: “One who has not secured the means of livelihood has also not attained to his ultimate purpose.” And in that part of the sciences, Persian education is as a lamp in the presence of the sun, and a droplet beside the sea as compared to the knowledge of industry and the means of livelihood of the people of Europe. One ray of the sunlight of European sciences has shone on Iran: the technologies of printing, vaccination, the telegraph, and photography exist here. Their benefits and virtues require no explanation.
خاتمه مشتمل بردو بيان است: بيان اول خلاصه را باید شناخت که
مدعا و نتیجه همان است و اصول سیاست فرانسه داخل درآوست و آن
این است که در دنیا فردی از آفریدگان از شاه و گذا و رعیت و لشگری
هیچکس حق حکم ندارد يعني حاکم نیست بلکه محکوم و مکلف است آنان را
که حاکم می نامند بر سبیل مجاز است نه حقیقت اما آنکه حاکم کیست يعني
مبدأ حکم در کیست شریعت اسلام و نظریات علمائی اروپا در این باب
متفق است که حاکم حضرت یزدان است. الیس الله با حكم الحاکمین مصدق
این معنی است.

هر اصل و قاعده که حضرت یزدان به طبیع و عقول ما تودیع و
به وسیط انبياء تسیل کرده، ظهور آن سعادت ماست چون که حکم یزدان
است. حديث السنة الخلق اقلام الحق و كلما حکم به العقل حکم به الشرع و
بالعكس باین نکته اشارت عظیم. و حديث ما راه المؤمنون حسنا فهو عند
الله حسن. در این بحث ايضاح جميل دارد.

بيان ثاني از مضمون رساله ظاهر شد که آن حقوق نوزدگانه اگر
چه حقوق عامه فرانسه نام دارد ولی در معنی حقوق عامه مسلمانان بر کل
جماعت متمدن است و چون جمع آنها با احكام و آیات قرآنیه موقد آمده
است پس احكام الهی است و واجب است که آنها را به عوریم و به احكام
الهی امینال کنیم تا به سعادت مضمون آیه شفیعه؛ و هذا كتاب انزلنام
مبارك فاتبوعو انتقوالالكم ترحمون نایل آنیم. و از سخط آیات شفیعه: و
من لم يحكم بما انزل الله فاولونک هم الكافرون و من.
Finally, we must add two explanations. First, that the crux of the matter should be understood, because it embraces the argument and conclusion. And the root principles of European governance are contained within it. It is this, that no individual person in the world, whether king or beggar, civilian or soldier, has the right to rule. That is, they are not rulers, but are delegated responsibilities. If they are called ‘rulers’, this is in a metaphorical sense, and not in reality. Then who is a ruler? In other words, who is the fountainhead of rulership? The Islamic religious law and the opinions of the learned men of Europe are in agreement on this point: the ruler is God himself: “Is not God the justest of judges?” (95:8).

From this sentiment, it is evident that all the principles and essential doctrines that God has specialised for us in our characters and intellects and has entrusted to us through the prophets, have as their outcome, our happiness. For this is what God decrees. The Islamic tradition “The tongues of men are the pens of truth, and everything that reason prescribes, is prescribed by the religious law, and vice versa,” is strong evidence on this point. Another tradition, “what the faithful see as a good thing, is good in the eyes of God,” is an elegant commentary on this issue.

The second explanation is this: from what has been said in this treatise, it has become clear that those 19-fold rights, although they are called the rights of the French people, are in fact the rights of ordinary people and of Muslims, nay, of all civilised societies. Since all of them are in accordance with the principles and verses of the Quran, they are the decrees of God. It is obligatory that we should put them into effect, and model our practice on them. In this way we may attain the blessing referred to in the noble Quranic verse (6:153): “This is a Book We have sent down, blessed; so follow it, and be godfearing; haply so you will find mercy,” and we may be safe, and escape God’s wrath, as mentioned in the noble verses (5:47-50): “Whoso judges not according to what God
همانطور که به نظر می‌رسد، الله فاولنک که رستگار و ایمن شویم و نمی‌آییم، از محدثین مدنیت آیات در فرانسه و در سایر ممالک فرانسوی هست که خدا تعالی از راه کمال را رفته و رحیم ما را از اشکار و تنبیه آنها نیز محروم و بی‌خبر نگذشت. من جمله اسباب احبای نفوس است که در فرانسه به چندین وسیل مختلفه فراهم آوردند از قبل بنای مرتبطخانه ها و ترغیب شناوران برای تخليص غرق شدگان چندین مجالس دیگر که ذکر آنها موجب اطلاع است در این باب خدادی تعالی در قرآن می‌فرماید و من احیاها فکانم احیا الناس جمعا.

