

The Future of Mankind

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Abstract: During the history of mankind there has been a great attempt by all schools of thought to portray the future of this world; the future of mankind. Utopia and the arrival of a savior have been given a lot of attention. In this article these two concepts have been analyzed.

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he idealistic spirit of mankind and his tendency toward perfection has always led him towards improvement and higher living standards.

What makes the human stand patiently and bravely against difficulties and disasters is the hope to overcome his problems and the desire to change the existing adverse situation to his ideal condition.

Philosophers and intellectuals in every period, probed into the roots of injustice, immorality, ignorance, and antagonism in society. They tried to find a way out of these evils towards a happy life, and searched for means of serving justice. They presented their theories in the form of different schemes.

On the other hand there have been holy messengers and divine leaders whose nature of existence is to invite nations to the truth and to promote virtue among nations. These holy leaders convey God's promise for fulfillment of truth and establishment of a united global system, and they jointly believe that the final victory is the victory of Truth and the prevalence of faith.

These two movements, although different in some aspects, are moving along the same direction. Below we study some examples of both movements.

A) Madineh Fadhele (Utopia)

A study of history of philosophy from the old times up to the recent years will clearly show that a supreme social and political system and finding means of improving human's social life have always been looked for, and discussed by intellectuals as a topic in philosophy, under the title of "policy of cities".

Plato's scheme to form an ideal society which included fixed social classes, and to have an intellectual as the ruler, was one of the first measures that are registered in the history of philosophy.

"The Republic" of Plato was designed on the idea that salvation will be achieved only when a wise intellectual (philosopher) takes the seat of power, and that people should be classified according to their talents and nature, and thus be assigned with appropriate tasks accordingly.

Pursuing Plato, another philosopher named Abu Nasr Farabi, demonstrated Madineh Fadhele and left the books "Madineh Policy" and "Thoughts of citizens of Madineh Fadhele".

Utopia is of great importance from the view point of Western philosophers too. Thomas Campanella has offered "Country of Sun", and Thomas Moore has written "Utopia". Marx and Angles talked about Communist Society, and Russell has brought up the "United Global Government".

This subject is so noticeable that William Durrant quoted from Oscar Wild who had said:

"The world map in which the location of Utopia is not shown is not worthy of looking at, since

the country where humanity has landed on, is ignored in this map. When humanity lands in such country it looks around to find better locations to move on. Progress and development is a must for achievement of Utopia”.

With regards to the absolute need of societies for a united leadership, Albert Einstein the famous contemporary physicist says:

“People of every race and color should live together under one particular flag peacefully in fraternity and equality”.

However, it is disappointing that man normally selects deviant ways and applies material means to achieve his old desire.

B) Believing in the arrival of the “Savior”

One of the common grounds of the main Religions is the belief in a promised Future, in which truth and justice overcome disbelief and deception. This belief itself includes faith in the Day of Judgment and arrival of the Savior.

According to Zoroastrianism

Zoroaster promised that after him there will be individuals who will come to save the world from Satan's evils. These individuals are known as Sooshyant. Zoroastrians believe that in the first, second and third millennium after Zoroaster three Sooshyants will come to the world. The last one of these three Sooshyants is called “the triumphant Sooshyant”, who is believed to be the most important one.

According to Judism

In the Psalms of David (as) in the Old Testament it has been mentioned:

“For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

According to Christianity

In the New Testament, book of John it is written:

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.”

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

The belief of a savior in Islam is well known and one of the most comprehensive. This will be studied in detail in future articles.