

Capitalism is also based on the theory of relative scarcity. This means that there always has to be a real or as in the majority of cases, a forced **insufficiency** of commodities to meet the needs of the people. This is not in keeping with the reality of life. There are enough goods to satisfy the needs of everyone, but because this in fact, contradicts the principle of relative scarcity, some people are left without the fulfillment of their basic needs of food, shelter & clothing while others seem to have too much of one or more. This theory divides the society such that a small percentage of people hoard almost all the wealth while the rest of society struggles. **We are all pickled alive in the rancid vinegar of capitalism.**

Throughout history there have always been societies where the poor & weak were trodden down, where only material things were important, and where selfishness, self-interest, and cheating were seen as the only way to become rich. But from the second half of the 19th century people with such views entered a very different period. For the last 150 years people & societies which possess this ruthless make-up (bringing worry & hopelessness to the world) have begun not to be condemned or criticized like the others. Behaviour of this sort began at last to be accepted as a law of nature. Robert Clark explains the situation this way: Evolution, in short, gave the doer of evil a respite from his conscience. The most unscrupulous behaviour towards a competitor could not be rationalized; **evil could be called good.**

The wealth, strength & power which a person thinks they gain are actually given by Allah **to try them**. No matter if they believe that they are in an arena of struggle, in actual fact every human is living a test set by Allah. He tries humans by means of the opportunities he gives them: **“We made everything on the earth adornment for it so that We could test them to see whose actions are the best.** (Surat al-Kahf: 7)

Those who think that they have won what they possess as the result of a “fight for survival” will feel a heart-rending pain for which there is no compensation, and great sorrow when they come face to face with reality in the hereafter and see what an empty idea they followed: The Companions of the Garden will call out to the Companions of the Fire, ‘We have found that what our Lord promised us is true. Have you found that what your Lord promised you is true?’ They will say, ‘Yes, we have!’ Between them a herald will proclaim: ‘May the curse of Allah be on the wrongdoers, those who bar access to the Way of Allah, desiring to make it crooked,

& reject the Hereafter.’ Those of the most Elevated Places will call out to people they recognize by their mark, saying, **‘What you amassed was of no use to you, nor was your arrogance.’** (al-A’raf: 44-5, 48)

As for those who have not been influenced by Darwinist-capitalist thinking & who have not forgotten the reason for their being in the world and the existence of Allah, they see other human beings as living things created by Him. As He has ordered them, they always treat other human beings pleasantly, feel affection & compassion. They do what they possibly can to take away their difficulties & worries. They always speak the most pleasant words, look after the orphaned & help the sick & crippled. People like this avoid sin & keep their duties to Allah & are the most superior in His sight. They pay no attention to wealth, race, color, class, ideology, or philosophy.

Characteristics of Qaroon, an exploitative Capitalist. Surely Qaroon was of the people of Moses, but he oppressed them; and We gave him so much treasure that his hoards of wealth would certainly weigh down a company of men possessed of great strength. When his people said to him: Do not rejoice exultantly, surely Allah does not love the exultant. But seek with the wealth that Allah has bestowed upon you, the Home of the Hereafter. Do not forget your portion in this world. Be kind to people, as Allah has been kind to you. Do not create corruption & disorder in the land. Allah does not love the corrupters.

He replied, “This wealth has been given to me **because of the knowledge that is in me.**” Did he not know that Allah’s Law of Requital had annihilated, before him, whole generations which were superior to him in strength & richer in what they had amassed? When Qaroon went forth with all his pomp and show, then those who cared only for the life of this world exclaimed, “Alas! If only we had the like of what Qaroon has been given! What tremendous good fortune he has been endowed with!”

However those who had been bestowed with knowledge of the facts from God would tell them, “Woe unto you! What sort of misconception do you have?” The real & everlasting happiness lies in the wealth that one gets in conformity with the Divine Laws. Those who have explicit faith in the truthfulness of His Laws & do righteous deeds. They reform & set aright the disorderly society. In this way their own selves become balanced & dignified. But all this requires patience & steadfastness. People can easily get wealth if they are dishonest. But to earn wealth legally requires time. This

latter results in success. The former leads to destruction.

Thus when the time came to show the end result of Qaroon’s misdeeds, We destroyed him, along with his dwellings. No group came out to help him against the Divine Law, nor was he in a position to protect himself. When a capitalist is at peak, people will give sacrifices on his behalf. If he gets into difficulty, no one comes to help & his shrewdness cannot save him.

Qaroon perished, and the people who just a day before were envious of his position, exclaimed, “Verily it was our **incorrect assessment** that we were envious of his wealth. The fact is that abundance or scarcity in wealth is all as per Divine Laws. Had Allah not been gracious to us & had we also followed the ways of Qaroon, we too would have been destroyed. We have seen with our own eyes that **people who keep their wealth hidden & do not open it for the needy, can never attain to a happy state.**”

The only people who achieve eternal success are those who do not create disorder & unevenness in society by amassing wealth so that they are insulated from the reach of law. Ultimate success or prosperity comes only to those who remain conscious of the Divine Laws... **“Seek the abode of the Hereafter in that which Allah has given you, and neglect not your portion of the world. Be kind as Allah has been kind to you & seek not corruption in the earth.”** This is the true Bailout. A real society, a legitimate society, an Islamic society, would, instead, be **organized cooperation**: society organized into forms of cooperation aimed at the full & free development of all its members! Properly Balanced.

