Shariah! What horror!

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Judging by what one hears of the implementation of Shariah and the fears of it being rejected by people, one feels that on the morn of the ghastly day Shariah is “enforced”, people will be lined up before the “enforcers” to have their eyes gouged out with scorching iron rods, their hands cut off and their backs flogged.

As if the soldiers of the ‘Sultan’ will be lurking by every window, watching out for anyone who misses a prayer to barge into his house, extort repentance and drag him down the streets!

As if Inquisition courts will be set up to tear open people’s chests to affirm their inner conviction of Shariah and their love, loyalty and fealty to its ‘implementers’.

As if the day Shariah is applied, people will jump off their rooftops and women will haul their children to flee the cataclysm of Shariah!

I can’t tell! Have those been privy to something in Shariah of which we are unaware! Or perhaps they thought that we talk about Genghis Khan’s shariah!

If that’s the case, then we beg your pardon! This must be clarified: The Shariah that we mean is the Shariah of the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful, The Kind and The Clement, The One who said:
{Should He not know what He created? And He is the Subtle, the Aware} [67:14] The Shariah that we discourse on is the one revealed by the Almighty who commands {justice, doing good to others, and giving to near relatives and He forbids lewdness, wickedness and oppression} [16:90].

The Shariah we discourse on is the one revealed by Allah Almighty for His servants’ ease because He is aware of their weakness, as He said: {Allah wants to lighten your burdens, for man has been created weak} [4:28]

We talk of the Shariah that commands a father to have mercy on his children, children to treat their parents well and to bide by their mothers’ feet, and the ruler to be gentle with his subjects and to impose justice on himself before he administers it to them.

We talk of the Shariah that Muslims participate in applying, that which they urge to protect and to which they invite people, because it’s their cause, their soul and their way of drawing themselves closer to Allah. It’s the Shariah with which the Ummah becomes a single body, liberated from the chains of the global System that enslaves, degrades and robs it of its bounties.

It’s the Shariah of the state that honors the Muslim individual to extents unmatched by any individual in any other state; the Islamic state comes to the aid of a single person and mobilizes armies for his rights, to liberate him from captivity and avenge his blood just as the Prophet of Allah moved the army of Mu‘tah, exiled the Banu Qaynuqa’, took the pledge of allegiance to death from his companions in the ‘Allegiance of Ridwan’ and prepared Usama’s expedition… all for individuals.

We speak of the Shariah that deters the corrupt from looting Muslims’ funds and piling them up in Switzerland while their neighbors feed from garbage! It’s the one that secures for the woman, man, young, old, Muslim and Christian food, drink, medication, safety, dignity and education as secured for the administrators of Shariah themselves.

It’s the one that treats teenagers with mercy and that honors women; it bars the exposure of her body as a cheap commodity on store windows and in magazines and propagates between males and females of a society the brotherly relationship based on faith and cooperation in righteousness, piety and shaping the glory of the Ummah in place of an unrestrained frenzy….. It stops a nameless author from attempts at fame through ridiculing Allah’s book or by insulting the prophet (PBUH).

It protects the community from drunkards, their crimes, their spoliation of property and their violation of others’ bodies. It’s the one that safeguards minds and promotes talents in order to build Earth, excel in various fields of knowledge and benefit mankind.

This is Shariah! A clean ambiance that people live in, bring up children and contribute to protect.

This is Shariah… purity, chastity, honor, goodness, mildness, gentleness and bounty.

If the prophetic community that achieved the peak in implementing Shariah accommodated the likes of Abdullah bin Ubay bin Saloul, the leader of hypocrisy who hurt the prophet and plotted against the Muslims… it accommodated him because he did not declare his disbelief in the open but, by all appearances, feigned commitment to the rule of Shariah … won’t our Shariah complicit communities, then, accommodate Muslim sinners the dust of whose noses is better than Ibn Saloul, however much they sin?

When the impertinent, greedy for more than their share, would say to the prophet (PBUH): ‘Be just, O Mohammad, for you have not been just’, the prophet would say, with patience: ‘May God have mercy upon Moses, for truly he was hurt with worse than this, but endured’… In the Shariah of which we talk, the ignorant may insult the Muslim ruler publicly, only he would forgive and deal with them forbearingly because he does not avenge himself. He is only outraged if the boundaries set by Allah are transgressed
and sanctities violated.

This is the Shariah we talk about... Hereafter, if there is someone who suffocates in this clean atmosphere, whose nose is blocked and whose eyes are blinded by the light of Shariah, who is vexed by purification as were the people of Lot because he can’t subsist without an adultery that is easily verifiable by four witnesses, without a drinking made obvious by the odor of his mouth, recklessness of his actions and the impurity on his trousers, without theft even though Shariah appeased his hunger... this one is right to fear the Shariah.. And if he wants to take a “step forward” from the edge of his housetop, he can go ahead! But he should do it quietly, without howling and screaming and putting people off Shariah, because he does not even represent sinful Muslims who, deep down, not only love the Shariah but will contribute in applying it „,. In fact, he represents no one but himself!