THE HOLY QUR'AN AND THE STATE

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Machiavelli (1469-1527) used the word 'lo stato'; thus establishing the modern usage of the word 'estate' used in the meaning of realm or kingly office before 16th century.

From its Latin root 'stare'-meaning to stand or status- the word 'state' became 'estate' in German' staat' in old French and in English' state'. Both of the terms state and estate carry the factor of land or territory as common in their meaning; and both have been descended from the old feudal system- the fundamental to the political structure of that time.

The earliest socities might not have states but as history records, they had developed means of governing tribes or other human groups. In the fertile valleys of Tigris, and Euphrates, Sumerians established their socities by the year 3,000 Bc. Nineveh, between 3,000 and 2,000 Bc had Council of Elders - as a governmental system.²

Tivey records " Detailed, rigid and autocratic administrative systems were built up by some rulers such as Pharoahs, and the Incas focussing, of course, on the supreme or god kings.³

We can refer to the pre-state era as an age of 'Chiefdoms' which were characterized by simple social organizations. The members were linked by ties of kinship. Each comunity had its own set of mutually agreed rules. These rules were focussed on the person of the chief.

It was in 800Bc, when the Greeks managed to think about politics in its own terms and they used the term city -state, also applied to the cities of Renaissance Italy, and to the other similar political units. The western Europe in its middle ages contained the Holy Roman Empire, founded by Charlemaigne around 800.4

The Italian city - republics began to develop their political system during the last decades of 11th century and established Consular System, responsible to run the state. By the middle of the 13th century, the leading communes avquired the status of independence.

J. Dunn explains "the Italian city - republics engendered a rich political litrature in which a number of arguments in favour of government by the people, was articulated for the first time in post - classical thought. They also evolved a structure of institutions to prove that the self - government is no more utopian fantasy, but is capable of being turned into political reality.⁵

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- 103. See under majmu`
- 104. See under arba' in
- 105. See under atraf
- 106. See under amali
- 107. Some scholars think that musnad work pre-dated musannaf work (Robson, hadith, E.I., III, 24: MSt, II, 214; Abbott, II, 156; Tradition, 23); while others think that musand appeared later (Tadrib, I, 89; Muslim Tradition, 22; Rauf, 273).
- 108. K. Ma'rifah, I, 486; Tadrib, I, 89; 'Urwah b. al-Zubayr is reported to have had his hadith material atranged under abwab (K. Ma'rifah, I, 551), which indicates that the traditionists of the first century A.H., also had classified material.
- 109. MST, II, 214; Aboott, II, 156
- 110. Ibn Salah, 34-35; Tadrib, II, 153-1541 Ba'ith, 34-35
- 111. MST, II, 214
- 112. Ma'rifah, 17; Tadrib, 1, 171, 172; Risalah, 46
- 113. MST, II, 214.
- 114. Tadrib, I, 173; Ibn Hanbal is reported to have said that he had tried to mention the genuime traditions which could serve as a basis for arguments (Subki, II, 31). Moreover, the conditions for the acceptance of a traditions, as mentioned by al-Hakim al-Nishapuri, indicate that the compilers of masanid were also cautious about both main and the isnad (Ma'rifah, 17ff).
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- 87. Tadrib, I, 276; Kashf, II. 1678, 1711; Bidayah, X. 315.; some parts of his *musannaf* were published at Hyderabad (India), and a few at Multan (Pakistan). At present the whole of his work is in the press in Bombay. A K. al-Adab attributed to him is preserved in al-Zahiriyyah in three volumes (Zahiriyyah, majmu, 78).
- 88. Risalah, 31; Ta'rikh, IX, 38, Siyar, X, 676
- 89. Ibid. 36, 56; Kahf, II, 1979; for bibliography see:GAS, I, 152, Tadh, II, 629; Irshad, VII, 75ff; 'Ibar, II, 57.
- 90. Tadrib, I, 182; Ma'rifah, 17; there is a slight difference among scholars regarding the definition of *ahadith musnad*ah. Ibn Salah (d.643/1245), and Ibn 'Abd al-Barr (d.463/1070), are not very particular about the conditions f ittisal (Ibn Salah, 39, 41; Tadrib, I, 182); on the other hand al-Hakim (d.405/1014), and al-Khatib al-Baghdadi (d.463/1070), are reported to have held the view that *ahadith musnad*ah should be marfu and muttasil (Ma'rifah, 17; Tadrib, I, 182).
- 91. MST, II, 210; Siyar, IX? 659
- 92. Idem; Technical Terms, I, 646
- 93. Tadrib, 1,1711 Tuhfah M.I, 66
- 94. Tadrib, II, 154-155; Tuhfah M, I, 66; Risalah, 46; it is reported that al-Khatib al-Baghdadi preferred the arrangement in such collections on the basis of services rendered to the faith (Jami' Akhlaq of Khatib, 10/190a cited by Subhi Salih in his 'Ulum al-Hadith, 123)
- 95. His *musnad* entitled Majmu' al-Fiqh is published in Cairo. 1240 A.H., Beirut, 1966; Milan ed. E. Griffini in 1919.
- 96. Wafayat, I, 327, Zuhr, IV, 114.; A'yan, IV. ii, 29f.
- 97. Buhuth, 153,
- 98. Kashf, II, 1682
- 99. His *Musnad* was arranged by Abu Yaqub Yusuf b. Ibrahim al-Warjalani (d. 570/1174) who named it al-Jami' al-Sahih (Jami', 3; A'lam, III, 14; VIII, 212); it was published in Cairo 1382 A.H., and in Jerusalem in 1326 A.H.
- 100. Zahiriyyah, mujmu, 118; Fihrist, 319
- 101.Kashf, II, 1682; Zahiriyyah, majmu.,40, GAS I, 466; the *Musnad* was transmitted by Muhammad b.. 'Abd Allah al-Hakam al-Misri (Zahiriyyah, 355).
- 102 For the physical forms of *hadith* transmission and the compilation of the Companions and the Successors see: A`Zami, 34ff; Imtiaz, 261ff.