The job of trying to convince artificially stupefied people that a planned spiritual economy might be better than a free-for-all in which the worst person wins – that job will never be quite so ghastly again...if we learn the lesson from the financial armageddon.

Are you diverted? Busy amassing? You haven’t felt the death pangs of capitalism. What about your own death pangs...and then you reach the grave...where your bankbook cannot help you. If this tract has sent you into paroxysms of anger, ask why! Are you Qaroon’s descendant!! A banker or politician who serves themself richly & the public poorly. The rule of money sees to it that we shall be governed largely by the stupid.

THE CORE DYNAMIC OF THE ISLAMIC SYSTEM IS THE “SHARING” PROCESS



UNDER CAPITALISM MAN **EXPLOITS** MAN;
UNDER SOCIALISM THE **REVERSE IS TRUE**
ISLAM: THE ECONOMIC BALANCE

American Capitalism has dragged human beings to **worship** only money & the *apparent power* that comes from money. Money **torments & taunts** them into believing that it is an elixir able to buy them instant success/sex. Capitalism is based on the principles of greed & lust. Capitalists will always choose the path of most profit **regardless of the human cost**; markets are, despite the oceans of free-market propaganda, wildly irrational & often grossly inefficient. This capitalist morality holds sway in almost all societies in our day.

Whilst millions of drowning people overwhelm the lifeboats, the Titanic parties of capitalism slowly sink in a vast cold night of starry ideals & the next looming destructive financial icebergs. At the very heart of heartless capitalism is the structural imperative to maximize income & minimize costs, and in this process of being driven by the requirements of the account books, workers & consumers are reduced to mere instruments. For this reason the poor, the helpless, the orphans & the crippled are denied **charity**. Is a better world actually possible? Or should we just get used to being pushed around by American power? The greatest bulwark of US capitalism is its **militarism**. Reason: **Capitalism is war.** Capitalism (**mean of heart & devoid of soul**) just rolls on like a juggernaut, crushing greater parts of humanity & the environment. The demented vision of capitalism operate from the steel & glass corporate **mausoleums** of Manhattan. Their technological evolution has outstripped their spiritual evolution. They are psychotic. They are mad. We will have no peace until capitalism is history. Should peoples of the “Third World” simply be resigned to poverty, US imperialism, and perpetual peripheral status?
Occupy our souls with God & Justice!!!

THE CORE DYNAMIC OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM IS THE ACCUMULATION PROCESS

George Orwell wrote that private capitalism – that is, an economic system in which land, factories, mines & transport are owned privately & operated solely for profit – **does not work**. It cannot deliver the goods. When the most basic elements that sustain life are **reduced to a cash product**, life has no intrinsic value. The financial armageddon exposes the economic abyss of capitalism. A system that is completely in the hands of corrupt bankers & politicians...people who have no true social responsibilities. Worshippers of the golden calf. Exploitation, is their name of the game! Is it possible to change Wall Street's corrupt DNA – **callous indifference & greed**? Unless the bottom line includes **humanity** in its bookkeeping...capitalism will eventually destroy society. It destroyed Qaroon! It will destroy you even if your name is Goldman or Sachs. The mass media mesmerizes you about capitalism & has driven the money-changers into temples, synagogues, mosques & churches. Jesus weeps! The warning in the Quran “that God will drive to **madness** those who deal in interest” is ignored but to whose detriment. Collapsing western economies have come to know that God's word is the most awesome “shock & awe.”

Capitalism has brought the world to the edge of the precipice: difficult & chaotic social & economic circumstances; disastrous levels of industrial plant overcapacity, unmanageable surplus goods, unemployable labour pools, frantic & often irrational stock speculation, unserviceable debts, and chronic massive unemployment. **All the kings horses & all the kings men are insanely trying to put this economic humpty-dumpty back together again.** This problem requires more than money to solve it.

A definition of Capitalism means the sovereignty of capital, a free & unrestricted economic system totally based on profit & where society is in competition within these criteria. There are three elements in capitalism: individualism, competition & profit-making. A better definition: What life American

Capitalism knew **was based upon theft from a significant portion of the world in order to support an artificially inflated standard of living.** For far too long the “luxurious west” lived on the backs of the so-called third world nations with their shock doctrine – **the pursuit of obscene profit for themselves to sustain a global system of economic & social inequality.**

Capitalism is the violent negation of the moral life, for it is the interests of those who own capital that determine how we live: their jobs, products, services, manufactured culture, and propaganda shape our lives & our minds. **Putting the world at the disposal of those with capital has done more damage to the ethical life than anything else.** To put it in religious terms, **capital is the devil.** This is why Muhammad (p), from his sequestered life in the cave of Mount Hira, comes down & declares war against the capitalists, the slave dealers of Mecca & the farm owners of Taif. Through God's words he became a social reformer & liberator of the oppressed masses. Exactly like Jesus (p) & Moses (p).