یا ایضاً تنظیم و پاکی و زینت راهها و شهرها و دهات است که به‌این شریفه انا جعلنا ما علی الارض زینه لها لنبلوهم ایهم احسن عملا مطابق است. و حديث جامعه الصغير طهرها افنيتم اشاره بدين معنی است. ايضاً سورة اعراف آیه ۷۲.

دنگر صحت و درستی اوزان و مقياس و مسکوات است که حدایی تعالی در چندین محل قرآن به تأکیدات بلیغه ما را تنبیه فرموده من جمله در سورة انعام آیه ۱۵۳ و اعراف ۸۳ و بنی‌اسرائیل
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has sent down -- they are the evildoers. Those who do not give judgement according to what God has sent down, they are wrong-doers. Those who do not give judgement according to what God has sent down, they are sectarians.”

To conclude this book, there are some of the finer points of the civil codes in France and other European countries, of which God the Exalted, in his perfect compassion and mercy, has not kept us in ignorance, or excluded us from their announcements and warning.

To give one example: in Europe they have introduced various means for the revival of individuals, such as building hospitals, and training swimmers to save people from drowning. There are other institutions but to mention them would lead to prolixity. On this point God the Exalted says in the Quran (5:35): “whoso gives life to a soul, shall be as if he has given life to mankind altogether.”

Again, the ordering, purification and beautification of cities, roads and villages is in accordance with noble verse (18:6) “We have appointed all that is on the earth for an adornment for it, and that We may try which of them is fairest in works.” The Islamic tradition known as the Lesser Jāmi’, “purify your courtyards” points in the same direction. There is also verse 72, in the Sura of the Heights.

Another point is the correctness of weights, measures and coins which God the exalted has eloquently emphasised for us at various places in the Quran. For example, there is the Sura of the Cattle, verse 153, the Sura of the Height, verse 83, and the Sura of the Children of Israel, verse 73

27 7:74: “And remember when He appointed you as successors after the people of Noah, and increased you in stature broadly; remember God's bounties; haply you will prosper.”
28 6:153: “And fill up the measure and the balance with justice.”
29 7:84: “So fill up the measure and the balance, and diminish not the goods of the people.”
30 17:35: “And fill up the measure when you measure, and weigh with the straight balance; that is better and fairer in the issue.” Verse 73 does not refer to measures: this appears to be a mistake by the author.
73 و شعراً 181 تا 183 و سورة مطففين و سورة هود 86 و 87.

ديگر به کارانداختن معادن است خاصه معادن آهن که به موجب آیه شریفه و انزلنا الحیدر فيه باس شدید و منافع للناس ارشاد به این عمل نافع فرموده.

ديگر ثبت استناد و قباله حات و شرط نامجات در دیوان مختصوس آيه 282 در سورة بقره يا ایها الذين آمنو اذا تداینتم..الخ در این باب دليل کافی است.

ديگر اعتنا و دقت در تهیه و ترتیب امور عسكر است از قبیل توافق اسلحه به اسلحه دشمن و مهیا بودن آذوقه و ثبات ورزیدن افراد لشگر در جنگ و صاحب علم و اطلاع بودن سران سپاه و بعد از تسليم شدن دشمن به مهرباني با ايشان رفتار كردن در سورة 47 آيه 5 در سورة 61 آيه 4 و در سورة 3 آيه 200 و در سورة 47 آيه 8.
and the Sura of the Poets, verses 181-83\(^{31}\) and the Sura of the Stinters\(^{32}\) and the Sura of the Prophet Hûd, verses 85-6.\(^{33}\)

Another point is the exploitation of minerals, especially iron, as required by the noble verse: “And We sent down iron, wherein is great might, and many uses for men,” (57:25) which draws attention to this beneficial work.