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- 68. Fihrist, 318; Tadh, I, 248; Tah, XI, 54, 59f
- 69. Ibid, 316
- 70. Siyar, IX, 80; Tadh, 1,287; Tah, X, 199; his K. al-Zudlh is preserved in al-Zahiriyyah, hadith, 259.
- 71. Fihrist, 316; Tadh, I, 315; Siyar, IX, 173.
- 72. Kashf, II. 1006; Risalah, 27; Fasil, 613; Ibn Hajar had seen his K. al-Sunan in one volume (Tah,X,350).
- 73. Fihrist, 318; for bibbliography see: BTK, II, 1282; Ta'rikh, VIII, 401ff; Siyar, IX, 402f; Tah, III, 293ff; Mizan, II, 58f.
- 74. Jarh, IV, i. 400; Siyar, IX, 86.
- Risalah, 27, Kashf, II, 1006; his K. al-Sunan was published in Maligawn (India) in 1383 A.H., with annotations by Habib al-Rahman al-A'zami. For bibliography see: BTK-II, i, 516; T. Hanabilah, 160f; Tadh, II, 416; Mizan, II, 159.
- 76. Risalah, 27; Bidayah, X, 299; 'Ibar, I, 399; Ta'rikh, V, 366
- 77. Fibrist, 317, 318,319, 320; Risalah, 25ff
- 78. MST, II, 214.
- 79. The present writer is inclined towards the view that Zayd b. Thabit's K. al-Fara'id and al-Sha'bi's K. al-Talaq and K.al-Sadaqat could be considered the pioneering works in the genre (cf.MST, II,195,197no.7; 215). It is also evident that some of the teachers also related classified material in their sessions. It is reported on the authority of Hisham b. 'Urwah that 'Urwah b. al-Zubayr related ahadith to his students on different topics systematically (K.Ma'rifah, I, 551).
- 80. Ta'rikh, IX, 20.
- 81. Sa'd, VII, ii, 82; for Mu'awiyah see: Ta'rikh, XIII, 197; Tah, X, 215; in the Tabaqat of Ibn Sa'd the year of the death of Mu'awiyah is given 114 A.H., which seems an error (Sa'd, VII, ii, 82).
- 82. Risalah, 31; Jarh I, ii, 140
- 83. Jarh I. i. 192; Tah, I. 324.
- 84. Sa'd, VII. ii, 98; Risalah, 30-31; MST, II. 197 no. 7 see for bibliography of Waki' Ta'rikh, XIII, 466; Siyar IX, 140f; GAS, I, 96f.
- 85. Muqtabas, 258
- 86. Ja'di. 67-68; Wafayat, III, 216; Risalah, 31; Siyar, IX, 563; Fihrist I, 127; his tafsir was classified among the best of such works (Fihrist I, 54) see also Faut

