
Failure of Society and Revenge of Its Member

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ABSTRACT: *Man is a being with feelings which are controlled by the external environment. Born in society, man is in chains of rights and duties. Being part of the society, humans perform their duties for the welfare of society and what they get back in the shape of right is protection from the society in rem. Now, the act of ending one's life is deemed as coward act of a person but if we look the idea of suicide in the prism of social contract, it bears different rationale. The duty of a human to become the beneficial part of society is correlated by the right of protection of human. This protection can be in the shape of economy, security and other social needs etc. In my point of view, suicide is nothing but the failure of providence of right to the person committing suicide. It is a revenge taken by the suicide committing person from the society when it fails to perform its function to protect its part in one way or another. So, the person committing suicide makes the mind that if the society does not pays back his welfare against his or her positive part played in society than it should suffer in the shape of his absence from the society. Suicide is not only a cowardice act of a person but also is failure of society at large. This paper will make the sense of suicide in the wake of society's duty to provide a shelter to its member. Relation of society with its member in the shape of human will be studied and special focus will be given to situation in Pakistan.*

HUMAN AND SOCIETY

Humans, being the social are born free but in chains and these chains are deemed as shelter and protection.¹ Now, living in this society, we can divide humans into society and its members. The relation between the two fractions is of trust. We can attribute society as mother and its members as children.² Now, both society and its members have some rights and correlated duties. The equilibrium can only be achieved by the smooth performance of duties by both of them.

Society, as a mother got some duties to protect the rights of its members. It is clear that performance of duties by one results in protection of rights of other. In this context, society will perform its duties in the shape of protection of socio-economic rights of its member, and the member will perform its duties by performing or abiding all rules of the society. In first instance, individual is taking its rights and at the other same individual is acting as member of society for the protection of rights of other members of society. Meaning thereby, an individual can be seen in the shape of society being its member.

¹ Rosseau, Jeans Jacques, The Social Contract, <<http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/25597.html>> (21st June, 2011)

² Jensen, Meclin, "Nature of Man", <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5471> (21st June, 2011)

SOCIETY AS FABRIC

Society is being attributed as fabric and its members are like different threads. Now, it is the threads to maintain the order to reach the fine quality of cloth. If a thread is not being accommodated than definitely the tread will loose its order and will be vanished from the fabric.

Humans in society are woven in an order by certain rules and this order is intact when all are accommodated in their respective spheres and they all need to restrict themselves according orbit defined for them to float by the rules being defined by the society or state.³ If society in any case fails to accommodate its members in providing basic rights or maintaining his sphere that s/he thinks to expel him/herself out of the society as revenge. In this case, the member of the society tries to cease its positive role from the society. In one view, it is escape and on the other side it is revenge.

In the view of abovementioned logic suicide can be attributed as revenge as the member of family takes back its effectiveness from family by ceasing itself being the member of it.

FACTORS BEHIND SUICIDE

Intellectual around the world are unanimous on the point that the main cause of suicide committing suicide is continuous grievance in the shape of depression. Now, if a person is aggrieved and his problem goes unsolved than in this case depression continues and the person finding no solution for his problem chooses to end one's life.⁴

This depression can be caused in number of ways and those are social, economic, sentimental, religious and others. Now, if the person got some problem in dealing his affairs regarding economy, society, love and religion than he can put them on track by number of ways. If the aggrieved person fails to solve his problem besides trying all these options than there is rebellion from the society and that rebellion can be in the shape of simple escape from society⁵ but behind every suicide there is sense of revenge that people will feel his need when s/he will be no more part of the society. If we look upon all factors behind suicide, one thing is common and that is revenge in one way or other.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS

³ Morris, William, "Politics, Art and Society", P419, <<http://www.scribd.com/doc/18236461/politics-art-and-society-by-william-morris-preview>> (21st June, 2011)

⁴ Joiner, Thomas, "Why People Die by Suicide?", p94, <http://books.google.com.pk/books?id=YqN-8XHDX8C&printsec=frontcover&dq=suicide&hl=en&ei=3ZozTtreDMvLtAbF3ejoBg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=book_thumbnail&resnum=7&ved=OCE4Q6wEwBg#v=onepage&q&f=false> (21st June, 2011)

⁵ Durkhiem Emile, George Simpson, "Suicide: A study in Sociology", <http://books.google.com.pk/books?id=v23YleX1UskC&printsec=frontcover&dq=suicide&hl=en&ei=3ZozTtreDMvLtAbF3ejoBg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=OCCsQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false> (21st June, 2011)

Every human in this world got some needs to be satisfied. Society and its rules provide the uniform way of satisfaction of these needs. Now, we can divide these needs into two kinds and those are physical and spiritual. Some of these needs can be satisfied economically and other by the conducive environment of society. Every member of society can be protected by insurance of all those needs.

Life of every human goes into some phases where the time goes in cycles of waves and humans sometimes are having better times socially and economically and at other times one is not comfortable socio-economically. Now, this goes like waves, up and down. It is society which facilitates its members in changing or improving its condition to the better stage. This can be best elaborated by the conversion of state of mind from synthesis to disruption of mind and then once again towards synthesis. It is duty of society to help its member to recover from bad state of mind to a better one by one way or other. If society fails and the grievance of its member is prolonged then it leads towards the thinking of taking revenge and one of the modes of it is ceasing the positive role by the way of committing suicide.

