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ABSTRACT

This article seeks to explore that the rise of atheism had a profound effect in Muslim societies. It is no exaggeration to say that they shook the roots of the ancient heritage and created a great challenge to Christianity and Islam. We feel the effects of atheism in every aspect of ideology, philosophy, politics, economy, society and ethics. Atheism generally refers to the denial of God, and atheism is a scholarly debate and movement based on its intellectual structures and details. In today's world, atheism has become entrenched in the modern individual and atheism has taken the form of a major movement that has an aggressive strategy against religious beliefs and non-religious attitudes. Atheism is no longer a scientific or rational issue, but has become a social and cultural situation, which has at times taken the form of a movement. In the past people used to deny God only philosophically but now people have started denying God based on scientific theories. From time immemorial, some people have believed in some form of atheism, but at this time, the denial of the existence of God has been greatly diminished. Similarly, only a few philosophers have passed away who denied separation. However, those who deny the Hereafter have been present in large numbers in every age. Atheism gained more prominence when the dominant nations of the world adopted it as their way of life and its effects are being felt all over the world. This study will discuss the history of atheism. In addition, the views of four personalities promoting new atheism will be presented. Analytical methods will be used in the research. In this article, we will try to examine the causes that led to the rise of atheism. How the atheist movement is growing in the world and what are the effects on the societies of the countries that accept it.

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Introduction

In the world of religions, basically two kinds of beliefs are equally present with some differences. The concept of the existence of God and the messengers of God known as Prophets or other names, these two beliefs are present in almost all religions. The result of these two beliefs is that the universe was created by God and after its creation, it did not become detached from the universe, but ran the system of the universe and did not deviate from its constant supervision. At the same time, he has instilled in human beings the consciousness of the distinction between good and evil in the form of a sense of morality which is called nature. In addition, there are some practical examples from God, based on which people ought to conduct their lives. Nearly all major faiths, with the exception of a few, believe in an afterlife where good deeds earn one a place in Paradise and bad deeds earn one a place in Hell.

Against these general beliefs about religion there is another way of thinking which is called Atheism. Atheism is not really a religion but the name of a thought that has to do with disbelief in God. Those who do not believe in God and religion are called Atheists. They do not consider God, deity or supernatural beings to exist. Therefore, religion also has no divine reality but it is the result of man's own thinking and invention of his mind. Atheistic thoughts have been refuted by Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and other religions of the world.

Islam and atheism are two conflicting thoughts because they comprise of irreconcilable worldviews. Islam teaches God's instructions to humans whereas atheism denies the existence of God and represents religion as a hazard for humanity and peace. The idea of rejecting the existence of God has always existed in different forms since earliest ages.¹ However, atheism increased speedily in Europe and the rest of the world in the eighteenth century. Baron and Diderot claim that the universe consists of an accumulation of matter which has existed since time began. In the nineteenth century, the anti-religious scientific and philosophical ideas of Nietzsche, Marx, Durkheim, and Freud played an important role in the progress of atheism.

Darwin's controversial theory of evolution supported atheism scientifically and started debates between evolutionism and creationism. Darwin delivered a scientific answer about the existence of the universe. Darwin's theory described the process which instigated life on Earth. The theory designated that a mechanism existed in nature which animated the non-living matter and produced millions of existing species from it.² Darwin's explanation about his theory fascinated atheistic minds significantly to reject the religious thought about the existence of the universe and the beginning of living beings.³ In the last section of the nineteenth century, Atheist thinkers propagated the idea that the universe was self-existent, which had no foundation and had existed since always. Furthermore, they claimed that balance and order in the universe were by unexpected and it had no specific purpose. They required that in the past, humans were reliant on religious stories but at the present they have a scientific clarification about the origin of the universe by Darwin; a psychological explanation by Freud and a historical and social explanation by Marx and Durkheim. However, these atheistic thoughts were rejected with social, political, and scientific developments. Today, Muslim scholars describe that modern encounters in the field of biology, astronomy, and sociology have canceled atheistic thoughts and conventions.

