

ASSOCIATION AND CONSORTING What is the Qur'anic Concepts

Since the advent of the fall of Apartheid (I am deliberately not mentioning Democracy) in The Republic of South Africa the citizens of RSA have witnessed a fall in Ethics, Morality and introduction of almost all negative issues as legal, in spite of there being many "Muslims" in all Stages of Government and many objections by members of the public and many persons serving in the different tiers of Government. Since the Qur'an is the ONLY Revealed Book of Guidance, that exists today, for Mankind, with the responsibility ON Muslims for its implementation, it is important for Muslims to see what the Qur'an states about Associating and Consorting with those who are propagating that which the Qur'an calls EVIL. It is false to think that change can be brought about from within. The Nabi AS had to leave Mecca to bring about change and his association was subject to treaties (Hudaibiya and others), and Allah also states in Surah 13 Verse 11:

Allah's law of *Mukafat* (Cause & Effect) encompasses human beings from all sides and brings all of their actions to their conclusions (Refer 82/10-12). (And since a nation comprises of people, the same law is applicable also, it should, therefore, be remembered that) "Allah does not alter the condition of a people until they bring about a change in their inner-selves (Surah 8/53) and this change, obviously, takes place in accordance with their intentions, desires and action. The law of *Mukafat* is so strict that when chastisement comes, none can avert it (even the innocent suffer) nor can people have any Protector besides Allah."

Now let's look at some of the many Verse on the subject; **Surah 5 Verse 2**

And help one another in righteousness and piety, and help not one another in sin and aggression,^c and keep your duty to Allāh. Surely Allāh is Severe in requiting (evil).

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ
وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ۝

This means that one should Co-operate with one another in matters that are **righteous and not evil** and has in it the welfare of humanity. Adhere to the Laws of Allah. Let the action of your associates be judged by the Law of *Mukafat* (Cause and effect).

And on the Day of Accountability – **Surah 6 Verse 128/129**

And their friends from among men will say: Our Lord, some of us profited by others and we have reached our appointed term which Thou didst appoint for us. He will say: The Fire is your abode — you shall abide therein, except as Allāh please. Surely thy Lord is Wise, Knowing.^b

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
مِنْ آلِ الرَّسُولِ مَا كنا بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَإِنَّا كُنَّا عَلَىٰ آيَاتِكُمْ
مُتَوَكِّلِينَ ۚ وَنُفِخَ فِي
السُّنُوفِ أَنَّ اللَّهَ
يَدْعُو إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ
حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ ۝

129 And thus do We make some of the iniquitous to befriend others on account of what they earn.

وَكَذَٰلِكَ نُفِخُ فِي
السُّنُوفِ لِقَوْمٍ
بَعْضُ الظَّالِمِينَ
بَعْضًا ۚ

Their **votaries** will say "O our *Rabb* we had indeed used each other in our opposition to the Truth until We reached the end of our term which you had instituted according to your laws." Allah will reply, "Your abode is *Jahannam* in which you will have to dwell, unless Allah wills it otherwise. Moreover, He does not change His laws. All this is accordance within Allah's law of *Mukafat* (Cause and Effect) who is the Wise the Knowing." This is how different parties of *Z'alimeen* co-operate with each other in their opposition to the Truth and eventually face the same dire consequences.

And the Self-imposed punishment and derogation – **Surah 6 Verse 130**

130 O community of jinn and men, did there not come to you messengers from among you, relating to you My messages and warning you of the meeting of this day of yours?^a They will say: We bear witness against ourselves. And this world's life deceived them, and they will bear witness against themselves that they were disbelievers.

يَسْمَعُونَ الرِّسَالَاتِ
وَالرِّسَالَاتِ
مِنْكُمْ وَيُنذِرُونَ
عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْتُمْ
أَنْتُمْ هِيَ
الْحَيَاةُ
الدُّنْيَا
وَأَنْتُمْ
كُفَرْتُمْ
بِآيَاتِنَا
فَأَنْتُمْ
كُفَرْتُمْ
بِآيَاتِنَا ۚ

(On that day Allah will also ask them) "O group of *Jinn* and *Ins* (Man) did the *Rusul* (And we have the Qur'an today) not arise from amongst you announcing My laws and warning you of the consequences of violating them?" They will answer: "We bear witness against our own selves." Indeed, the **false attraction of worldly gains** deluded them. Therefore, they will bear witness against themselves that they had been denying the Truth.

Shakespeare, in Julius Caesar Act iii Sc.ii, States: "The **evil** that men do lives after them; the **good** is oft interred with the bones.....". This means that the influence/results of evil actions linger on for a long time and the influence of good takes that much longer to dissipate the evil, but "Truth eventually prevails....."

In spite of Muslims being in the different tiers of Government since 1994, there has been an increase of: **Corruption, Fraud, Rape, Incest, Theft; pornography, and, Social ills; abuse of women and children and the old, disgraceful medical and health provision, unemployment, lowering of educational standards etc, etc.**

And, Legally: Abortion, Gambling, Casinos, Legalising of Prostitution, Freedom of Speech – (abuse, insults, false accusations, disrespect of Religion etc), Lotto, where do we stop.....or join them if we can't beat them????

If, it is too difficult to follow the Qur'an (because "Muslims", openly, are saying that they are not postulating Islam but presenting the existing system-how can they? When they should **only** be following Qur'an) then let's follow Van Zyl Slabbert.