Another point is that documents, title deeds, and contracts are registered in a special Ministry. Verse 282 of the Sura of the Cow (2:282), which begins: “O believers, when you contract a debt one upon another for a stated term, [write it down, and let a writer write it down between you justly,]” is sufficient argument on this matter.

Another point is care and punctiliousness in the preparation and arrangement of military matters such as having weapons that match those of the enemy; having provisions laid ready; the reliability of individual soldiers in war; having educated and well-informed officers; and, once the enemy has surrendered, dealing with them mercifully. These points are found in Sura 47 verse 5, Sura 61 verse 3; Sura 3 verse 200 and Sura 47 verse 8.\(^{34}\)

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\(^{31}\) 26:181-83: “Fill up the measure, and be not cheaters, and weigh with the straight balance, and diminish not the goods of the people, and do not mischief in the earth, working corruption.”

\(^{32}\) 83:2: “Woe to the stinters who, when they measure against the people, take full measure but, when they measure for them or weigh for them, do skimp.”

\(^{33}\) 11:85: “And diminish not the measure and the balance. I see you are prospering; and I fear for you the chastisement of an encompassing day.”

\(^{34}\) 47:4-5: “When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then, when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds; then set them free, either by grace or ransom, till the war lays down its loads. So it shall be; and if God had willed, He would have avenged Himself upon them. He will send their works astray.” 61:4: “God loves those who fight in His way in ranks, as though they were a building well-compacted.” 3:199-200: “Their wage is with their Lord; God is swift at the reckoning. O believers, be patient, and vie you in patience; be steadfast; fear God; haply so you will prosper.” 47:7-8: “O believers, if you help God, He will help you, and confirm your feet. But as for the unbelievers, ill chance shall befall them!”
یک کلمه در باب جمعی فقرات مذکوره در قرآن احکام و آیات صریحه
وارد است که اگر خداوند توفیق عنايت فرماید رساله جدایانه در این باب
خواهند نوشت.

از سهوهای اهل مشرق زمین که به آن جهت از عالم ترقی دورتر
ماندهاند یکی هم این است که می‌گویند دنیا جهت دیگران است و اخیرت
برای ما و حال آنکه در اخبار وارد است: نعم المال صالح و الولد صالح
للعبد الصالح. لان بالمال ينال ثواب الصدقات و اعیانة المحتاج و اغیاثة
المهلوف و قضا حوائج الأخوان التي قال فيها الصادق (ع): "من طاف
بالبيت اسبوعا كتب الله له ستة الاف حسنة و محي عنه ستة الاف سيئة و
رفع له ستة الاف درجه و قضا حاجة المؤمن أفضل من طواف و طواف و
طواف حتى عد عشر!" و
در دیوان منسوب به حضرت امیر عليه السلام آمده:
رب فتی دنیاه مؤفورة
ليس له من بعدها اخرى
و اخردنهای مذمومه
یتبعها اخره فاخره

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There is one word explaining the aforementioned concepts as they occur in the commandments of the Quran, and clear verses. If God grants his assistance, I will write a separate treatise on this topic.

Because of the misunderstanding of the peoples of eastern countries, they have remained very far from the developed world. One of these errors is that they say that worldly matters are for other people and our concern is with the Day of Judgement. But is it not reported in an Islamic tradition: “How excellent are the pious and their descendants for a pious believer, because through the wealth he gains the merit of giving alms and succour for the needy and meeting the needs of the Brethren. In this respect, Imam Šādiq has said: ‘If someone walks around the House for one week, God records six thousand good deeds for him and erases six thousand sins and he is elevated by six thousand ranks. But to fulfil the need of a believer is better than if he goes around and around [the Kaʿba] ten times.’”