New Atheism is a 21st century movement. Its main supporters are Richard Dawkins (b. March 26, 1941), Christopher Hitchens (b. December 15, 2011) Daniel Dennett (b. March 28, 1942) and Sam Harris (b. April 9, 1967). The founders of this movement have used forceful language against all the faiths of the world specifically Islam after 9/11. The change between

¹ Julian Baggini, (2003) *Atheism: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, p. 3.

² See Peter J. Vorzimmer, *Charles Darwin (1859): The Years of Controversy: The Origin of Species and Its Critics*.

³ Darwin, C. R. (1859). *The origin of species*. USA: Signet.

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traditional atheists and new atheists is that traditional atheists have relied solely on philosophical arguments to deny the existence of God and have argued that different religious scriptures are unpredictable and conflicting.⁴ But new atheists use scientific, philosophical and ethical argumentation along with historical arguments to deny the existence of God. According to them, the virgin birth, Jesus', return to life after death and the continuity of our souls after death are scientific statements that can be rebutted (Harris, 2004, P.76 & Dawkins, 2006, P.92).⁵

New Atheists has gotten much attention from the audience after the 9/11 incident. A Gallup Poll study conducted in 2012 shows a steady rise of atheism (3%) and a steady decline of religiosity (9%) across the world in past years. This survey has also discovered that atheism is growing in Muslim countries; the rise in Pakistan is 2 percent and 5 and 4 percent in Saudi Arabia and Palestine respectively (Win-Gallup International, 2012). Scholars of different religions, like Christianity and Judaism, are trying to articulate arguments against new atheism based on their religious structure. In the same way, Muslim scholars have also tried to answer to atheistic arguments but these dissertations are hardly known in the academic community. Because, As the Islamic framework is relatively different, Muslim scholars cannot copy all the argumentation from additional religions.

The growth of atheism in Muslim countries can cause conflict between secular and non-secular systems because Muslim countries have their own social (worship, marriage, rituals), economic (interest-free banking system, Zakat system), and legal systems (criminal and social laws) which are guided predominantly by Qur'an and Hadith. Atheists are followers of secular systems of administration and abrogation of religion from every domain of life. This is a difficult for Islam and other religions because the new atheism challenges their argumentation. Most of the atheists belong to countries with Jewish and Christian. Christian and Jewish scholars have been disproving the atheistic thoughts. In the book 'God and the New Atheism', John F. Haught critically analyze the opinions of Dawkins, Harris, and Hitchens from a Christian perspective (Haught, 2008, PP.21-154).⁶ In another book, "Answering the New Atheism" the writers, Scott Hahn, and Benjamin critically analyze the new atheists' arguments and counter these arguments with a Catholic perspective (Hahn & Wiker 2008, PP.45-123).⁷ Similarly, a Jewish scholar, William E Kaufman critically responds to the anti-religious thoughts of Dawkins, Dennett, Hitchens, and Harris in his book "A Jewish Philosophical Response to New Atheists" (Kaufman, 2014, PP.12-139).

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This rise of atheism had a profound effect in Muslim societies. It is no exaggeration to say that they shook the roots of the ancient heritage and created a great challenge to Christianity and Islam. We feel the effects of atheism in every aspect of ideology, philosophy, politics, economy, society and ethics:

Beliefs, Philosophy and Ideas

First let's talk about the theoretical and philosophical aspect. Atheism attacked the basic tenets of Christianity and Islam, namely, the existence of God, the Prophethood and the Hereafter, and spread doubts about it. The existence of God was denied, the historical existence of the apostles was denied and various questions were raised about the Hereafter.

⁴ Dawkins, R. (2011). *The magic of reality: how we know what's really true?* USA: Paperback.

⁵ Harris, S. (2004). *The end of faith: religion, terror, and the future of reason.*

⁶ Hought G. F. (2008). *God and the new atheism: a critical response to Dawkins, Harris and Hitchens.* USA: Publishers Weekly.

⁷ Hahn, S. & Wiker, B. (2008). *Answering the new atheism: dismantling the case against God.* Ohio: Emmaus Road Publishing.

Atheists have not had much success in this regard because these three beliefs are related to metaphysical realities. Which cannot be proved or disproved in the light of observational and empirical knowledge of this world.

