
Liberalism, Secularism, and Globalisation

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Questioner: Is it permissible to apply the term secularist, or liberal upon the person who boast with these labels and he says he is a secularist, and a liberal and he openly opposes the implementation of Sharee'ah?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Who is the liberal?

Questioner: The one who calls to absolute freedom without restrictions.

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): It is obligatory upon the leaders prosecute the likes of these individuals and sentence them according to what the Sharee'ah requires. Because the person who calls to absolute freedom from every restriction even if it is a religious based restriction; then this person is a disbeliever.

What is the meaning of us saying: You are free, pray or don't pray, fast or don't fast, pay Zakaat or don't pay Zakaat?

This means the person denies an obligation from the obligations of Islaam; rather he denies all the obligations of Islaam. He allows fornication and homosexuality, and alcohol; is this not the case? How can this person be a Muslim? This person is an apostate, a disbeliever. This person is to be judged (by the Muslim ruler). He is told to return to the religion of Islaam and keep his evil away from the Muslims if he does not do so; then he is executed (by the authority of the Muslim ruler).

As for the secularist; I do not have awareness of them, if you have knowledge of them, then describe them to us and we will judge by what we see is necessary.

Questioner: They are those who view religion and government should be separated.

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): These are lesser than those mentioned first; as they are more dangerous.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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If the country does not rule by the religion of Islaam then it is lost. And Subhaanallaah the Exalted, every verse in the Qur'aan and every Hadeeth from the Sunnah, all of it proves that Islaam is the country. Meaning it is obligatory upon the country to apply Islaam upon itself and its laws, and its people.

In any case: I advise my brothers who are true believers to be firm in the face of these movements. Because now the disbelievers, due to what Allaah (سبحانه)² has given them from industrial power and control over the people they want to remove the Muslims from their religion, by using words that resemble the truth but they are not the truth.

Like globalisation for example. Globalisation means: All the people are free and they are all the same. The markets in the metropolis of disbelief and the markets in the metropolis of Islaam are the same. Sell what you want, buy what you want; you have freedom in everything.

Thus it is upon the Muslim—upon the ruler first and the people second—to combat globalisation, and to not easily accept it. Because the end result is it leads to the Jews, Christians, Magians, apostates, Muslims, and hypocrites as being the same; globalisation of the world. Thus it is upon us to reject this ideology. And all praises belong to Allaah, perhaps if the rulers find pressure from the people he will respond to them; even the rulers who do not care to apply the Sharee'ah. As for the rulers who give importance to applying the Sharee'ah and advocating it in every opportunity, then we hope the cure will come from their midst and they will not require and cure from the outside.

² (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted