



# Pakistan School Kingdom of Bahrain

Warm Welcome to all the students in  
the online classes.

We are going to start our online lesson Of Class 9<sup>th</sup> today. I hope you all will enjoy and learn.

## Rules of the Class:

- ▶ Be on time for all your classes.
- ▶ Respect all participants of the class.
- ▶ Do not create any disturbance.
- ▶ Raise hand if you have a question.
- ▶ Pay attention to your teacher.
- ▶ Enter into the class with your actual name and CPR number.
- ▶ Follow the timetable and do not forget to be present in the next class on time.

**Before starting the lesson,  
I would like to ask some  
questions .**

# QUESTIONS:

Who was the founder of Civics study?

What did the Greek say to the Citizens?

What is purpose of civics?

What are the three Rights of the citizens ?

# Topics of the lesson

## Origin of The State Theories

### 1 Divine Theory

# Objectives of the Lesson

To enable the student to express :

- ▶ The Divine theory of the origin of state.
- ▶ Patriarchal Theory of The Origin of state.

# Terms used for State

History of a state is as old as the history of man .  
The term state is derived from the ancient Rome “statu”  
Italian says Stato, German Staat, French état and the  
English state.

# definition of State

- ❑ Great Greek Philosopher, Aristotle defines state as
  - ❑ A community of families and villages having for its end a perfect and self sufficing life , by which we means a happy and honorable life .
  - ❑ G. W. garner
    - “ the state as a concept of political science and a public law, is a community of persons ,more or less in numerous , permanently occupying a definite portion of territory , independent of external control and possessing an organized government to which the great body of inhabitants render habitual obedience”.



# Theories of the origin of the state.

Divine Theory.

The Patriarchal Theory

## **ORIGIN OF THE STATE**

We have so far tried to learn something about what the word state is about. What does it mean and what does it imply. But we have not, so far, learnt how and when the state came into existence. We do not have sufficient historical record that could reveal precisely about the genesis of this most important and vital of all human institutions. What the political theorist have done to unveil the mystery shrouding the origin of the state is all speculation and hypothesis. Some accounts may seem logical and appealing apparently but none have sufficient historical evidence to prove its soundness. In the following lines we shall very briefly study some of the most important theories of the origin of state.

### **THE THEORY OF THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF THE STATE**

The Divine Origin Theory is the oldest and the simplest of all the theories that venture to explain the origin of the state.

The belief that God Himself is the Creator of the state has been common amongst people all over the world till recent times. What this belief further implies can be summed up as follows:

- Ruler of the state, generally known as the king is nominated by God.
- Kingship is hereditary. (Royal authority should pass from a father king to his eldest son).
- The king, by virtue of his appointment is God's vicegerent and agent.
- The king is the embodiment of virtue and reason. His judgment is infallible.
- The king is not accountable to his people or any other mundane authority he is answerable to God only.
- To obey a king is to obey God.

**Evolution:** We can neither name a person who first propounded the theory of divine origin of state, nor can we specify a time when this theory was first heard about. It is as old as history itself. Jews believed in the Divine Origin and the Divine Right of Kings. Their religious scripture 'The Old Testament' tells that the kings were ordained, appointed, removed and slaughtered by God. The Christians hold identical beliefs. Hindus believed in divine incarnation, Rama for example, is still believed to be the Divine Ruler. Chinese regarded their emperors the 'Sons of Heaven'. Japan's indigenous name 'Nippon' literally means 'the sun god'. Japanese believed that the sun god embodied himself into the emperor, who, till the World War II (1939-1945) enjoyed a semi-divine official status.

A natural corollary of the theory of Divine Origin is the concept of Divine Right of Kings. French writer Boussuet asserted that the king was an image of God on earth and that he should be obeyed religiously. In King James I's time the theory of Divine Right was put forward to support his claim that he was God's vicegerent and that every word uttered by his mouth was to be obeyed without question, not only as the law of the state but also as the divine injunction. Even in today's world in a few meagre states like Bhutan and Nepal the state heads claim a divine right.

**Evaluation of the Theory:** There is no denying the fact that the Theory of Divine Origin helped the rulers of the past in the maintenance of law and order where the primitive man was illiterate, uncultured, undisciplined, disobedient and arrogant it was only the fear of divine rod which could, somewhat, coerce him to behave and obey. In ancient societies religion no doubt helped strengthen state authority over the subjects. A student of civics studies the Theory of Divine Origin not for its soundness and practicability but only for its historical and



- 1) The theory is based on mere hypothesis, commonsense does not support it. It is dogmatic, superstitious and unscientific.
- 2) Historical evidence proves the falseness of the Divine Origin Theory. R.M. McIver has very convincingly proved that the state in its beginning had a tribal character and was also absolutely democratic in nature. Autocratic state is a later development.
- 3) When judged on the basis of its practical implications it becomes evident that the theory always encouraged arbitrary rule. Popes and tyrants always used the name of God to justify their oppressive measures St. Paul for instance once declared:

"Let every soul be subjected unto the highest powers for there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

- 4) There are good kings and bad kings, the question would naturally arise, as how a vicious king can be the incarnate and vicegerent of a God who is all merciful and all benevolent. The Divine Right theorists, no doubt, have an explanation to offer, but the explanation itself is more dangerous than the theory. James I said "A king cannot be monstrously vicious. Even if a king is wicked it means God has sent him as a punishment for people's sins and it is unlawful to shake off the burden which God has laid upon them". This notion simply amounts to a total denial of all natural, political and social, fundamental rights of the citizens.
  - 5) There certainly has been a long period in the history of mankind when the general consciousness of humanity was in a state of immaturity. For this formative phase monarchy and dictatorial rule might have some justification. But according to Islamic belief with the final message of Allah through the Prophet hood of Hazrat Mohammad (ﷺ), human mind reached its fullest maturity and now it was possible for and imperative upon every human being to interpret the word of God by reading His revealed book the Holy Quran and by following the example (Uswah) of His last Prophet.
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## THE PATRIARCHAL THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF THE STATE

There is not much controversy on the point that family is the most primitive and the most fundamental of all human associations. Families were the embryos which developed into the enormous state structures with the passage of time. Those who support this line of argument still differ at least on one point i.e. from which in ancient primary unit, descent was traced, father or mother. Those who maintain that descent was traced to the father are identified as the Patriarchal School. '*Patria*' literally means 'relating to father' *patriarch* was "an old and respected man, especially one who is head of a family" patriarchal" means "ruled or controlled by men" (*Patria*: father, *archia*: rule).

The Patriarchal Theory of the state origin is a simple statement of the fact that the institution of state is the result of a process of growth, this process commenced in some pre-historic time in a small family consisting of a man, his wife and children. By the marriage of children new families were established. The authority of the original family was maintained, obeyed and acknowledged as long as he lived, by all his descendants. This was known as the patriarchal family. With the passage of time this family grew into a clan. All members of the clan bound together by ties of blood and united together under the recognized authority of the living eldest man. The clan, then, by a natural process of growth grew into a tribe and from a multitude of tribes bound together by ties of blood emerged the state.

Many political philosophers and sociologists have expressed their views about the patriarchal theory. Sir Henry Maine is known to be the paramount protagonist of the theory. Following points are important to note:

- 1) In the early family life paternity was the paramount factor.
- 2) Descent was not traced from female members of the family.
- 3) Families were established on the principle of permanent marriage; monogamy and polygamy both were practiced.
- 4) Male head of the family, clan or tribe was the ultimate source of authority. He had unlimited powers of regulating the lives of his family members. Matters pertaining to a person's life were not divided into private or public, so much so that elder man decided and dissolved marriages without asking the parties.
- 5) The patriarch not only had an authority to regulate mundane affairs of daily business, he also performed religious rituals. He was the head of



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the state, the commander in chief, the chief executive, the law-giver, the judge and the priest king in one.

*Evaluation of the Theory:* The Patriarchal Theory has been subjected to criticism by a number of people on a variety of ground:

McLennan and his camp-followers assert that the concept of state's emergence out of a patriarchal society is baseless. They believe that patriarchal society is a later development. In the earliest period of human history family was matriarchal not patriarchal. Woman was head of the family and descent was traced to her. One woman married several men. This school maintains that the early forms of social life were not as simple as patriarchal theorists have tried to prove.

Notwithstanding the criticism of the matriarchal school, it is generally held that Patriarchal Theory is based on reason and common sense. It may be incomplete, but not false or untrue. The institution of family no doubt played the most important role in the development of human society and modern state, but this was not the only factor responsible for this development. Expounders of The Patriarchal Theory have disregarded all other factors namely, force, conquest religion, political consciousness, economic factors etc.

# Assessment

What are the fundamental elements of a state?

What is the central idea of the Divine Theory?

What do you mean by Patriarchal ?

Who appointed king? According to Divine Theory ?

Who was the head of state in the Patriarchal Theory?

# Recapitulation

- ▶ State is a political Organization
- ▶ There are many theories regarding Origin of the state.
- ▶ Divine theory of state is the oldest and the simplest of all theories .
- ▶ God Himself creator of the State.( Divine Theory)
- ▶ The king is nominated by God.
- ▶ The king is not answerable to his people but to God'.
- ▶ Patriarchal Theory of state male was the head of state.
- ▶ Patria means Father archai means rule ( rule of Male /father)



# Home assignment

## ► Define State .

what is the central idea of the Divine Theory of the origin of state?

What did the Chinese regard their emperors?

What is the belief of Hindus in divine?

Answer the question in detail.

Evaluate the Divine Origin Theory.

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Notes

Worksheet - 2

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Homework.

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In Sha Allah we will learn more  
about the chapter in coming  
lecture.

**Take Care**

**ALLAH HAFIZ**