Pathology of Islamic Awakening and Ways for Dealing with

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ABSTRACT

Revolutions arose from the teachings and commands of Islam are often coupled with some success in the beginning, but are diverted from the main goal over time due to some damages and do not succeed at the end. Identification of the damages from the meta-human perspective of revelation provides more useful results for treatment or preventative applications. Especially if one wants to examine the damages based on the nascent state of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) that has introduced a comprehensive and eternal religion to the humanity; thus, damages threatening the movement are classified into two internal and external groups and the refusal of the leadership, the corruption of the nobles, lack of considering the true value of real devotees, the dependency on overall foreign policy, one-dimensional view of the issues, internal conflicts, the reversal of religious democracy and the adomnment of Islamic morality are among the most critical internal damages of Islamic movements and the most important external damages are caused by infidels, hypocrites and people of the book. Due to the position and the role of Islamic Republics of Iran in this area, the need to assess these developments and draw the future prospects will be of great importance.

INTRODUCTION

The contemporary history of the world, especially the developments of the twentieth century are full of various events such as revolutions, wars, national and international conflicts. Some of these developments and events have been coupled with long-term consequences and outcomes and some has been forgotten as well. Formation of the Islamic awakening movement in Iran led by Imam Khomeini and the Islamic Revolution victory in February 1979 are few events that the originated developments and consequences have had long-term effects on the direction of future developments and the course of history. Overcoming various types of conspiracies and direct and indirect interferences of dominated regime by the Islamic regime over more than three decades, also achieving great success such as the fulfillment of Islamic democracy, cultural, social, economic, scientific and technical achievements of Islamic Iran now has led to the fact that even some western analysts that mention it as " a successful model " in the Middle East. Demonstrations started by the Muslim nations of the area against oppression, corruption, humiliation, despotism and dependency of the ruling systems of the countries, are reminiscent of the Islamic Revolution developments and the fall of the Pahlavi regime in the minds of the people around the world. Accurate study and understanding of the opportunities and threats facing the Islamic Awakening movement, in addition to the study of the weaknesses and the strengths, help in the proper assessment of the situation, and provide the strategies needed to move towards achieving final goals. In this study we sought to answer the question that “what damages and threats are threatening Islamic Awakening movement in the Middle East and North Africa? And what strategies and measures can be formulated and enforced to prevent attenuation or distortion of the movement? What are the dos and don'ts along the way? It should be noted that in the past, unfortunately, many of the failures and misfortunes regarding the popular movements in domestic and foreign contexts, are mainly referred to incorrect analysis of the opportunities and the threats, on one hand, and the strengths and weaknesses, on the other hand.

Problem statement:

Islamic Awakening is a term that recently has been more considered by thinkers, politicians, governments and the general public around the world and the majority of North Africa and the Middle East have been actually involved with the issue and closely followed the position and dedicated tens of martyrs and thousands
of wounded towards their excellent goals. In practice, some of these movements because of the damages during the uprising and even after victory do not succeed properly at the end; the study of these movements and damages and problems that are faced with individually, paves the way to overcome the crisis facing them caused by either the interior ignoramuses or internal and external spiteful enemies; But given that the root of all these movements somehow returns to Prophet Muhammad PBUH & HP back. Undoubtedly, the damages were not limited to these cases but some issues have been explained based on the importance; Adapting with the current uprisings in the region also deserves exploring and compliance, each case individually, that would require another opportunity.

With an overview of the verses, damages of Islamic uprising can be in classified into two general categories of external damages and internal damages, internal damage means those are raised from within the Muslim community (namely the Muslim devotees) or related to faith, ethics or behavior and the external damages included those that strike the Islamic uprising from the outside. The damages caused by hypocrisy and hypocrites, since we cannot call them devotees, have been investigated as external factors.