And in the poem attributed to ʿAlī we find:

One youth for whom the world is bountiful:
for him there is no world to come.
Another man for whom the world is vile:
he finds a source of glory in the world to come.
قد جمع الدنيا مع الآخرة
ليس له الدنيا ولا الآخرة

و خذاء تعالى د قرآن مجيد ميفرمايد: و من كان في هذه اعمة فهو في الآخرة اعمة و اضل سبيل. يعني هركس ديده بصيرتش در اين الدنيا نابينا باشد و راه صواب نبيند، پس او در آختر نيز نابينا و گرامتر خواهد بود.

اگر بگویند که مقصود خداوند ازکلام مزبور این است که هرکس در این الدنيا خداتشاس نبوده اعتراف به وحدانيت خداوند اشريك ناشته باشد نابينا و گمراه است در این خصوص برمن لازم نیست از مراتب خداشناسي و اعتراف اهل اروپا به وحدانیت واجب الوجود شرح بهدم. تحقيق این فقره موفقی به همّت مردان بزرج است که برون و مراوه و معاهرت با ایشان کرده و با چشم حقیقت بين حالت آنها را مشاهده نموده به حسب ظاهر هیچ گونه مانعی در مراوه و معاهرت ایشان با اهلی فرنگستان بنظر نمی‌آید و خداوند در جذب قلوب و مهربانی و معاهرت با غير اهل اسلام نهی نفرموده بلهک به عدلت محبّت رفتار کردن با آنها امر نموده. چنانکه در سورة ممتحنه ميفرمايد:
Another attains to both the worlds, 
by merging this world with the world to come. 
Another man is barred from this world and the next; 
for him there is no "this world" or "to come."

In the glorious Quran (17:72), God the Exalted has said: “And whosoever is blind in this world shall be blind in the world to come, and he shall be even further astray from the way.” That is, any man who is blind in terms of insight in this world, and does not see the right way, will also be blind in the world to come and further from the path.

If it be said that the intention of God in this verse is that anyone who does not know God while in this world and has not recognised the unicity of God, a unity without any partner, is blind and lost, I would reply, I am not required to explain the degrees of knowledge of God and of the recognition of the unicity of the Necessary Being among the people of Europe. Great men should devote themselves to investigating this matter, going there and doing business and associating with them, and with an unprejudiced eye observe their condition. Thus they can learn that there is no obstacle in the way of doing business and association with the people of Europe. God has not forbidden attracting the hearts and affection and association with non-Muslims, rather we are commanded to deal with them with love and justice, as it is written in the Sura of the Woman to

35 Mustashār ad-Dowla wants to read the verse to mean that a person blind to the needs and requirements of this world while he is in it, will be similarly blind in regard to spiritual realities in the next world. But it could be objected that the meaning is that those who are blind to religious truths in this life will not have a second chance in the next world, and that the Europeans, with their doctrine of the trinity, are therefore eternally damned. Moreover, if Trinitarian Christians are regarded as polytheists, it would be forbidden to associate with them.
لا ينهاكم الله عن الذين لم يقتلوكم في الدين و لم يخرجوكم من ديركم أن تبروهم و تقطstown اليهمن ان الله يحب المستقنين، يعني خداوند نهى نمي كند شما را از آنان كه با شما جند و كارزار نكردن دركار دين و ملت و شما را بیرون نکردن از وطن خودتان، نیکوئی کنید با ایشان و حکم بعدل نمایید
در حق ایشان بدرستیکه خدا دوست دارد عادلان را.