Atheists' view of the denial of religion is that religion is, in fact, an invention of ancient man, which he devised to satisfy his mind when there were no answers to questions beyond his comprehension. But now the advancement of science has revealed to man all that he was previously unaware of.⁸ For example, when people of the past saw the sun rise and set at a certain time, they had no choice but to acknowledge the existence of a great and supernatural being behind it. Similarly, many other questions about which he had no answer, he made up his belief that this is the work of the same unseen being.

But since we are now living in an age where we know the natural causes of all of this, we know that the rising and setting of the sun is due to its rotation around the earth. So we don't have to give credit to any god or goddess. In the same way, in order to understand the reality of other natural phenomena in the universe, one needs to know its justification instead of God.

Atheists' position on the doctrine of the Hereafter is that after death, man's connection with this world ends and he never returns. We cannot observe what happens before death, what happens after death and whether anything happens or not, so it is not necessary to accept the belief in the Hereafter. According to him, since there is no solid observable evidence of religious beliefs, it should be forgotten as a thing of the past and recognizing religious beliefs is against the dignity of human intellect because of the questions and issues that God and Religion existed, now we have their purely technical and logical answers. These atheist philosophers insist that a rational person should not believe in something which is not observed by the senses.⁹

Atheists attacked Christianity on the one hand, and on the other, medieval Christian scholars incorporated some of the scientific and philosophical ideas of their time into their system of beliefs, such as the earth being the center of the universe and the sun revolving around it. When modern scientific research disproved these theories, many people lost faith in Christianity and even adopted atheism intellectually. Since there are no such beliefs in Islam, Islam is safe from such attacks. That is why atheism has found so many followers in the West who proudly call themselves atheists by declaring their aversion to all religions.¹⁰ But among the Muslims they could rarely find such people. Only a handful of Muslims were born who joined the Communist Party. If we look at the ethnic Muslims associated with the communist movement, we will find very few of them who are willing to openly call themselves atheists or atheists.

Another major attack of the atheists on Christianity was that they denied the existence of the Holy Prophets, especially Jesus (peace be upon him). He called the heavenly scriptures, especially the Bible, a book of fairy tales. Successfully defending this accusation, some Christian archaeologists have dedicated their lives to scientifically proving that Jesus (pbuh) is a historical figure and that the Bible is not merely a book of fables but is told in it. The events are historically true and their evidence is also found in the knowledge of archeology. This was the great victory of Christianity over atheism.

In the case of Islam, atheists could not do so because it was not scientifically possible for them to challenge the historical status of the Qur'an and the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). They devised another way to attack Islam. Some of them were exposed to the Day of Judgment and those who were exposed to scientific dishonesty tried to tarnish the personal character of the Prophet of Islam with the help of some fabricated traditions but they failed

⁸ Benjamin Fearnow, and Mickey Woods (2012). *Richard Dawkins Preaches to Nonbelievers at Reason Rally*.

⁹ Chris Hedges (2008), *I Don't Believe in Atheists* (New York: Free Press) pp. 69-71.

¹⁰ Christopher Hitchens (2007), *God is not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*, p. 64.

miserably because of these fabrications. The scholarly and historical status of the traditions has been elucidated by Muslim scholars, which has also been acknowledged by justice-loving atheist scholars. These researchers openly acknowledged the greatness of the caste of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

The skepticism that these atheists spread about the essence of God was based on a few scientific theories. Twentieth-century scientific research, conducted by atheists themselves, has shown that the scientific theories on which they built the building are completely wrong. Thus their whole building collapsed from the very foundation they had built.

Lifestyle

For the atheists, the denial of the existence of God as well as the revelation and the divine scriptures as a necessary consequence have no real significance. According to the religious people, God Almighty revealed revelation for living so that man can live his life according to these commands. But when religion is denied, then there is a change in thinking about lifestyle. Atheists generally believe in secularism and capitalism and communism in economics.¹¹

A secularist believes that religion and the state should be separated. Atheists do not believe in any god. Atheists will generally be secular because they do not want to live by the laws introduced by religion. Atheists are secular, many of them believing that the state should be based on their own religious ideology.