**Vulnerability of Muslim thinking:**

Another reason for the backwardness of Muslims is the vulnerability of their thinking in the school of Islam and in other words their erroneous interpretation of religious teachings that is described as follows:

- **Internal damages of the Islamic Movements**
  - Some factors cause damage to the Islamic Awakening movements from the inside, these risks are often related to the fighters of the Islamic Front, some of the most vulnerable damages related to Prophetic government are enumerated in Verses of Qur’an which are also seen in other Islamic Awakening movements, even it can be claimed that the issues could be among the most important internal damages of any movement; And perhaps this aspect more and more confirmed the universality and eternity of Islam and Qur'an commands; some of the most important damages include:
    1. Deviating from the leader
    2. Corruption of nobles and relatives of leader
    3. failure to take into account the true value of real devotees
    4. Dependence on foreign politics
    5. One-dimensional view of issues
    6. internal strife and conflicts
    7. deviating from religious democracy
    8. adornment of Muslim Ethics

- **External damages of movements:**
  - Some external factors cause damage to the Islamic awakening, these risks are often created and strengthened by the infidels, hypocrites and followers of the Book, that will be consider according to the historical occurrence in the Islamic Movement of Holy Prophet PBUH & HP:
    1. The soft and hard wars of infidels
    2. hypocrisy of hypocrites
    3. excuses and malevolence of the followers of the Book

**Disdaining and devaluing deeds:**

Islam knows faith and deeds as two inseparable interdependent elements. Islam is a religion that accepts faith along with deed, and the deeds on the side of faith. If we refer to Qur’an and the Sunnah of the Prophet and the Imams (AS) we strictly realize the principle that Islam is a religion based on deeds and knows human destiny and his success in various areas due to good deeds. The holy Qur’an addresses the realistic idea that is consistent with the dignity of creation, with nice and loud comments such as: "there is nothing for man but what he has done" or "man will see even a particle of goodness he has done..."

**Alienation and cultural rift:**

Culture is the mainstream of human life and general motion of a country, and political, scientific, economic, social motions of each country are shaped in the cultural context. A country lacks independent and thriving cultural identity, will be definitely humiliated and ignoble. The Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei states in the definition of culture:

Culture means: the inherent mood of a local community and a nation, thoughts, faith, goals, these are forming the bases of the culture of a country. These make brave and courageous, patient and independent, or humiliated and debased and impoverished and poor nations
Propagating rigor spirit and ignorance:

Islam has been faced with a lot of damages caused by both alienated and passive intellectuals of foreign cultures throughout history and holy fool ignoramuses that due have narrow-minded superficial religious beliefs and are unaware of the depth and context of religious culture and education and knowledge. The emergence of narrow-minded ignorant that Khawarij was a part of them was harmful to Islam.

The decline of wisdom and clear thinking:

Despite the Qur'an and the Prophetic tradition emphasis on reflection, wisdom, Tafaghoh, thinking and liberalism, unfortunately, in some courses of Islamic history the triumph of rigor-oriented ideology and fanaticism on the way thinking and liberalism is evident. In Ash'arites perspective, thinking and reasoning, and philosophical wisdom are denied the piety is recommended over scriptural interpretation. The rulers of the time, due to the compliance of Ash'arites perspective with their worldly interests, supported this school of thought, and took efforts in propagating it. Motahari about the causes of Mu'tazilah failure as an intellectual movement that was committed to the independence of reason says:

however, intellectual movements have enjoyed a perfect purity, against people of ostentatious piety and submission, even though they are deprived of any kind of serenity and purity, they usually are accused of such charges among the laity, Although the Ash'arites and Mu'tazilite are related to Sunni world but some of the effects of these thoughts are seen among Shiites.

Barriers to Ijtihad:

Tafaghoh and Ijtihad are solemn duties of Muslim scholars and the dynamism and vitality of Islam at the age of prophethood termination. Mojtabi by the correct inferring and diagnosis and using Islamic resources; proves that Islam is the ability to adapt to the needs arising from the development and is able to meet the problems and needs of each era.

Lack of attention to education:

rulers and elites and leaders of the Islamic community caught in the sub-marginal issues, indulge in debauchery and, engaging with issues of ethnic, sectarian and religious, lack of benefit from the vast resources of God, dependence on global power, lack of theorizing seats provision, lack of attention to the knowledge production and software movement, cold and elimination attitude towards the holders of wisdom and reflection, a lack of preparation for attracting the elite and intellectuals of tens and hundreds of other factors, lead to interruption of science and keep Muslim world away from training and science-producing movement. In contrast, in the religious teachings training, learning, and science are strongly emphasized, in religious concepts learning from the farthest corners of the world, for a Muslim man or woman, at any age - from cradle to grave - and even from the pagans and infidels is considered a duty and obligation. Unfortunately the above damages have prevented the implementation of the Islam recommendations about gaining knowledge.

