

Politically Organized Song and Dance Festivals in Lebanon

Malicious Message and Dancing on the Wounds of the Sacrificed Ummah

(Translated)

What drew the attention and was created for it vulgar stir in recent weeks in Lebanon, is the large number of festivals of song and dance in all regions. What furthered its provocation is that the official and political authorities such as the Ministry of Tourism and the Municipalities were its sponsors or had participated in it, which gave it a tincture of an organized political action, and that the media had exaggerated in its promotion, so that it allocated portion of the news time for live broadcasting the events! Which illustrated that these festivals exceeded individual amusement to a political and ideological work which the political authority is managing and it employs for it State apparatus and the media to be more effective to achieve the aim.

And what was more provocative to a large segment of the people of Lebanon is the political statements and promotional advertisements that accompanied those festivals, such as the people of Lebanon love life, Sidon expressed its reality and identity, Tripoli has proved its openness and moderation, and this is the true face of the people of Lebanon!!!

These slogans which are full of poison is a hint that the real life and happiness are only attainable with a lot of fun, singing, dancing, mixing and depravity ... and thus gives a sign that the one who adheres to the rulings of Islam, and so forbids men and women meeting on singing, dancing, depravity, and flirting, does not know how to live well and does not know the meaning of life and happiness!

What is disgusting in these bustling festivals is that they are a stone's throw from a land in which massacres are committed on its people day and night, with the participation of criminal mercenaries from Lebanon, and even Lebanon authority devices are involved in prosecuting its people who are fleeing murder and drums of death, and throw them in crowds in prisons, victimize them and torture them in detention camps, either for convicting them of being against the tyrant of Syria, or just because they are (Syrians not carrying identification documents !!!) which reveal these festivals as dancing on the surgeon, skulls and body parts, and that whoever organizes them gloat at the people of Lebanon who their eyes tear daily from what they witness of tragedies befalling their people and their brothers and sisters behind the damn border, and say to them: **This is a spite towards everyone who insists on the brotherhood of Iman and the creed crossing political boundaries drawn by the Kaffir colonizers.**

Aside from this, we are entitled to ask the intuitive question that is agreed upon by every sane no matter how much he differs with us in thought and opinion:

Have the authority's political agencies in Lebanon, carried out what it must do of taking care of the mandatory and necessary affairs, until nothing remained but paying attention to the organization of festivals of dance and song?! Rather to also spend for it some funds from the public and the budget of the Ministry of Tourism!!!

The apparent reality is that the political authority has abandoned the welfare of the people in all respects, and that the crises and various forms of societal dilemmas worsen day by day. As an example of this, it is sufficient to know that some of these festivals take place between hills of trash scattered over a wide area of the country!

O People of Lebanon:

On this occasion, we invite you all to recognize the true meaning of life and happiness:

The life of this world that we live in now is only one stage of a long human journey, Allah Almighty has placed him in it for the wisdom He wanted, which is to maintain it in accordance with His commands and prohibitions. So that man directs his actions according to the commands and prohibitions of the Almighty, and therefore, satisfies his organic needs and innate instincts according to the system revealed to him by the Almighty. Accordingly, he mixes matter with spirit (*ruh*), such that he is neither sunk in the material of this world life and its vanities, nor that he abandons life by the pretext of paying attention to the spirit and worship.

Hence, if man lives this life in this way he attains his happiness therein. Because Allah who created man, who knows what his soul whispers to him, and who is closer to him than his jugular vein, has

revealed for him the system that organizes his behavior and solving his problems as a human being looking forward to salvation and happiness. So His (swt) Shar'a is the one which agrees with man's nature (*fitrah*), He (swt) says: ﴿فَأَقْمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ **“So direct your face toward the religion, inclining to truth. [Adhere to] the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know.”** [Ar-Rum: ٣٠].

Accordingly, the absolute fact of happiness is directing life in according to the commands and prohibitions of Allah, so that Allah and His Messenger are obeyed in every detail of life, and so human senses Allah's pleasure. Thus happiness can only be achieved by sensing the attainment of Allah's pleasure.

Allah (swt) says: ﴿أَوَمَنْ كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَاحْيَيْنَاهُ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُ نُورًا يَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ كَمَنْ مَثَلُهُ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ لَيْسَ بِخَارِجٍ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ زُيِّنَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ مَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ﴾ **“And is one who was dead and We gave him life and made for him light by which to walk among the people like one who is in darkness, never to emerge therefrom? Thus it has been made pleasing to the disbelievers that which they were doing.”** [Al-Ana'm: ١٢٢]

And He (swt) says: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَهُهُ﴾ **“O you who have believed, respond to Allah and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life. And know that Allah intervenes between a man and his heart and that to Him you will be gathered”** [Al-Anfal: ٢٤].

And He (swt) says: ﴿مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَى وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهُ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً﴾ **“Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – We will surely cause him to live a good life”**. [An-Nahl: ٩٧]

Above this worldly happiness he would attain what is greater and more enduring, happiness in gardens as wide as the heavens and earth, abiding eternally therein.

But if man turns away from the laws of Allah (swt) and rejects but to follow the lower desires and portray life as satisfying the optimum level of sensual pleasures, he will suffer in this life and Allah will make his breast tight and constricted. The closest blatant tangible evidence on this fact is the contemporary Western society, which attained the optimum level of sensual pleasures and the trappings of worldly life and its physical causes, but with all this is full of psychological and social crises, and witness the highest rate of suicides, in spite of having the largest number of psychiatric clinics and doctors in the world.

Then, after the misery in this life, he who turns away from obedience to Allah Almighty, moves to a misery that he did not know like it before, Hell, and evil is such destination, in which he neither die nor live, ﴿وَمَا ظَلَمَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ﴾ **“And Allah wronged them not, but they used to wrong themselves.”** [An-Nahl: ٣٠]

Allah Almighty says: ﴿فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنْي هُدًى فَمَنْ اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى * وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْ ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمًى﴾ **“Then whoever follows My guidance will neither go astray [in the world] nor suffer [in the Hereafter]. And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed, he will have a depressed life.”** [Ta-Ha: ١٢٣-١٢٤]

O Muslims in Lebanon:

You have known from the Book of your Lord, this meaning of this life, it is not permissible with this Iman of yours to surrender your leadership to rulers you know them well; do not recognize a meaning for this world life except benefit, and do not see the happiness except in attaining optimum level of physical and sensual pleasures. They do not know a way to their greed but through riding your backs and looting your money and their authority over you, and do not see a path to this authority except by seeking the pleasure of their masters in the West, while you implore your happiness by seeking the pleasure of your Lord Almighty ... So how far are they from you?! And how far are you from them?!

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