

A Global Movement of Commitment to the Family

One of the fundamental concepts related to human beings is the institution of family, which has been intertwined with humanity since the beginning of creation. This system holds a special place and value in all societies, with various religions, customs, and traditions, and is considered the primary institution of social integration in most communities. Norms, customs, and values are components within the institution of family that are taught to individuals, enabling them to gradually progress towards perfection and happiness.

The family is the cornerstone of human society, a society that, in order to survive, grow, flourish, and achieve its goals, requires a normative order. The foundation of this normative order is established through the formation of families, which will pave the way for a cohesive society. Social and legal issues, as well as other responsibilities that parents have towards their children and each other, all rest upon the formation of the family and must be observed in order for society to be truly human. It is within the family that the growth of human emotions, virtues, love, and selflessness can be nurtured, while simultaneously eradicating the grounds for corruption, decay, destruction, physical and mental illnesses, and a descent into an animalistic existence. However, today, this foundation is facing serious challenges and vulnerabilities.

With the collapse of all moral values inherited

from the era of Christianity and ethical philosophers of the West in the early half of this century, and also at its end, Western intellectuals, by providing justifications and normalization for various vices and deviations such as homosexuality, cohabitation, promiscuous sexual behavior, and so on, have caused the destruction of all moral foundations of society.

This moral collapse has specifically targeted the most important social institution, namely the family. The family, which is the first building block of human society and the primary center for educating and nurturing future generations, shapes the social actions and reactions of individuals. Therefore, the moral health and stability of this institution contribute to the development of a wise and peaceful generation. At the same time, the absence of these principles may lead society to face a generation that is contentious and divisive in the future.

The lack of inclination towards committed and formal marriage, the birth of illegitimate children resulting from extramarital relationships, abortion, identity confusion, and repeated sexual and gender labeling, distancing oneself from ethics, spirituality, and religion, the phenomenon of teenage motherhood without the presence of the child's father, the prevalence of virtual promiscuity, open relationships between individuals of the same sex under the name

of marriage, the preference for pet ownership over raising children, and the peculiar forms of sexual gratification are all challenges of today's Western world. Unfortunately, these issues are also noticeable in cultures, subcultures, and individuals influenced by Western culture and liberal and humanistic foundations in various parts of the world.

In contrast to the Western world, which is currently facing a crisis of family collapse, Islam, as a comprehensive human-oriented religion, holds a special view of this social institution. From an Islamic perspective, the family is one of the foundational institutions of human existence and one of the main structures of society. A desirable society takes shape in the shadow of a desirable family. Unlike the Western world, where the family is facing a crisis of collapse, from a religious perspective, there is no more sacred and beloved foundation than the family.

In the eyes of Islam, the formation of a family is so beloved that there is no organization or foundation more beloved in the sight of God.

The United Nations (UN) is recognized as one of the most prominent civilizational institutions in recent centuries, symbolizing humanity's efforts to uphold human rights across the globe. Its primary goal is to address human rights issues, acknowledging the highest status and position of human beings in the order of creation.

For this reason, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran highlighted the importance of protecting the family and the global commitment to the family as one of the central themes of his speech at the United Nations General Assembly.

In this assembly, the President of Iran stated that « Meanwhile, what guarantees a bright future for human society is paying attention to the high values that lead humans to perfection and dignity. And what better than God's word can define humanity and exalting human values.»

One thought-provoking point in this statement is that in the book of God, respect for parents is listed as one of the highest human values, which encompasses God's satisfaction. This can be seen as a central indication of the Western approach to undermining the position of the heavenly book, the Holy Quran, as well as the valuable institution of the family.»

Continuing his remarks on the subject of protecting the sanctity of the family, he emphasized its central and influential role in the modern global system. «Alongside the war against Islam, we are witnessing a war against the family. The family is the most authentic, enduring, fundamental, and innate human institution that is now under threat.

Today, crimes against humanity are not limited to the occupation of lands, the killing of innocents, and the colonization of nations. It is also an attack on the natural and instinctive refuge of humanity, which is the family. Protecting the sanctity of the family and marriage, which takes the form of the union between a man and a woman, is a global reality that needs to be prioritized on the global agenda. Education, human development, and excellence cannot be achieved without the framework of family values.

Today, we need a global commitment to the family. Fabricated narratives about marriage and gender are, in fact, attempts to eliminate sublime concepts such as mother, father, and the natural family; actions that can be considered crimes against humanity and lead to the interruption of the human race. It is our human duty to confront such approaches. Today, we need a global commitment to the family so that all members of the family can experience a warm life alongside each other.»

Therefore, it is necessary for countries around the world, especially Muslim nations as the brothers of the Islamic Ummah, to take steps towards forming a global movement committed to the family and protecting its foundation. This will enable them to stand against the increasing attacks and destabilizing efforts of hegemonic systems in the world.