Concept of absolute Freedom

The unbridled freedom of the individual is a fundamental feature of the atheist system of thought. That is to say, an individual should be completely independent in every way in his individual life and religion should not appear in his inner and outer life. Thus, the religion that provides the social rules and regulations, the rules of worship and values, all these are unnecessary for the atheists and unreal in practical life. Therefore, one should respect and abide by the prohibitions of religious prohibitions such as drinking, adultery, usury, nudity, etc. in one's life. In this absolute freedom, religion has only a cultural status. That is to say, the religion and society in which a person will be born, his marriage, festivals, rites and funeral rites will be in accordance with that religion.¹²

Economic System

Atheism gave the world two systems in the field of economics. One is Adam Smith's Capitalism and the other is Karl Marx's Communism. Capitalism is actually a new form of the feudal system itself, which in practice is slightly better than the feudal system. In capitalism the market is left completely free in which every person has unlimited opportunities to make money and he will get richer and richer and whoever does not have these opportunities will get poorer and poorer. The government does not intervene in this regard.¹³

Atheists are divided into two groups regarding the economic system. One group believes in capitalism, which is based on interest. While the other group is convinced of communism.¹⁴ The capitalist system insists that every human being be left completely free to engage in commercial and industrial activities, to adopt whatever method he deems appropriate for the

¹¹ Dawkins, R.(2001). *River Out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life*. London: Phoenix, p. 155.

¹² Marx, Karl. (1998). *Capital: A Critique of Political Economy, Vol. III*. In *Marx and Engels Collected Works*, Vol. 37. Moscow: Progress Publishers.

¹³ Rushdie, S. (1989). *Fact, faith and fiction*. *Far Eastern Economic Review*. p.111-114.

¹⁴ Dimoulis, Dimitri, and John Milios. (2004). 'Commodity Fetishism vs. Capital Fetishism: Marxist Interpretations vis-à-vis Marx's Analyses in *Capital*'.

purpose of making a profit.¹⁵ There should be no distinction. Also in this economic system interest, insurance, interest etc. are of primary importance.

In the communist system, on the other hand, no business is a private property but a national property and all individuals are government employees. Different forms of communism are prevalent in the present age.

In this system, as in the feudal system, the capitalist exploits the weaknesses of the poor.¹⁶ The gap between the rich and the poor is so wide that on the one hand the ghee lamps are lit and on the other hand there is no lentils for food. On the one hand a person spends thousands of rupees on one meal at a time and on the other hand a person has to go to bed hungry. On the one hand, going to the United States or Europe for treatment is not a problem and on the other hand, there is no money to buy Disprin. On the one hand, the doors of the universities of developed countries are open for the education of the children and on the other hand, the parents have to go hungry to get the children educated in the government schools. On the one hand, millions of rupees are spent on sewing only one garment and on the other hand, one has to cut one's stomach to buy used clothes.

The full responsibility for this disparity of capitalism cannot be placed on atheism alone because its predecessor is feudalism, which is an even more exploitative system, evolving in an age when Christian scholars in the Western world

And in the Muslim world, Muslim scholars belonged to the elite class. It is also a bitter truth that Christian Theocracy and Muslim scholars have never fought effectively against the oppression and exploitation of the feudal system but have remained its patrons contrary to the teachings of their religions.

From the cradle of feudalism after the eighteenth century industrial revolution came capitalism, a new system of exploitation of the poor at the hands of the rich but its exploitative aspect was less than feudalism because there the poor in search of a better future Can't go anywhere else.¹⁷ As the people of the West and the people of Islam were far removed from the teachings of their religion, this system continued to flourish in its full exploitative color.

In Europe, Karl Marx launched a great movement against the exploitation of capitalism, sharply criticizing the system's economic inequalities. Marx and his colleague Friedrich Engels, a great atheist philosopher, came up with a new interpretation of the whole of history.¹⁸

In which he called the economic system as the center of human life and human history. To him, all the wars of history, all religions and all political systems were the product of economics. Denying the beliefs of God, prophecy and the hereafter, he introduced to the world a new system which will be remembered in history as communism. The system of communism was purely atheistic.