ابیضاً در سوره حجرات می فرماید: یا ایها الناس انا خلقناکم من ذکر و
اثنی و جملناکم شعوراً و قبائل لتعارفوا، يعني ای گروه مردمان به تحقيق ما
آفریدیم شما را از مرد و زن و گردانیدیم شما را شعبها و قبائل تا بشناسید
یکدیگر را. ابن امر بیهی است که فیما بین ملل مختلفه تا مراوه و
معاشرت نباید معرفت به احوال و اوضاع همیگی نمی توانند حاصل کرد
و مادامیکه معرفت حاصل نگشته از حرف و صنایع و امته همیگی
منفعت نمی توانند برداشت. جای هیچ شبهه نیست که اگر از اکابر قوم و از
صاحب بصریت اسلام چند نفر امثال لقول علی بن ابیطالب عليه السلام که
فرموده تغرب عن الاوطنان فی طلب العلي و سافح فقی الانضمار خمس فواند
تفرجهم و اکتشاب معیشة و علم و اداب و صحتی ماجد به فرنگستان برونند
و وضع مدینیت آنها را برای العين مشاهده نمايند بعد از مراجعت به ایران
بلاتردید اسیب هزار قسم ترقبی را فراهم خواهد اورد و بسعادت آیه
شیره و لقد کرمنا بی ادمو حملناهم فی الیم و البحر و رزقناهم من
الطبیبات و
be Examined (60:8): “(...) as regards those who have not fought you in religion’s cause, nor expelled you from your habitations, that you should be kindly to them, and act justly towards them; surely God loves the just.” That is, God has not held you back from those who have not warred against you in the way of faith and religious community and have not forced you from your homeland. Deal fairly with them and give judgement regarding their rights with justice. Truly God loves those who are just.

Again, in the Sura of Inner Apartments (49:13), it is written: “O mankind, We have created you male and female, and appointed you races and tribes that you may know one another.” That is, O groups of people, truly we have created you from the man and the woman and we made you cultures and tribes for the sake of your knowing one another. It is self-evident that until there are close relations and association between diverse peoples, they cannot be familiar with one another’s situations and affairs. So long as they do not have the benefit of knowing one another, they cannot profit from one another’s trades, manufacturing and machines. There is no room for doubt that if the most important and wise figures of Islam should rise, in obedience to the saying of ʿAlī: “Leave the homelands in search of distinction and travel, because there are five benefits from travelling: driving away care, earning a living, growing in knowledge and manner, and the company of the glorious,” and were to go to Europe and observe their type of civilisation with their own eyes, on their return to Iran they would prepare the means for a thousand different advances and would obtain the blessing promised in the noble verse (17:70): “We have honoured the Children of Adam and carried them on land and sea, and provided them
فضل‌ناهم علی کشور ممن خلقنا تفاضلی نایل خواهند شد. یعنی به تحقیق گرامی می‌گردن‌مانی فرزندان آدم را و سوار کردم آنها را در بر، برج‌پارک‌پایان و در بحر بركشته‌ها و روزی دادیم ایشان‌ها از طعام‌های پاک‌زه ولذذ و برترا دادیم ایشان‌را بر بسیاری از آنچه آفریده‌ایم.

تحقیق

هر نیکی که خدایتعالی در روزی زمین خلق‌کرده در هرچه و میان هر ملت هرگونه بدل مشاهده به‌سوز راجع به منبع بد است لمس ما باید هرگونه نیکی از اسباب مدنیت از نظام و عدالت و آسیا و ثروت و مموريت و حفظ صحت و رونق تجارت و قدرت دولت و ترتیب ملت از ذکر و اناث و ترکیه‌های صنایع و تنظیم‌راه‌ها و توسعه و تجهیز کوچه‌ها و درستی اکیال و اوزان و مقياس و صحت مسکوکات سیم و زر و غیره در هر جا و میان هر طایفه مشاهده بکینی در اخذ و تحصیل آنها باید به نص آیه شریفه یا ایها الذين آمنوا عليكم انفسكم لا يضركم من ضل انا هتیم عمل نمایم. یعنی ای انسان‌ایکه ایمان اورده‌اید بر شما باد که محافظت کنید نفس‌های خودتان را، زیان نرساند شما را کسی که گمراه شده چون هدایت یافته باشید شما.
One Word

with good things, and preferred them greatly over many of those We created.” That is, truly we have ennobled the children of Adam and caused them to mount quadrupeds on land and set them on boats on the sea. And we gave them the daily needs from the pure and delicious food and set them higher than many of those we have created.