Foundations and roots of Islamic awakening:

Undoubtedly, the first Islamic awakening movement in the history goes back to the dawn of Islam in the land of Hijaz, which the Holy Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) was the messenger who made the great Islamic civilization that for centuries, the grandeur of culture, art, architecture, scientific and technical advances were famous in the world. In the recent history of Islam, great scholars and thinkers such as Seyed Jamal al-Din al-Asad Abadi, Sheikh Muhammad Abdal, Seyed Qotb and Hassan al-Banna, each took major efforts to inform Muslim nations and explain the necessity for revolt against colonialist and arrogant to realize the dignity of Islam and Muslims. Despite initial success, they were faced with a variety of conspiracies by colonialists and their associates. With the awakening movement of Imam Khomeini in Iran and then in holy city of Najaf in 1960s, Muslims felt a glimmer of hope. In the thought of Imam Khomeini, the main reason for Muslim backwardness and weakness is of colonialism of countries and their associated governments, so their perspective is based on inextricable tie between religion and politics. As he said: "until we are not committed to Islam, the Islam of the Prophet, problems are still here, we cannot solve the issue of Palestine, Afghanistan and other places, the people must commit to Islam, if the government keep up with nation, that is fine, and if they do not, nations must take their own account separate from the government".

With the victory of Islamic revolution in Iran in a bipolar system, where the world was divided between superpowers of East and West, the message of the revolution went beyond the political boundaries and expanded, and today we are witnessing a fundamental instability of arrogant in the region and the world. Ayatollah Khamenei in place of the leadership plays the very key role of Imam Khomeini (RA) in this arena. Accordingly, the supreme leader has warned of the sensitivity of the situation and says: "A new chapter has begun in the region and the world, in the twisted history of the world, the Islamic Republic of Iran, can be as a model for the Muslim nations".
Reasons for the occurrence of popular uprisings in the region:

For the causes of the popular uprisings in the Muslim countries of the region, various analysis is presented that poses a range of socioeconomic and political approaches and the reasons such as widespread corruption, discrimination, poverty and efforts to have a better living accommodations and; Some others account the struggle against dictatorship, hereditary succession, repression over society for the main reasons of popular uprising. Although each factor can be examined in the analysis of revolutions of countries of the region but in terms of Islamic awakening theory the following are the main causes underlying the uprisings:

The Supreme Leader addresses the main roots of the uprisings in the region the reminds reason of enemies fear for the upsurge of revolutionary young believers in the region, In this regard, he states: Islam fights against basic principles of arrogance that means oppression and aggression and occupation, because of this, world bullies are afraid of the nature of nations tendency towards Islam, as in the events of recent months in the area, they have openly expressed their worries about outward Islamic signs of Muslim nations protests and the victory of Islamists in elections”.

Strengths and weaknesses of the Islamic Awakening:

Strengths:
- Monotheism and belief in the oneness of God
- Belief in Islam, the Quran and the prophethood of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) as the roots of Muslim power
- Seeking truth and justice for Muslims
- Enjoying the spirit of resistance against oppression
- The young and passionate population interested in playing an effective role in development (particularly Muslim women)
- Valuable experience of the Islamic Republic of Iran in "institution-building" and "system-building"
- Self-esteem and self-confidence inspired by the ideas of Imam Khomeini and the Supreme Leader

Weaknesses:
- The absence or weakness of coherent civil institutions and social and religious groups of people
- Some national, ethnic and tribal prejudice and the basis of unity is indeed the clan and tribe in some countries (Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Jordan, Libya)
- narrow-mindedness in understanding Sharia and Islamic commands
- Poverty, illiteracy and backwardness and primitive cultures dominate in some regions
- Strong and unit leadership vacuum in some countries, it may completely distract movements
- Sometimes the negligence and defects in the programs and activities of revolutionaries
- Lack of strategic, prospective and flexible planning
- Fascination and acceptance of some Western views under the cover of "Islamic innovation"