The communist system completely denies individual ownership and gives full control of all means of production, including agriculture, industry, mining and trade, to the government. The whole nation abides by the decisions of the government in every matter which consists of the leaders of the Communist Party. The communist struggle spread all over the world. Its first victory was in Russia, where a communist revolution led by Lenin took place in 1917 and the world's first communist government was established. The second largest country to embrace communism was China. The rest of the countries adopted the changed forms of communism.

¹⁵ Raines, John (2002). "Introduction". *Marx on Religion* (Marx, Karl). Philadelphia: Temple University Press. pp. 5–6.

¹⁶ McCleary, Rachel, (2010). *The Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

¹⁷ Rushdie, S. (1989). *Fact, faith and fiction*. *Far Eastern Economic Review*. p.111-114.

¹⁸ Raines, John (2002). "Introduction". *Marx on Religion* (Marx, Karl). Philadelphia: Temple University Press.p. 5–6.

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The biggest flaw of communism is that it has no incentive stimulus for the individual. So that he can offer his services to his organization in the best possible way and work hard for it. In Capitalism, on the other hand, everyone works day and night to maximize their business growth and maximize profits. The second major flaw of communism was that the whole system was based on coercion and personal freedom was completely lost. As a result, the Soviet Union's economy weakened and eventually collapsed in 1990. After that he had to adopt capitalism.¹⁹ On the other hand, the state of China's economy was even worse. China abandoned communism to improve its economy and gradually embraced capitalism by opening up its market. China's current development is due to capitalism.

The fact is that both capitalism and communism are economic systems based on exploitation. In one the rich exploit the poor and in the other the government exploits its people. Since World War II, the people of the West have greatly reduced the exploitative losses of capitalism by adopting the highest moral principles, but its losses can be clearly seen in the Third World, where the moral condition is very weak.

Since we are studying the history of atheism here, it would be fair to say that in the last three centuries, atheism has been gaining ground over the world in the field of economics and And has experienced communism. Communism has become a part of history by its age, so we do not discuss it much, but it is necessary to take a brief look at some other aspects of capitalism which are a threat to humanity.

The system of capitalism is based on interest. Extensive funding is required for the establishment of large industries and completion of large projects. It is very difficult for a capitalist to get such a large amount of money. Even if he has that much money, investing it in the same business increases the business risk because, if a business fails, there is a risk of sinking the entire amount. If the same amount is invested in different projects little by little. So, the failure of a project does not mean that the whole money will sink and not all the plans will sink. This is called diversification in financial terms.

The world has devised a system of financial intermediaries to finance these large projects. The largest part of this intermediary consists of banks. These banks work to collect small savings from the public on which the bank pays them interest. A small amount of funds is raised by combining the small savings of the people of the whole country which are given to the same capitalists at a slightly higher interest rate. For example, if the bank is paying 8% interest to the people then the capitalist Must be receiving 10% interest.²⁰ At 2%, the bank is also making huge profits by covering its administrative expenses.

Capitalists usually invest their money in businesses that can generate huge profits. If we take a look at the annual reports of various companies around the world, we will also find businesses in which the rate of Return on capital employed is 50% per annum and even higher.²¹ A small portion of this profit, as interest, goes to the poor who actually invest in the business.

Take this as an example: Suppose a capitalist takes 1 billion from a bank at 10% annual interest rate and earns an annual profit of 50 crore from this capital. Out of this, he will pay 100 million to the bank as interest and the bank will pay 80 million to its account holders at the rate of 8% per annum. Since there will be a large number of these account holders who have deposited their meager savings in the bank, the share of each of them will not exceed a few thousand or a few hundred rupees. In this way, the capitalist uses the money of the common people for a few thousand rupees and makes crores of rupees from the same money. It is clear from this example that just as the feudal lords or mahajans in the feudal system exploited the poor by giving them money on interest, so the capitalist in the capitalist system

¹⁹ Friedman, Benjamin (2015). "*Economics and Its Discontents.*" Schmollers Jahrbuch.p.102-104.

²⁰ Benjamin M. Friedman (2016). "*Religion and the Rise of Capitalism*", p. 107-109.