POSTSCRIPT I

Every pure being that God the Exalted created on earth, in whatever place and among whatever people he may be, turns to one centre and one source. And whoever is wicked, in whatever place and among whatever peoples, and whatever type of evil we may be speaking of, turns to the source of evil. Therefore, we should adopt and benefit from every sort of good thing among the causes of civilisation such as order and justice, tranquillity and prosperity, development and the prevention of disease, flourishing commerce and strong government, the education of the people both male and female, progress in every type of industry, developing the main roads, widening and clearing the streets, the correction of weights and measures and of the weight and purity of gold and silver coinage etc., in whatever place and among whatever sect we may find them. This is in accordance with the noble verse (5:108): “O believers, look after your own souls. He who is astray cannot hurt you, if you are rightly guided.” That is, O you who have accepted the faith, you should protect your own souls and none who have gone astray will harm you, for you have found the right guidance.
در لزوم آبادی و ثروت و استفاده از نعمات آلیه آیات و احادیث کثیره
وارد است، چنانکه در لزوم تعمیرات عمومیه و ساختن راه ها خدا می
فرماید: و الله جعل لكم الأرض بساطا لتسلكوا منها سبل فجاجا. أيضاً
درسوره ۱۴ آیه ۳۷ و ایضاً در سوره بقره آیه ۲۷ و حديث شریف لیس
خیر کم من ترک /الدنیا للاخرة و للاخربة للدنیا ولکن خیر کم من اخذ من
و هن. يعني نیک شما آن نیست که به جهت آخرت دینا را و به جهت دنیا
آخرت را ترک بکنند و لکن خوب شما آن کسی است که هم اینرا و هم آنرا
تحصیل بکنند. ایضاً حديث شریف احرب /اخرت لدنیاک کانک تعيش /ابدا و احرب
لاخرتک کانک تموت غدا.

در فرنگستان به گفتگو و دشنام دادن و سب کردن آنانی را که از دین
و آنين فرنگی ها خارج هستند ناپسندیده و ممنوع است و با دین و آنين
احدی کار داردند و کسی از کسی نمی پرسد درچه دین و آنين هستی و این
قسم سنوال بسیار عیب است. الحق میتوان گفت که در این باب نیز عمل
کردهاند بمضمون آه شریفه: ول تسبوا /الذین یدعون
There are many divine verses and Islamic traditions regarding the necessity of development, wealth and the use of the bounties bestowed by God. For example, with regard to the necessity of public buildings and making roads, God has said (71:19-20): “And God has laid the earth for you as a carpet, that thereof you may thread ways, ravines." There are similar verses in Sura 14 verse 37, and in the Sura of the Cow verse 27 (2:29), and there is also the following noble tradition: “The one who neglects this world for the next world, or the next world for this, is not better than you. The best of you is he who seizes this world and the next.” That is, your excellence is not that you neglect the world for the sake of the next world, or the next world for the sake of this world, rather the best of you is that person who benefits from both this world and that. Another noble tradition says, “Cultivate this world as if you would live forever, and cultivate the next world as if you would die tomorrow.”

In Europe it is unacceptable and prohibited to speak ill, slander or curse anyone who is outside the religion and traditions of the Europeans. They do not concern themselves with a person’s religion or rite. People do not ask one another, “What is your religion or church?” Such questions are very impertinent. Truly, one could say that in this respect too they have acted in accordance with the noble verse (6:108) “Abuse not those to whom they pray,

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36 The author is apparently referring to 14:32: “It is God who created the heavens and the earth, and sent down out of heaven water wherewith He brought forth fruits to be your sustenance. And He subjected to you the ships to run upon the sea at His commandment; and He subjected to you the rivers and He subjected to you the sun and moon constant upon their courses, and He subjected to you the night and day, and gave you of all you asked Him. If you count God's blessing, you will never number it; surely man is sinful, unthankful!”

37 2: 29: “(...) It is He who created for you all that is in the earth (...).”
پیک کلمه

من دون‌الله فیسیروا الله عدوا بغير علم كذلك زینا لكل امة عملهم ثم الى ربيهم مرجعهم فینبئهم بما كانوا يعملون. يعني دشنام مدهید آنان را به میرستند بجز از خدا و قبایل ایشان را یاد مکنید پس ایشان نیز در مقابله آن ناسزا گویند خدا را یاد رؤیون ها تجاوز و به دانشی، همچنانکه بیاراستهیم از برای هرگز و هی کردار ایشان، بعد به سوی آفریده گاز است بازگشت ایشان. پس خبر می‌دهد ایشان را آنچه را که می‌کردنده.