Threats:
- Threats posed to Islamic awakening movements of Muslims in the region, mainly include the following:
  - The possibility of assassinating competent and effective elites or defaming them.
  - Hiring some weak-minded individuals.
  - Divisive ethnic and religious movements.
  - Economic blockade, sanctions and blocking the national capitals of nations.
  - All-around attacks of propaganda and media.
  - Induction of completely distorted and unrealistic analysis.
  - Proposed distorting alternatives to the popular movements.
  - Rising elements committed to the United States and the West.
  - Deceiving and convincing people with partial and preliminary results.

The role and the place of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

Islamic Revolution occurred in February 1979 when the imperial regime was adhering to the global arrogance. The Islamic Revolution fundamentally posed norms and values at odds with the international system that while in conflict with the interests of global powers supporting the maintenance of the current status, led to challenges in the international system. Islamic Iran, posing the values in its foreign policy, attempted to influence public opinion of deprived nations of the world to make changes in the international system and turn the raised values into the norm. In fact, the Islamic Republic of Iran, as a successful model beside the nations of the region, is part of the Global Islamic Awakening Front and therefore must play the role well. Islamic Republic of Iran, with regard to the strengths and the advantages, has particular role in this field.
These strengths include geopolitical position, the plurality of the population, vast natural resources along with non-material factors such as successful experience with Islamic democracy, wise leadership, enjoyment of insightful, religious, alert, conscious and on stage nation, with a rich culture and history that from the beginning of the Islamic system establishment always has no end but the dignity and authority of the Muslims and the unity of the Islamic nation. Other components of the system capabilities include: having the ability to overcome the internal and external threats, and the state-public trust, political stability, international reputation, scientific and technical advances in the sciences of medicine, stem cells, nano technology, space, nuclear and defense and so forth. Basically, the defense of nations rights and cooperation with Muslim and oppressed nations and the opposition against oppressors and dictators have always been an important part of the primary goals of the Islamic revolution of Iran. In the meantime, the lack of distraction in Iran’s Islamic revolution from its principles and aims, unlike other revolutions of the world has given its special effects.

Youth and Islamic Awakening:
An important point of the Islamic Awakening movement in the countries of the region that deserves attention is that the various sectors of the community and also the elite have had active participation, but young people, especially women have greater role than others. Former Iraqi Prime Minister, Mr. Ebrahim Jafari- In this regard says: "Women and young people are the pioneer of reform in Arab countries and they have to participate actively in all seminars and inclusive conversations on issues of the movement. He also warns of the efforts taken to create ethnic and religious strife in the region and with an emphasis on banning violent measures, states: "Central Council of the World Assembly of Islamic awakening stressed on the peaceful Revolutions and the use of weapons of word and pen.”

The Supreme Leader also says addressed to the young people:
"You dear youngsters became the global model for youngsters, young people are determining, evolutionary, the engine of progress". As in the developments leading to the Islamic Revolution of Iran, young and revolutionary believers, under the guidance of Imam Khomeini (RA) had a key role to play; Today, the main responsibility for regional revolutions and the struggle against tyranny and foreign domination lies with youth of the area and the short term and the long term goals of the movement will be achieved only by the active and effective participation of young people, of course, guided by religious scholars and intellectuals of these communities.

Desired objectives of the revelation in the short term: Ideally it should be the fall of the ruling system and then the "word-building”, “institution-building” and "system-building”.

Favorable objective of the movement in the long term: the movement should follow the achievement of unity, dignity and authority of the Islamic nation and move toward establishing "a new Islamic civilization”. The basis of this new Islamic civilization includes: Islam, rationality, science, and ethics.