²¹ Friedman, Benjamin (2015). "*Economics and Its Discontents.*" Schmollers Jahrbuch.p.102-104.

exploits the poor by taking money from them on interest.²² In addition, the Mahajans of feudalism continue in full swing in a system in which micro-financism continues through credit cards. In this case, interest at the rate of 36% per annum is also being charged. Only 8-10% of this interest is being paid to your account holders.

Another feature of capitalism is the promotion of gambling. This curse was similarly found in feudalism. Large gambling establishments have been established all over the world. Stock exchanges, forex companies and large capital and money markets are among these casinos. Where large sums of money are wagered. Billions of rupees are wasted in speculation but no one cares about the children who die of starvation. In these casinos, along with gambling, promiscuity and immorality are being promoted, but also gambling and immorality centers have been set up to promote tourism around the world. Interest and gambling are evils that can be linked to the moral foundations of atheism.

Morality and Society

Human morality and social systems are most affected by the effects of atheism. If one believes that there is no God in this world, there is no life after death where one has to give an account of what one has done, then there is nothing in this world except government laws or social pressure to prevent evil. Then the purpose of his life is to enjoy the world as much as possible.²³

If one believes that no one can catch him, then what is the harm if he poisons an old relative for gaining wealth? If he is so smart that the police can't trace him, then what's the point of becoming a terrorist by detonating a few bombs to get millions of rupees? What is the obstacle in the way of rape if one is satisfied with the law? What is the abomination of kidnapping and abusing children to satisfy one's cravings, killing them and burning their throats in acid? What difference does it make to consume your orphaned nephew's property? If one can get a good deal of property by filing a false claim, why not do it? Why waste your time rushing someone to the hospital after crushing them under your car? Doomsday is apparently the catalyst for a united Khundia and their subsequent emergence as a galactic power. What's the point of exposing one's enemies' daughters-in-law and walking around in the bazaars if one's vengeful feelings have cooled down? What good is a web site if it simply "blends in" with everything else out there? If hoarding can raise the price of one's property, why not do it? What does it matter if someone enjoys speeding, if it kills a person or leaves him permanently disabled? What's the point of killing one and a half slaves for fun? What's wrong with shooting someone if they disagree? Or even if it is not all this, why should one spend his time in the service of the society, why should he not spend his time in the pursuit of maximum enjoyment? If one can hide his guilt, then what is the point of harming the nation by taking commission in government deals?

These are just some of the goal setting shareware that you can use. It seems that we are living our lives in the midst of savage beasts who are merely labeled as human and Muslim. More or less similar incidents occur in other Third World countries. As we mentioned earlier, atheism has come to dominate the Muslim world as well. It has not happened that Muslims openly deny Tawheed, Prophethood and the Hereafter, but in practice we have become oblivious to these facts. Whether God exists or not, whether he sent any of his messengers in this world or not, whether the hereafter will happen or not, we do not care. Every action of ours is shouting and declaring us to be atheists.

The fact is that in this world only a few thugs can be controlled by the power of law and that too when their crimes come to light. Society can only reform those who are aware of their

²² Witham, Larry (2010). *Marketplace of the Gods: How Economics Explains Religion*.

²³ Williams, Bernard (1972). *Morality*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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crimes by putting pressure on them and their number in society is like salt in flour. The only thing that minimizes the crime rate is the awareness of human ethics. This consciousness can only arise from the concept of a dominant force and accountability to it. How can this idea be created in an atheistic society?

These are all significant questions that have been asked about atheism. It is not that atheist thinkers and philosophers around the world are deaf to this moral consciousness. Rather, they present themselves as advocates of morality and human rights. He has tried to answer this question completely. According to him, the thought of the Hereafter is that one person should not abuse another because he will also abuse in return. That is, it should not be abused to avoid negative reactions from others.

If this moral standard is considered correct, then it is possible only if both the parties are on equal level in terms of strength and power.²⁴ What is the risk of retaliation if a powerful person abuses someone? Criminals and criminals around the world follow the same code of ethics if considered. After the theft and robbery the looted goods are paid to each other with great nobility. Drug dealers pay their share to each other with great honesty. But these criminals who are honest with each other are leading the whole society towards destruction. This is because they believe that my partner can harm me in some way but not a normal person.