تحقیق

فرنگی‌ها قدر نعمات و آیات خداوند را زیاد تر از اهل شهر زمین می‌دانند و اعتنای تمام به مفاد کلام حقیقت فرجام دارند؛ و من ایتات اختلاف السنت‌ها و اولانکم. به جهت قدرشناسی نعمات خداوندیست که در فرنگستان اکثر اهالی از دکور و اناث اقلا سه چهار زبان مختلف یاد می‌گیرند. در شرق زمین اگر کسی زبان خارجه تکلم کند هزار ایراد به او وارد می‌آورد. در کتابخانه‌های پاریس و لندن پیش از پنجاه لسن کتب دیده‌ام.

در فیوم جمعه بیستم شهر ذیقعده الحرام در پاریس تحریر شد، سنه ۱۲۸۷.

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apart from God, or they will abuse God in revenge without knowledge. So We have decked out fair to every nation their deeds; then to their Lord they shall return, and He will tell them what they have been doing.” That is, do not curse those who pray to one other than God, and do not mention their shameful deeds, because then they too, in response, may say unworthy things about God, by way of going one step further, and without any knowledge. In the same way, we have adorned for each group its own behaviour. When they have returned to their Creator, (76) then they are told what they have done.”

POSTSCRIPT II
The Europeans have realised the value of the bestowals and verses of God better than the people of the East, and they have taken great pains to implement the meaning of the word of truth in the Quran (20:21): “And among his signs (...) is the variation in your languages and your colours.” It is because of the value of knowing the bestowals of God that many people in Europe, men and women, know at least three or four foreign languages. In the East, if someone speaks a foreign language, people raise a thousand protests against him. In the libraries of Paris and London I have seen books in more than fifty languages.

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2: 27: “It is He who created for you all that is in the earth.”

2:178: “O believers, prescribed for you is retaliation, touching the slain; [freeman for freeman, slave for slave, female for female.”]

2:179: “In retaliation there is life for you, men possessed of minds; haply you will be godfearing.”

2:189: “It is not piety to come to the houses from the backs of them.”

2:237: “Forget not to be bountiful one towards another.”

2:272: “He gives the Wisdom to whomsoever He will, and whoso is given the Wisdom, has been given much good; yet none remembers but men possessed of minds.”

2:282: “O believers, when you contract a debt one upon another for a stated term, [write it down, and let a writer write it down between you justly.]”

3:24: “But how will it be, when We gather them for a day whereon is no doubt, and every soul shall be paid in full what it has earned, and they shall not be wronged?”

3:103: “And hold you fast to God's bond, together, and do not scatter.”

3:104: “Let there be one nation of you, calling to good, and bidding to honour, and forbidding dishonour; those are the prosperers.”
3:110: “You are the best nation ever brought forth to men.”
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5:108: “O believers, look after your own souls. He who is
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6:151: “slay not the soul God has forbidden, except by right.”

6:153: “And fill up the measure and the balance with justice.”

6:153: “This is a Book We have sent down, blessed; so follow it, and be godfearing; haply so you will find mercy; lest you should say,”

6:160: “Who so brings a good deed shall have ten the like of it; and who so brings an evil deed shall only be recompensed the like of it.”

7:74: “And remember when He appointed you as successors after the people of Noah, and increased you in stature broadly; remember God's bounties; haply you will prosper.”

7:84: “So fill up the measure and the balance, and diminish not the goods of the people.”


10:35: “God – He guides to the truth; and which is worthier to be followed – He who guides to the truth, or he
who guides not unless he is guided? What then ails you, how you judge?’”

11:3: “He will give you fair enjoyment unto a term stated, and He will give of His bounty to every man of grace.”

11:85: “And diminish not the measure and the balance. I see you are prospering; and I fear for you the chastisement of an encompassing day.”

11:113: “And lean not on the evildoers.”

