

# NO RELIGIOUS STATE IN ISLAM & NO RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY TO ANYONE

1. **Sheikh** “Muhammad Abduh”(1849-1905) the Head of Islamic verdict in Egypt & most Islamic countries in his time has written that the Ruler in Islam is merely a civil ruler & the state ruling is a totally civil ruling & there is **no religious state in Islam or religious authority to anyone**, & the ruler in Islam is not a flawless or impeccable person & he is to be elected or selected by the will of the nation/people & it is up to the people will to maintain the ruler or change him & the Islamic scholar or religious figures or imams or muftis or rulers are not revealed to & no one of them & no one at all has the right to monopolize or dominate the interpretation of Quran or religion or talk on behalf of Allah or prophet & no one has any kind of religious authority or ruling on people belief & the only authority given to them is only a civil authority of giving advice & reminders only in good & tender manner without any control to anyone way of belief

2. **He** also added that Islamic religion totally demolished & turned over & abolished any kind of religious authority or control on any one belief of faith & there is not any kind of theocracy or religious authority or power in Islam . Islam has not given to anyone after Allah & his prophet any authority or power or control over anyone belief or religion even the **Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was assigned by ALLAH only as a messenger & reminder & not as a dominator or controller over people** , & this is clearly stated in Quran in many verses , an example is verse

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translation is “So remind, [O Muhammad]; you are only a reminder, You are not over them a controller (dominator)”——, so how come any muslim on earth allows himself to claim that he is having a religious authority to control people if this authority was not given to the Prophet himself & no one on earth can be better than Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

3. **It** is true in Islam that all man made rulings & laws need to be enacted under the rational understanding of the religion guidelines umbrella of justice & social rulings of marriage , divorce , inheritance .. etc , thus this makes all these enacted laws & rules merely civil because it is to the best of the law makers understanding & **no one has the right to claim himself an agent or representative or proxy of Allah on earth** . It is believed that Prophet (saws) said “ Do not say that you have ruled the judgment of Allah , but say that you have ruled your own judgment , because you do not know if your ruling complied with Allah judgment or not “

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It is also narrated that khalifa Omar in his rulings & judgments always stated saying “this is the opinion of Khalifa Omar , Amir of believers “ & not Allah ruling or judgment” . It is true that the Prophet at his time was leading the believers but no one has the right to equate himself to the prophet , & this prophet leadership was a tutorial leadership for teaching muslims on their

religion & give them an example of righteous judgment as stated by Allah in Quran

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translation " Messenger from themselves reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom"—moreover the **Prophet is believed to have said to his companions " Refer your religious matters to me & your world & life matters to yourselves"**

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& the Prophet biography proves that the non revealed non religious matters were not solely decided by Prophet & this is also stated in Quran which instructs him that the non revealed religious issues are to be decided by consulting & voting between the community "shoura" & not dominated by Prophet which gives an example of the way of ruling known in modern politics as "democracy" see Quran verse on decision making mode

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translation 'consult with them & consider & take into account their opinion" ——— & Q42;38

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translation " and whose affairs is [determined by] consultation among themselves'——For more on that see my article "Islam establishes Democracy"

**Thus any religious judgment or any judgment made by any ruler or judge is a mere opinion of this person within what he deems to be just or in line with the religion..**

- 4. **Also**, all those who politicize religion & try to influence on people votes & political opinions by using religion are doing this for their own personal gain & interest & are wearing an Islamic mask to reach their personal goals & benefits & practice their tyranny & authoritarian ruling & crushing their political opponents unjustly under the name of Islam