BROKEN LOVE OR AFFECTION

Broken love or affection can also be the cause of suicide and in this case, the person who thinks that he is being aggrieved or deceived takes the option of suicide. Now, the basic cause besides escape from the society is the one that after his death, his importance will be felt by the other party whom one loved. Suicidal person thinks him/herself best for other partner and tries to show his partner his importance in the shape of his/her absence.

This kind of revenge may be successful or unsuccessful goes on in the society and the basic cause behind the suicide of broken relation is revenge.

A partner aggrieved by his beloved, a son aggrieved by the love of parents or other relations around us, if are broken then in the case of suicide, the only cause is to tell one's importance in the shape of snatching one's useful entity from the society.

SUICIDE ATTACKS

Religious intolerance is also the main cause of the suicide. A person being told to take revenge against the actions by the believers of other religion and this kind of revenge is from the weak fraction. Suicide attacks were used as war tools in 17th century than were used to target some important officials. Currently, suicide attacks are used by the rebel groups around the globe to take revenge or to disturb the political and economic activity of some country to achieve their ulterior motives.

Suicide attacks around the globe are done on religious, national, racism and other basis. The example is of Tamils in Sri Lanka where the suicide attacks are used to take revenge against the government activities against them. In Palestine, suicide attacks are used to take revenge from Israel armies. In Pakistan, these are used against the cooperation of Pakistan in War on Terror.

Being unique and destructive, the world is still helpless before this kind of attack was the person kills himself and others in the shape of large destruction.

In this case, the person committing suicide attack is being brain washed that he is going to take revenge from the enemies or the people who harmed his/her or played some role in harming him/her. The basic cause behind the suicide attacks in Pakistan is the same that the young people who are more prone to emotions are told that other population or government of Pakistan is helping some other countries to kill them, so, being brain washed and aggrieved in one way or other, they think to take revenge and kill themselves to find eternal happiness. More or less, same is the cause of suicide attacks around the globe and those are to take revenge by killing oneself also.

Pakistan is one of the countries who is badly hit by this kind of self explained revenge where the suicidal person influenced by number of factors like economic, religious and others kills his/her own country men.

SUICIDE AS PROTEST

A person committing suicide is actually an ignored member of society who besides having grievance is ignored. Now, its human nature that one wants to take back its right and if not given and the circumstances are so stringent that a person cannot do anything than s/he thinks of ending one's life. This is one of the ways of protest against the society at fault.⁶

It is clear from number of case studies around us that a person aggrieved of love, economic, political, racial or other matter tries best to coup up the situation but instead of making all attempts, if fails than s/he thinks about ending life in protest. This protest is against the society. It is against the society at large that the society was not able to protect the rights of its member. So, some people will say that this kind of protest is right of a person. But one thing should be clear that this kind of protest from a part of society deprives the other part of society from the positive role being played by its member.

SUICIDE AS REVENGE

Every human is protected by the chains the society, one is living in. To keep the individual being progressive part of society, a number of ways are there for the protection of individual.

The journey towards suicide starts from the grievance caused to an individual.⁷ For every grievance in society, a complete system is provided to remedy the aggrieved party. But if the system fails to play its role than is the case when grievance is prolonged and the person finding no place leads towards self justice and that is revenge in the shape of direct harm to the society

⁶ Paxton, Jones Misely, "The Role of Positive Future Thinking in Adolescent Suicide Risk", <<http://www.scribd.com/doc/22181555/The-role-of-positive-future-thinking-in-adolescent-suicide-risk>> (20 July, 2011)

⁷ Pandey, V.C, "Anatomy of Suicide"

or in the shape of indirect harm by the way of ceasing membership of society by killing him/herself.

JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED

Every member of the society should be provided with adequate remedy for the grievance one bore. This grievance can be pertaining to economy, love, politics or others. This remedy should be right in time and should not be delayed. It is a legal maxim which says that if justice is being delayed from some person, it means that justice is being denied⁸ and the person denied of justice will go to get himself remedied by one way or another.

Suicide is one of the remedy which a member of society is bound to choose for oneself when s/he is not being remedied or compensated.

It is the responsibility of the judicial system of society to act vigilantly in order to take up the matter and give the solution. Developing countries like Pakistan are facing the problem of delayed justice where a person besides having right is kept on wait to get rights and sometime this delay in justice takes the life of a person. Consequently, a positive member of society thinks to end his life. This ending of life is not only a suicide but revenge in the shape of extinction of his positive role towards society.

CONCLUSION

Suicide, even we take the cause as revenge. But revenge in itself is not the justification for suicide as the suicidal person takes revenge from a fraction of society and besides depriving a targeted people deprives society at large from its positive role. We can take the example of a father of 4 children committing suicide due to bad economic conditions. In this case, beside protest and revenge from the government, he takes revenge from his own family.

Suicide being the social problem is the issue of concern for all nations living on the planet Earth. Living on this planet, here exist good or bad and nothing else to discriminate humans. Right will also be contradictory to wrong. For every bad on this Earth, a liability lies with the good fraction of society. Suicide is evil and let we all unite our energies together to face this evil with the way of cooperation in economic, social, political and religious order. Discrimination should be limited to the bad things and ideas and the right should be taken from any source.

What we need is collective effort by all ideas, religions and ideologies to sort out the main causes of revenge and give shelter to depressed and ignored fraction of global society.

⁸ Gladstone, William, <http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/28904.html>, (21st June, 2011)