54. Rihalh, 94, Fihrist, 318; see also note no. 9.

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- 55. Fihrist, 315; Risalah, 31; Tadh, 1,203: Kamil M, 133ff; al-Bukhari and al-Nsa'i are reported to have appreciated his Jami (Tarikh, II, II; Risalah Abu Dawud, 7). Ibn Rahawayh is mentioned as preferring the Muwwaffa' of Malik to the Jami of Sufyan (Tazyin, 44). Similarly 'Ubayd Allah b. Musa is reported to have disliked the Jami' (Teh, VII, 53). It is also reported that he dictated his Jami' to 'Abd Allah b. al-Walid al-'Adani (K. Ma'rifah, I, 718). His al-'Tafsir has been published in India with annotation by I, 'Ali 'Arshi in
- 56. Sahih, I,114; Mizan, 1,590; Jarh, III, ii, 99; Tah, III, IIf; Tadh, 1,202; he was a person who "burdened himself with few wordly things, but his Qur'an and books were always seen with him" (al-Nawawi, Bustan al-'Arifin, 32; Cairo, 1929).
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- 58. Risalah, 31; for bibliography see: Jarh, II, i, 225ff; Ta'rikh, IX, 174ff; Wafayat, II, 391ff; Asma', 290; GAS,I,96.
- Risalah, 31; Kashf, I,576; Some parts of his Jami' are in al-Zahiriyyah, hadith, 387; for bibliography see: Wafayat, III, 216f; Siyar, IX,563,ff; Mizan, II, 609ff; Jarh, III, i.38.
- 60. Fihrist, 318f; cf.MST,II,197.
- 61. Idem; Tadh, I,107f; Sa'd, VII, ii, 160f; Asma', 577; Tah, X,289ff; Muruj, IV, 17; al-Zuhri attested to his scholarship classing him with Sa'id b. al-Musayyab, Sha'bi and Hasan al-Basri, the four leading scholars of their time (Tah,X,291). He was amongst those who toured extensively in the pursuit of knowledge (Tah, X, 291; Tadh, I, 108; Dhahabi, V,4).
- 62. See note 52; his student Hajjaj b. Muhammad (d.206/821), had made copies of all his wors except the tassir which was written down from dictation (Ta'rikh VIII, 237; Tah, II, 205); some of his *ahadith* transmitted by Rawh b. 'Ubadah are preserved in Zahiriyyah, majmu',24.
- 63. MST,II,196; Fihrist,317; Tdh, I,177; Tah, IV, 63ff; Dhahabi, VI, 183; he edited a number of works e.g., K al-Tafsir, K. Aal-Manasik and others.
- 64. Fihrist, 318; Dhahabi, VI, 225; Kamil M, 143; Tadh, I, 178; Kashf, II, 1682
- 65. Fihrist, 315; T.Huffaz, 82,; Tadh, I, 191; Tarikh, II, 304; Jadhwah, 344
- 66. Fihrist, 316; Jarh, I, ii, 613; Tadh, I, 215
- 67. Fihrist, 319; Ibrahim b. Tahman's work mentioned in the sources as Mashaykhah (GAS, I, 93; Kahiriyyah, majmuu',107), is studied by Tahir Mallick. His conclusion is that this work is a part of Ibn Tahman's K. al-Sunan. He says that in later centuries the word sunan was tempered with and confused with mashaykha

- 31. Siyar, X, 515; XI, 215; Tah, XI, 298f; K. Ma`rifah, II, 145. Al-Tabarani's (d. 360/971) famous works al-Mu`jam al-Saghir, al-Mu`jam al-Wasit and al-Mu`jam al-Kabir belong to this category.
- 32. See: A.H. Harley, "Musnad 'Umar b. 'Abb al-Aziz", JASB; 1924, 319ff Musnad 'Umar b. 'Abd al-Aziz, ed. Muhammad 'Awwamah.
- 33. Kahf, I, 161; Risalah, 119
- 34. Zahiriyyah, majmu'. 115
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- 36. Risalah, 119; Zahiriyyah, 'am, 9400; majmu, 104, 72; 70
- 37. GAS, II, 83; Kashf, I, 52f
- 38. Lisan IX 216, 217
- 39. Risalah, 125
- 40. 'Illal A, I, 387; Janil', I, 72
- 41. Taqdimah, 236; Tah, VIII, 167
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- 43. K.M arifah, II, 134.
- 44. K. Ma'rifah, II, 133.
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- 46. K. Ma'rifah, II, 285
- 47. Tah, I, 324
- 48. Risalah, 125f; Kashf, I, 116f; Zahiriyyah, hadith, 15, 371; GAS, I, 208, 220
- 48a. For further information see present writer's article Atraf all hadith in al-Adwa vol II No 2
- 49. Some scholars do not differentiate between Jami', *musannaf* and *sunan*, but strictly speaking there are some differences which distinguish them from one another (Tuhfah M, 1, 66)
- 50. Tufah M.I. 64, 65
- 51. Al-Sah fah al-Sadiqah contained the traditions on different subjects, through certainly not systematically arranged as indeed the compiler himself declared (Tagyld, 78, 84)
- 52. A collection of his adadith is preserved in al-Zahiriyyah, (majmu, 98).
- 53. Tah, IV, 244.