Describing the enmities of global arrogance against regional nations, Supreme Leader says: "They want the regional nations to be, culturally mere imitators of Europeans, in terms of military, debased and vulnerable and weak, morally corrupted, religiously rather superficial, and persuade the individual and ceremonial religion. The global analysis tries to ignore completely the main reasons of the uprisings. They refer to economic and noneconomic issues-which, of course, are important, but the main factor of this huge popular movement is the feeling of humiliation that was arose in people due to the status of their rulers. He also says: "conspiracies and interference of the arrogance have caused other Muslim nations not to shake brotherhood hands and understand each other »

Impact of the Islamic identity on countries:
Fortunately, today the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic has become apparent. One can see that the slogans stated by the Iranian nation in the past are now spread in the region. Those countries that were humble followers of the arrogance Front, are now among the progressive powers along with the Iranian nation by their people great efforts, they pursue the same goals, give the same slogans; these are your developments, this means that the Iranian nation has over three decades found his companions and partners. We do not say that we created these movements; It does not seem fair, but it’s not reasonable either to say that the awakening of a nation with the great explosion that has been created during the last three decades, did not have any effect on awakening others, it is not fair either, it is quite obvious. In today’s world all analysis and interpretation are like this, they say here was the mother of awaking and Islamic movement. At the same time in the analysis of foreign analysts reflected in various media and news sites the concept is emphasized. This shows the legitimacy of our movement

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khamenei: Mobilization plans are to protect the identity and the foundation and achievements of the revolution. To everyone that the revolution foundation, the revolution identity, and the revolution achievements are of value, the members of mobilization have also a very high value, and honors them, the friend of the revolution, is the friend of the member of the mobilization. The
members of mobilization devote their lives to defend the values and achievements of the revolution. Everyone who loves these achievements also loves the devotee and is fascinated of him.

Recommendations for the prevention of damages and dangers to Islamic Awakening:
Paper ends with a speech of ten proposals by the Supreme leader for the prevention of Islamic Awakening damages:
1. Enduring great pains to win all powerful obstacles
2. Attention to all true supports of the nation of believers
3. Constant review of principles of revolution and adjusting them to the laws of Islam, and keeping them from distortion
4. Avoiding religious, ethnic, tribal and boundary-related conflicts
5. Avoiding patterns of secular, nationalist or Marxist in system-building
6. creating the ultimate goal of unification of Islamic nation and creating civilization
7. aiming at the liberation of Palestine from Zionists
8. Making use of young generation capacities in Islamic countries

Conclusion:
One of the main components to achieve the goals of Islamic awakening movement is indeed the correct and realistic explanation of the current status. Incorrect analysis of opportunities and threats on one hand, and the strengths and weaknesses associated with the Islamic Awakening can lead to weaken and ultimately forget the main goals of the movement. Studies show that the main focus points of the enemy is on certain countries such as Egypt, Syria and Bahrain. Egypt at the time of Mubarak dictatorship, was the pillar of America's Middle East policy in the region and influence of the country on Arab communities of the region is very high. However, in this situation Palestine should not be forgotten and liberating the people of Palestine oppressed by Zionists for 63 years, and their supporters continue to be the first priority of Islamic world and must be considered essential in drawing the goals and plans of the Islamic awakening movement. The main danger to the huge movement of Islamic awakening also pointed out in the words of the Supreme Leader can be summarized in two main headings: "Opportunism" and "simulation". Opportunism is the act of dominated regime intended to deceive revolutionaries and satisfy them with partial and primary achievements. The simulation means the conspiracy and interference in the internal affairs of independent states of the resistance front to create destabilization and subversion. This measure applies to Iran and Syria. Hence, the need for cooperation and unity of Muslim intellectuals will be double. Specific planning must be done for short, medium and long term in each country, based on its particular circumstances. Establishment of a permanent forum entitled "World Assembly of Islamic Awakening" that the Secretariat is based in Tehran, has been one of the necessary and appropriate measures of Islamic public of Iran and aims to assist the movement in consolidation and reinforcement to achieve its final goals by drawing the ideas between intellectuals and thinkers in Islamic countries

As a general conclusion it can be said that Islamic Awakening undoubtedly is now faced with numerous risks and challenges in various areas, and if the risks are not prevented, the future of the awakening and Islamic revolution will be exposed to failure.

There are many weaknesses in the Muslim community and this gap must be filled in any possible way, now that the grace of God, the holy Islamic awakening is created, efforts should be taken to eventual achievements. And it needs to raise awareness and introduce proper procedures to Muslim community in particular, the revolutionaries, not to be involved with what our enemies have prepared to distract them and forget the main goal.

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