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Pakistan consists of two classes poor and elite. The poor are enormous in number reflecting the numerical strength of a na-

Similarly when a nation is doomed to destruction, the rot starts from its well-off classes whose waywardness and corruption ultimately leads the entire nation into the abyss of misdeeds and corruption. So says the Holy Quran:

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Moreover, rulers, bureaucrats and Elite class not only shun prescribed prayers (salat) and fasting with impudence but also feel proud of this deviation. They openly canvass others to get rid of these rituals. They ridicule and

by means of sermons the evils of drinking, gambling, usury, bribery, obscene shows, indecent dress, unethical education, and such other things. Of course, with the force of government these evils can be exterminated



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laugh at those Muslims who say the prayers and observe fasts in this age of enlightenment, and they expect of every modern educated person to feel ashamed of praying and fasting, as to them saying prayers and observing fast is abominable, not its shunning. If any wrong is committed by one who says prayers and observes fasts, they tauntingly comment that what more can be expected from one who says his prayers punctually.

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It will in no way be possible through advice and preaching to make those people give up their booties who plunder God's creation and ruin their morals. Of course if you take power in your hand and end their mischief by force, then all the evils can be stopped. If you wait that labour, wealth, intelligence and ability of God's creation are rescued from being wasted in wrong channels and are utilized in the right directions, if you wish to see oppression rooted out and justice prevail, if you desire that

tion but this class does not produce intellect and leadership. The poor are neither learned nor financially sound. They possess neither dignity nor authority; they only follow the trail set for them by elite class. The elite class works out the ways and means and lead the entire nation according to their thought-out plan. Every word and deed is supported by intellect and brain, pelf and power from elite class and the poor have no option but to follow them. Anyhow on the whole real force of a nation depends upon both classes. Building and destruction of the nation depend solely on them. If they are fair in their conduct, the entire nation turns fair and if they deviate from the right path, the whole nation deviates. Any nation when destined to rise produces such leadership as is straight forward treading the right path and leading the whole nation on this path, as the Holy Quran says:

"And We made them Leaders guiding (men) by Our Command, and

We sent them inspiration to do good deeds (21:73)".

"And When we decide to destroy A population We (first) send A definite order to those Among them who are given The Good things of this life And yet transgress; so that The word is proved true Against them: then We destroy them utterly (17:16)".

Quran calls this class as *mutrafeen* meaning those people who are privileged with the bounties of Allah. According to the Divine testimony, it is always so that the corruption and vices first make their way among the well-off class leading the society as a whole to vices and evils.

The veracity of this testimony cannot be challenged. Pakistan's people are a glaring proof of this fact. The corruption and degeneration started from our well-off class. They started following the Satanic ways and ignored the ways of Allah shown by the rightly-guided leaders. They liberalized the commandments of Shariah (Islamic code) to make way for their licentiousness. They claimed to be all powerful like the ancient Pharaohs and Caesars and forced their fellow beings to submit to their whims instead of bowing before the Allah Almighty as ordained. They com-

mongering, intelligence for deceit, fraud and machination, and wealth to barter conscience, government for tyranny and oppression, and power for establishing their supremacy. They blocked all lawful avenues to secure rights, earn profits and make progress, and compelled the people to stoop to flattery, bribery, falsehood, intrigue, and other mean tactics to serve their purpose.

During the period of their governance PPP and the PML under the cover of Democracy filled their secret bank accounts in Switzerland, acquired Surrey palaces, chose mansions in London, Paris and New York and lordly estates in Karachi and Rawind at the cost of poor people. Similarly during Military Government the most notorious politicians were exempted from the process of Accountability, which created doubts in the performance, and impartiality of NAB. In referendum 2002 there were widespread reports of rigging all over the country, which means people rejected General Musharraf as President by refusing to turn up at the polling stations. There were also serious flaws in October 2002 Election, as re-

cording to news Ch. Shujaat Hussain and Pervez Elahi and their families were among well over 1000 influential businessmen and army men who got Rs.18 billion loans written off from the government owned banks during the three years of military government. According to written off amount of both the Chaudhrys (Ch. Pervez & Ch. Shujaat), were fully qualified for disqualification. Karachi-based businessmen have got their loans written off by the National Bank of Pakistan. Most of the loans written off went to the textile and industrial giants of the country, politically influential, former bureaucrats and military officers. Here it may be added that these loans were written off after declaring their industrial establishments as 'sick industries' or on the pretext of 'bankruptcy', many of them denied having got their loans written off. As a result of this our political leadership has brought country to the abyss of economic ruin by ruthless plunder, cronyism and gross misrule. As a result of this Pakistan faced with severe economic recessions, appalling social decay and ineffective institutional base.

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described as the most superior of
all the deeds. This revolt is not
confined only to saying prayers
or observing fasts but it covers
almost all the affairs of practical
life. Adherence to Islamic injunc-
tions is now labeled as Mullaism,
a term meaning acute narrow-
mindedness, obscurantism, igno-
rance, conservatism, and irra-
tionality. In other words, any one
is a Mullah who is firmly com-
mitted to Islam and Shariah in
theory as well as in practice, who
is not, by any means, ready to
subscribe to the so called en-
lightenment and modernism and
who cannot adjust himself in the
westernized society any way.
Mullah is the worst of all bad
names and labels used by our
westernized countrymen to ex-
press their extreme hatred.

In the end it will be impossi-
ble to succeed if you want to stop

God's creation are rescued from
being wasted in wrong channels
and are utilized in the right di-
rections, if you wish to see cor-
ruption rooted out and the jus-
tice prevail, if you desire that
there be no mischief on the
earth, that man should neither
suck nor shed the blood of his
neighbour, that the lot of depressed
fallen human beings be ameliorated
and all human beings be granted
equal opportunities of life, health,
having honour, peace, prosperity
and progress, then this task can
not be achieved by mere preach-
ing and exhortation.

Of course, if you have the
power of government in your
hand, all this is quite possible.
This is an obvious matter requir-
ing no great thinking, that a
scheme of reform for people can
be implemented without acquir-
ing control of the government
machinery and awarding deter-
rent punishments to culprits. The
only counter to draconian acts are
draconian measures. The authori-
tarian system is responsible for
these ills / crimes, our people are
suffering from. We all know this
and have known this for many
years.