The moral effects of atheism can be clearly seen in the Third World, but not so much in the developed world.²⁵ Surprisingly, the atheist movement was first promoted in the West, but the moral standards of the people there are relatively better than in the third World.

Any philosophy or way of life is first formed by the most intelligent people in the society and then they spread it through their speeches and writings to the intelligent class of the society which is commonly called as elite. This class occupies all the means of education and communication in the society. After accepting this philosophy or way of life, it spreads it to the people. The people are subject to the same elite in every matter, so they accept it wholeheartedly. The intelligent people who took part in the promotion of atheistic ideology in the West were not morally degraded people. He presented himself as a pioneer of human morality. In modern times the atheist movement has taken its name from the human movement and they consider themselves champions of morality. Thus Paul Kurtz, founder of the Council for Secular Humanism, writes in a recent article.

The third battle we have to fight is the battle of human morality. We believe that moral revolution alone guarantees the future of humanity. That is what makes human life better without the belief in the Hereafter or Paradise. We want to evaluate moral values on the basis of observations and arguments and be prepared to change our moral values in the light of the results. Our method is planetary. As emphasized in the Humanist Manifesto 2000. We believe that every human being on this planet is equal. Our commitment to ethics is to guarantee the freedom, privacy, human liberty and social justice of every individual in the world community. It has to do with the well-being of the entire human race.²⁶

These philosophers attached great importance to human rights and human morality in their philosophy, which resulted in the moral awareness of the people of these countries being relatively better.²⁷ They generally lie less, avoid dishonesty in their business, and lessen each other's exploitation. Respect the freedom of the individual, care for the rights of animals, have organized institutions for orphans and the disabled, respect the law, their thinking is usually based on rationality, it is the basis of wisdom. They are ready to change their views,

²⁴ Williams, Bernard (1972). *Morality*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. p.203-204.

²⁵ "Hitchens (2007). *The Morals of an Atheist*". p 111-112.

²⁶ Paul Kurtz. (2003). *The Secular Humanist Prospect: In Historical Perspective*, Free Inquiry Magazine, Vol. 23.

²⁷ Williams, Bernard (1972). *Morality*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, P.203-204

they give each other religious freedom, they respect each other, no one shoots anyone on the basis of mere disagreement, the age of knowledge and wisdom. The tour is, the items get pure. And institutions that speak out against oppression are very effective.

It is not that these people have become angels in moral terms, but it is interesting that along with these virtues, there are also many moral defects in these people. These people do not treat their parents well, they do not serve them, sexual misconduct is common among them, most of them seem to be looking for relief in various forms of intoxication, there is a growing tendency of violence in them. In particular, their moral standards are different for the people of their nation and for the rest of the world. The spirit of nationalism is so strong that they are as soft as silk to the people of their nation and follow every moral principle. But when it comes to other nations, all human rights lessons are forgotten.

When these atheistic ideologies came out of the people of the West and into the nations of the East, the elites who accepted them, unfortunately, turned to atheism from a moral point of view.²⁸ Set up If we take a look at the atrocities committed by the Muslims themselves against their Muslim brethren who escaped the persecution of the Hindus and Sikhs after the formation of Pakistan, we can truly appreciate the effects of atheism. In modern times it can be estimated only by reading the daily newspaper. It seems that the flaws found in the Western atheists have been fully embraced by the Muslims, but not even a tenth of their virtues have come their way.

A major influence in the social effects of atheism is the elimination of the family system and the promotion of free sex. Etiquette regarding sexual life has been taught to man by the Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). In this regard, all kinds of misconduct have been eliminated. When a person denies these same prophets, then what is the obstacle in his way that can stop him from having free sexual relations with any woman in the world. It would be more appropriate to say that what is the harm in violating the sanctity of mother, sister and daughter? After that, if men go to men and women to women in search of new pleasures, then what is the abomination left in it?

