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acts. That which is lawful has been permitted by Allah and his messenger; that which is forbidden has been banned by Allah and his messenger. Allowing the forbidden or forbidding the permissible conflicts with the Islamic laws of almighty Allah, and it is considered to be the greatest form of disbelief...”

“4.) Eliminating the legitimate prerequisites that must be met by the Imam or the Shura Council members and eliminating the legitimate method by which the Imam is to be chosen—and instead replacing him democratically—is forbidden and tantamount to replacing the laws of Allah.”

“5.) The role of Imam is to implement the laws of Allah, justice, and absolute authority in a friendly and appropriate matter on his people. The opposite act would be acceding to what the Jews and the Christians want and trying to resemble them...”

“6.) The basic concept in democracy is ‘rule of the majority’, yet Allah in his power and majesty has demonstrated to us before that the majority of people have strayed from the path [of the religion]... so how are we supposed to let that majority lead us when most people are ignorant?”

“7.) Many people associate the concept of legitimacy with the idea of general elections, meaning that legitimacy is created by the people and not the laws of Allah. This is the greatest form of idolatry, the idolatry of democracy.”

“8.) Democracy looks upon everyone as equals: the Muslim and the non-Muslim, males and females, the righteous and the evil, the educated and the ignorant. However, the laws of Allah do not look equally at all these groups...”

“9.) An additional feature of the elections is a minimum age for voters, who must be at least 18. Allah did not grant the authority to make such rules, so what difference does it make if someone is 16, 17, or 18 years of age? It is known that this age does not guarantee maturity... and it offers no way to assess one’s piety. This is not any legitimate regulation, but one that was established by the Western infidels.”

“10.) Anyone who replaces the laws of Allah with Western laws becomes an infidel. So, even if someone prays, fasts, goes on Hajj, gives charity, and would otherwise be destined to [Paradise], he will instead be delivered into the Hellfire. Moreover, anyone who establishes a constitution based on garbage from infidel ideologies becomes even more of an infidel.”

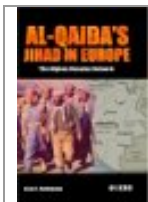
“11.) The religion of democracy is a belief system used by the enemies of Allah—the Christians and the Jews—in order to trick and deceive the people...”

“12.) No one should be fooled by the infidel religion of democracy and by the concept of freedom that has already been described and ruled upon by Allah to his worshippers...”

“The infidels know that they cannot continue occupying Muslim nations for the long term without devastating losses. However, they can continue in their occupation—ideologically, socially, political, and even militarily—the only difference being the uniforms used by their slaves and followers among the ruling apostates. This is exactly what America and her allies want... Let everyone be aware—especially the mujahideen—that the establishment of the religion of democracy in Iraq will be a stab in the backs of the mujahideen and a victory for the crusaders—even if America leaves [Iraq] along with her murderous slaves and agents... Therefore, we ask every fervent Muslim to fight these elections using every means and motive. Allahu Akhbar, and the honor goes to Allah.”



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