14:37: “It is God who created the heavens and the earth, and sent down out of heaven water wherewith He brought forth fruits to be your sustenance. And He subjected to you the ships to run upon the sea at His commandment; and He subjected to you the rivers and He subjected to you the sun and moon constant upon their courses, and He subjected to you the night and day, and gave you of all you asked Him. If you count God's blessing, you will never number it; surely man is sinful, unthankful!”

16:48: “We sent not any before thee, except men to whom We revealed: 'Question the people of the Remembrance, if it should be that you do not know – with the clear signs, and the Psalms; and We have sent down to thee the Remembrance that thou mayest make clear to mankind what was sent down to them; and so haply they will reflect.”
“And the day We shall raise up from every nation a witness, then to the unbelievers no leave shall be given, nor shall they be suffered to make amends. And when the evildoers behold the chastisement, it shall not be lightened for them, and no respite shall be given them. (...) Surely God bids to justice and good-doing and giving to kinsmen; and He forbids indecency, dishonour, and insolence, admonishing you, so that haply you will remember.”

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“And if you chastise, chastise even as you have been chastised.”

“‘Read thy book! Thy soul suffices thee this day as a reckoner against thee.’ Whosoever is guided, is only guided to his own gain, and whosoever goes astray, it is only to his own loss; no soul laden bears the load of another. We never chastise, until We send forth a Messenger.”

“Whosoever is slain unjustly, We have appointed to his next-of-kin authority.”

“And fill up the measure when you measure, and weigh with the straight balance; that is better and fairer in the issue.”
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witnesses, scourge them with eighty stripes, and do not accept any testimony of theirs ever.”

24:27: “O believers, do not enter houses other than your houses until you first ask leave and salute the people thereof.”

24:28: “If you find not anyone therein, enter it not until leave is given to you. And if you are told, 'Return,' return; that is purer for you.”

24:38: “that God may recompense them for their fairest works.”

25:68: “nor slay the soul God has forbidden except by right, neither fornicate.”

26:181-83: “Fill up the measure, and be not cheaters, and weigh with the straight balance, and diminish not the goods of the people, and do not mischief in the earth, working corruption.”

29:13: “O mankind, We have created you male and female, and appointed you races and tribes that you may know one another.”

29:43: “And those similitudes – We strike them for the people, but none understands them save those who know.”

31:17: “O my son, perform the prayer, and bid unto honour, and forbid dishonour.”

38:26: “David behold, We have appointed thee a viceroy in the earth; therefore judge between men justly and follow not caprice.”
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39:70: “Every soul shall be paid in full for what it has wrought; and He knows very well what they do.”

42:38: “Their affair being counsel between them.”

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47:7: “O believers, if you help God, He will help you, and confirm your feet. But as for the unbelievers, ill chance shall befall them!”

49:6: “O believers, if an ungodly man comes to you with a tiding, make clear, lest you afflict a people unwittingly, and then repent of what you have done.”

49:12: “O believers, eschew much suspicion; some suspicion is a sin. And do not pry.”

49:13: “Surely the noblest among you in the sight of God is the most godfearing of you.”

53:51: “He may recompense those who do evil for what they have done, and recompense those who have done good with the reward most fair.”

57:25: “And We sent down iron, wherein is great might, and many uses for men,”
58:11: “God will raise up in rank those of you who believe and have been given knowledge.”

59:2: “Take heed, you who have eyes.”

60:8: “As regards those who have not fought you in religion’s cause, nor expelled you from your habitations, that you should be kindly to them, and act justly towards them; surely God loves the just.”

63:4: “God loves those who fight in His way in ranks, as though they were a building well-compacted.”

71:15: “And God has laid the earth for you as a carpet, that thereof you may thread ways, ravines.”

75:36: “What, does man reckon he shall be left to roam at will.”

83:2: “Woe to the stinters who, when they measure against the people, take full measure but, when they measure for them or weigh for them, do skimp.”

95:8: “Is not God the justest of judges?”

96:3-5: “Recite: And thy Lord is the Most Generous, who taught by the Pen, taught Man that he knew not.”
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