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Sources of Islam

Pagan sources

(Pagan rituals- Ka'bah -Pilgrimage)

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The greatest influence on Islam was the pagan environment surrounding it; it had very big impact on it especially when Muslims tried to reconcile with the pagans and the people of Korish

In Encyclopedia Britannica, part 1, page 1047 :{ the researcher are considering the Arabic pagan religion as the origin of the Islamic religion}

Sheikh Abdul Galil Abdul-Karim mentioned in his book "the historic roots of the Islamic legislation", page 1208):

The Arab in the pre-Islam paganism epoch was the origin of many rules, rituals, regulations and legislations that Islam had founded, so we can say with great certainty that Islam had inherited from the paganism lot of worshipping and ritualistic aspects

There is a field which the Islamic proselytisers are very keen of obscuring and concealing which is the religious field, as lot of readers will be astonished when they know that Islam had taken from the paganism lot of religious and rituals

Sheikh Abdul Galil Abdul-Karim (sheikh of Islam, one of Al-Azhar graduates and the author of many Islamic references) mentioned in his book "the historic roots of the Islamic legislation" those worshipping rituals as:

- 1) Glorifying Al-Ka'bah, in page 15
- 2) The pilgrimage and its rituals ,in page 16
- 3) Month of Ramadan, in page 18
- 4) The prohibition of the sacred months, in page 18
- 5) Dignifying Ibrahim and Ismail, in page 18
- 6) The general congregation in Friday

He added in page15: in spite of the presence of 21 Ka'bahs before Islam in the Arabic peninsula, all the Arab rites agreed to scarify the Ka'bah of Makkah and perform pilgrimage to it in the pre-Islam paganism

Islam came and preserved the scarifying of Al- Ka'bah and the quran had given it many honorable famous names, as in:

Table chapter (Surat Al-Ma'idah') 97:" Allah has made the Ka'bah, the sacred house"

In The simplified Arabic encyclopedia, page 1465 :{ Ka'bah was considered the biggest temple in Korish, and the residence of their idols, the greatest idol was Ella (the moon god) , from it the Islamic proclamation " Allah Akbar" was derived as Ella was the greatest among the idols

Ibrahim and Al- Ka'bah

In quran, in the cow chapter (Surat Al-Baqarah) 127:" Ibrahim and Ishmael were raising the foundations of the House (AL-Ka'bah) Our Lord! Accept from us"

Did Ibrahim build Al- Ka'bah?

Actually this is a very strange and irrational saying, as it is against the history, archaeology and the holy books

The Holy Bible never mentioned that Ibrahim went to the Arabic peninsula in his life, he lived in Palestine, and then he went to Egypt and returned back to Palestine passing by the Sinai desert and he never went there in his travels

In the history books and the old archaeology of the Far East and the Arabic peninsula there was no single mentioning that Ibrahim went to the Arabic peninsula

In the book of "who built the Ka'bah the Muslims' most holy place" by W.L.Cathe, which is a book enriched with detailed maps said: the author concluded that Ibrahim never went to the Arabic peninsula

The Islamic encyclopedia, part 1, page 77 mentioned that:" it was never mentioned that Ibrahim had put the foundations of the House (AL-Ka'bah) and he was not the first Muslim

In the whole Mekkaian chapters (those chapter written in Makkah before the immigration of the prophet) of the quran there were no single mentioning of Ibrahim, but in the madinian chapters (those chapter written in Madina after the immigration of the prophet) the situation is different, as Ibrahim was called "Hannifin Muslim" and the founder of the religion of Ibrahim and he raised the foundations of the House (AL-Ka'bah) with Ishmael the cow chapter (Surat Al-Baqarah) 127

The secret behind that difference between the Mekkaian chapters and the madinian chapters exists in the fact that Mohammed made an alliance with the Jews in Makkah in the beginning, but they showed hostility to him, so he had to find some others, so he thought of the father of all Arabs Ibrahim, so he was able to get rid of the Judaism of his time to create a connection with the Judaism of Ibrahim that became the origin of Islam,

When he was mentally fully occupied with Makkah, then Ibrahim became the founder of the House of God

The pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is one of the essential pillars of Islam; it is derived from the pre-Islam paganism

The word "haji" itself is derived from "Hack" which means in Arabic language friction as there was a pagan ritual performed at the time of Hajj, in which women were doing friction of their private part by the black stone for enhancing their breeding capabilities (Dr.jawad Ali in his book "the history of Arab before Islam", part 5, page 223)

(This issue will be explained in details in a separate chapter)

In the book "Ka'bah through the history, by Dr; Ali Hassen Al-Kharboutly he wrote:

{The Arabs before Islam were going to Makkah in the season of Hajj (pilgrimage) every year to perform the pilgrimage obligation}

What was the purpose of Pilgrimage in paganism?

In Islamic encyclopaedia, part 11, page 3465:" there were 2 commercial markets every year during the month of Dhu-al-Qa'dah, the first one in Okaz and the second one in Makkah, they were followed in the first few days of Dhu-al-Hijjah by a market, called Dhu-almjaz, those markets following the season of dates collection was connected o the pilgrimage (Hajj), it is called"Mousem al-Hajj"

The word "Mousem" in their language was meaning the fertility festival or " wasm", this word as mentioned in the book "the legendary and the heritage" by Sayed Al-Kemny, page 165: "wasm" or "Mousem" is the word from it "Mousem Al-Hajj "was derived, it means " moumes" which in Arabic language means prostitute, noticing that there were many prostitutes in Makkah before Islam

In his book, Sayed Al-Kemny said in page 160: inside Al-Ka'bah, there was also the god "hobble" the god of fertility, that's why there were sexual rituals, widely spread in these areas, There were performing group sex seeking fertility as a part of their pagan rituals and they were doing circumambulation around Al-Ka'bah naked

Nowadays they are also doing circumambulation around Al-Ka'bah semi-naked with the origin of that ritual in the paganism epoch

The pilgrimage rituals in the paganism epoch

Arab in the paganism epoch were performing the same rituals, Muslims are performing nowadays

The same rituals, nothing had been altered from it at all

In the book " the historic roots for the Islamic legislation by Dr: Khalil Abdul-Karim, page 16, he recapitulated that rituals in the following:

- 1) "Al-Talbi'h" the Muslims' saying around the Ka'bah" labbik Al-Lahom labbik" while they are doing the circumambulation**
- 2) " Al-Ihram" the wearing of the special pilgrimage clothes**
- 3) " Al-Hade"" market**
- 4) Stopping by "Arafa"**
- 5) Stoning of the 'jamarat"**
- 6) The slaughtering**
- 7) The walking between the "safa" and " the " marwa"**
- 8) Kissing of the black stone**
- 9) The circumambulation around Al-Ka'bah seven times**

They took all the pilgrimage rituals unaltered from the pre-Islam paganism