It is this effect of atheism that has fully flourished in Western societies. Fortunately in the era of slavery, the Muslim world was largely protected from these effects of atheism, but with the rise of the media in the last quarter of the twentieth century, these effects are now spreading rapidly in our societies. Wherever this free sex is spreading, as a result, on the one hand, many diseases, including AIDS, are spreading and on the other hand, the family system is being destroyed. As a result, no one is willing to take on the responsibility of raising children or informing the elderly. These children who are brought up in Kids Homes do not accept these responsibilities due to misbehavior when they grow up and as a result of rewards process when they are old then there is no one to inform them. Admission to a good old home is also available to those whose children are somewhat obedient and can afford this old home. His life now begins at Kids Home and ends at Old Home.

Socially and economically, the atheism that has most affected Muslim societies is the promotion of secularism. The philosophy of secularism is found in both Western and Muslim regions. When a person practically denies the life of the Hereafter, that is, completely forgets its requirements, then his worldly life becomes the object of his activities. There is no need to comment on Western societies, but the way in which secularism has begun in our own societies is the culmination of our inferiority.²⁹

On the one hand, there are people whose moral training is very poor and they are involved in all kinds of crimes, but on the other hand, there are people whose moral values are well

²⁸ "Hitchens (2007). *The Morals of an Atheist*" .p 115-117.

²⁹ Paul Kurtz (2003). *The Secular Humanist Prospect: In Historical Perspective*, Free Inquiry Magazine, Vol. 23.

established, to what extent have they contracted the disease of secularism? Yes, this can only be gauged from their 24-hour engagements. Our ordinary educated people, whose morals are higher than those of ordinary people in the society, get up every morning and go to their business or offices. There will be very few of them who return immediately after office hours.

The trend of late sittings is increasing for maximum development and people usually get up from the office till eight or nine o'clock. After that, when they return home to eat, watch TV and have some conversations with the family, the eleven or twelve rings with great ease. Go to bed at one or two o'clock. Usually people leave the morning prayer and wake up at seven o'clock and then start preparing for the office. Holidays that are full of complexity are neither fun nor comfortable. Now you can imagine for yourself how much time we can devote to pleasing Allah, learning the religion, raising our moral standards and fulfilling the requirements of the religion.

Sadly, this is the development that will last for a maximum of 25 years. We are ignoring the life of the Hereafter which covers an infinite number of years. It is like a person who loses billions of rupees to make a profit of twenty rupees in his business or throws crores of rupees in the river and jumps into the river to get one rupee coin lying at the bottom of the river.

Pornography and Sexual freedom

The concept of free sex was first introduced in the West by the famous atheist psychologist Sigmund Freud.³⁰ According to Freud, just as a person suffers from diseases if he does not satisfy his cravings such as hunger and thirst, so a person becomes mentally ill even if his sexual desires are not fulfilled. Freud's theory was gladly accepted by Westerners and writers, philosophers. Musicians, poets, playwrights, and the fine arts all worked hard to promote this concept. In modern times, when the film industry was established in the West, this industry also promoted the concept of sexual freedom.³¹ Initially, attempts were made to arouse the sexual feelings of the people through general type of films, but soon a formal film industry based on pornography was established to fulfill this purpose. Those who work in this industry are not seen as prostitutes in the West, but as a film profession.

In the past, fear of sexual intercourse was a major obstacle to the promotion of the free sex movement among women, but the invention of contraceptive pills gave women affected by this concept the opportunity to advance in this field so that they can have sex without marriage. Don't get too pregnant. Free sex later became legal in the West. According to which, apart from rape, a person can fulfill his sexual desire in any way he wants, if he has homosexuality, no one can criticize him because he has the right to do so. In the twentieth century, due to the Internet and electronic media, the people of the East were also severely affected by this sexual misconduct the result of which we are seeing today.

Conclusion

Atheism had many effects on Muslim societies, most of which have been promoted through moral evils such as pornography and sexual freedom. In order to overcome all these effects, it is necessary not only to save one's beliefs but also to impart the correct understanding of religion to one's new generation and to train them properly in religion and worldly affairs. This issue should be taken seriously and it should be tackled in a rational manner using every field.

³⁰ Sigmund Freud (2009), *The Journal of Sexual Medicine*, Pages 2332–2339.

³¹ Sigmund Freud (1986), *The Essentials of Psycho-Analysis*, selected by Anna Freud, Penguin Books.