Islam is a religion which today is the biggest in the world in terms of followers, and also is the fastest growing and spreading religion in the world. That, in and of itself, is unquestionably being viewed and taken as a threat to all other religions.

Islam, in addition to the religious and spiritual contexts also contains a worldly aspect, which pertains to a specific way of life, **in addition** to the traditions and practices which are common values in other religions. That worldly aspect is called Shariah law and is derived from the religious and spiritual contexts of Islam, making it an intrinsic part of Islam.

The Shariah law defines worldly aspects of everyday living, proper comportment in human relations, proper following of the teachings of the Noble Qur'an, and also includes a component not found in any other religion in the world. That component, which is one of the fundaments derived from the religious and spiritual aspects, is that there be material justice in terms of financial and monetary policies in a society, which material justice ought to be equally available to all. Further, that component provides for an economic democracy including freedom from being taken advantage of by the money managers. In other words, the Shariah law empowers the have-nots to not be enslaved by the financial and monetary systems and policies regardless of what political party happens to be holding the reins of power.

That particular aspect and, indeed, particular strength of the Shariah law, is an completely inconceivable notion for, especially, the Western capitalists and their lackeys the money managers, lenders and speculative stock exchanges whose approach to claiming the right to the peoples' moneys are based upon the doctrine of squeezing, with all the necessary and readily available help of the government sector, the last drops of peoples' incomes as well as savings. In other words, what the taxman has not vacuumed up, the capitalist will, under the auspices of governments who have systemically and systematically abrogated their responsibility to THE PEOPLE in terms of providing good governance following the premise of a "government of the people, for the people and by the people", which premise is enshrined certainly in the Declaration of Independence issued by the Congress of the United States of America on July 4, 1776.

That aspect of the Shariah law is something that raises hairs on the back of every good Western capitalist and their lackeys. It is because of that aspect that Shariah law is attacked for all other contexts and not for this, really worrisome, quality. It is, therefore, necessary to continue to maintain absolute ignorance of the majority of a population with respect to Islam as religion and a way of life for, Lord forbid !..., they could learn about Islam and get educated and also eventually get to understand the powers given to EVERYBODY within the Shariah law when it comes to economic democracy.

In theory, it is possible to have an electorate, which consists of people of different religions, who, if and when informed of the values intrinsic in Shariah law, and who just might opt to be educated about the values of the Shariah law, to demand that Shariah law, or at least the contexts dealing with the economic democracy provided within it, be applied across the board, equally available to all, and all of that without having to convert to Islam.

Which of the two is a bigger threat to the Western societies, provided that the current developments remain on track? Is it the religious aspect of the biggest religion growing even and ever bigger, or that a specific aspect of that religion and a way of life becomes adopted by the masses regardless of their religious beliefs? Both prospects are absolutely and equally horrifying to the Western governments and financial establishments alike.

The monetary and financial freedom, as well as economic democracy provided for in the Shariah law, in my analysis at least, is the most worrisome aspect.

For, if there had been the Shariah law taken as a basis for the monetary and financial policies, including the aspect of economic democracy, the Great Meltdown of the financial markets of a couple of years ago, in which ordinary people lost Trillions of Dollars two times over - as they will, in addition to their losses, end up having to pay for the principal and interest on the Stimulus Moneys - would have never occurred.

Prevention of a financial meltdown, and protection from one, is intrinsic in the Shariah law and therefore the Shariah law has to be criminalized.

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