If **we care about life**, like the Prophets, if we see our obligations in each others faces, then we have to want all the things capital does to be **governed by that care**, to be directed by the ethical concern for life. But feeding people is **not** the aim of the food industry, **or shelter** the purpose of the housing industry. **In medicine, making profit is a more important goal than caring for sick people.** As capitalist enterprises these activities aim single-mindedly at the accumulation of capital, and such purposes as caring for the sick or feeding the hungry or housing people becomes a mere means to an end, an instrument of corporate profit. The Prophet (p) left this as a guiding ethic for all time: **“A person has sinned enough if they neglect to feed those in need.”** Ethics, the overriding commitment to meeting human need, is left out of all capitalist deliberations. Islam is the only ideological counterweight to a self-devouring capitalist ideology.

Let's drive the point of spiritual ethics home with this amazing & unequalled breadth of knowledge from the Prophet (p): “Verily, Allah will say to His slave when He will be taking account of him on the Day of Judgement, ‘O son of Adam, I was hungry & you did not feed me.’ He will answer: ‘How could I feed you? You are

the Lord of the worlds!’ God will say: ‘**Did you not know that one of my slaves felt hunger, and you did not feed him. Alas, had you fed him you would have found that reward with Me.**’ ‘O son of Adam, I was thirsty & you gave Me nothing to drink.’ He will reply: ‘How could I give You drink? You are the Lord of the worlds!’ God will say: ‘**Did you not know that one of my slaves felt thirsty & you did not give him drink. Alas, if you had given him, you would have found that reward with Me.**’ ‘O son of Adam, I became sick and you did not visit Me.’ He will answer: ‘How can I visit You? You are the Lord of the worlds!’ He will say: ‘**Did you not know that one of my slaves became sick & you did not visit him. Alas, had you visited him, you would have found Me with him.**’” This dialogue would be with all those who had the capitalist mentality, having as their god, money. Something essential to human dignity and independence has been lost with the destruction of sharing.

Capitalism has convulsed the world economy into two great depressions in 75 years & countless lesser crises & recessions in between. “Capitalist society” is an arena where individuals compete under very **harsh & ruthless** conditions. Only the strong survive & the weak & powerless are crushed & eliminated.

At the end of more than a century of political competition between capitalism & socialism in what should have been the hour of capitalism's greatest triumph has been its hour of bitterest crisis. Both systems depended upon the separation of church & state – **the separation of the Creator from life's affairs.** The irrational concept of “state freedom” plays a major role in the Capitalist ideology. People “believe” they are totally free to satisfy their needs in any manner possible as long as they do not legally infringe on the “freedom” of others. It is because of the freedom of satisfying needs that the porn & alcohol/drug industry are two of the biggest profit making businesses in the Capitalist system. Is this the type of society to live & raise our children in?

According to the logic capitalism is based on, every individual – this can be a person, company, or nation – must only fight for its own advantage. In this war, the best producers survive. The weak are eliminated & vanish. What is seen as worthy of attention is not human beings, but economic development & goods. For

which reason the capitalist mentality feels no ethical responsibility for the person whom it crushes underfoot. Their conscience has atrophied into a mental appendix & they should have it surgically removed for it will cause future horrendous migraine headaches.

By proposing that it was necessary to encourage competition in all areas of society, and announcing that it was necessary to provide no opportunities for the weak in any field, the foremost theoreticians of Social Darwinism prepared a “philosophical” & “scientific” support for capitalism. In the view of Herbert Spencer, the main theorist of Social Darwinism, if someone is poor then that is their mistake; nobody must help this person to rise. If someone is rich, even if they have acquired their wealth by immoral means, that is their competence. For this reason, the rich man survives, while the poor man disappears.

Darwinists used Darwin's theory of evolution as a “scientific” comment on capitalist societies. As a result of this, humans began to lose such concepts, which religion had brought with it, as mutual assistance & co-operation, and instead of these virtues to give pride of place to selfishness, cunning & opportunism.

In his article Darwin's Three Mistakes, the evolutionary scientist Kenneth J. Hsü, reveals the Darwinist thoughts of America's foremost capitalists: Darwinism was also used in a defense of competitive individualism & its economic corollary of laissez-faire capitalism in England & in America. Andrew Carnegie wrote that the **“law of competition, be it benign or not, is here; we cannot evade it.”** Rockefeller went a step further when he claimed that **“the growth of a large business is merely a survival of the fittest; it is merely the working out of a law of nature.”**

The reason for countries such as Ethiopia having drought affected areas & living in starvation is the dominance of capitalist morality. While aid & support from many countries could save these hungry people, they are abandoned to starvation & poverty.

Another feature of capitalist society is the way it gives room to inequality within itself. In societies of this kind the divide between rich and poor grows ever wider, as the poor grow poorer, the wealth of the rich grows greater.

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