



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 9th 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:

What is the central idea of the Divine Theory of the origin of State?

What do you mean by Patriarchal?

Who was the head of state in The Divine Theory.

Which theory is considered the oldest and the simplest one ?

Topics of the lesson

Matriarchal theory of the Origin of State

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Objectives of the Lesson

To enable the student to explain :

- ▶ The Matriarchal Theory of the origin of the state.

Terms used for State

2.1 The Origin of the State

Political thinkers and philosophers have tried and attempted to trace out and explain the origin of the state in various methods, according to the nature and the social condition prevailed at the time of their thinking. However, there is no valid answer to “what is the origin of the state”? There were many contradictions in the thesis on what the origin of States. Nowhere in the history has it been recorded when the state came into existence. There were various beliefs regarding the origin of the state, some believe that the origin of the state lie in the hands of God whereas others believe that they are based on social contract and some trust on single force, the family or the process of evolution. The research anthropology ethnology and comparative philosophy had tried to focus on the origin of the state but it was not adequate.

Prof. R.N.Gilchrist aptly mentioned that “of the circumstances surrounding the dawn of the political consciousness, we know little or nothing from history, where history fails, we must restore to speculation”¹⁹. Historical method and evolutionary course of action failed to prove when mankind originally came under the control of state. It is only the imagination of the political scientist and historical researchers that various elements which might have made contribution for the origin of the state. As such, there was no agreeable and acceptable conclusion among the political thinkers regarding the fundamental question of origin and establishment of state.

Different Theories of the origin of state

As a result, there were various theories concerning the primary or pre historical origin of the state propounded by the political scientists and historical researchers. These theories

are:

1. The theory of Divine Origin
2. Social Contract Theory
3. Matriarchal and Patriarchal Theory
4. Force Theory
5. Historical or Evolutionary Theory.

The examination and comparison of elements of truth in these thesis shall pave way for finding out the secret in the origin of the state and its generally accepted explanations.

Matriarchal Theory:

The fundamental idea of Matriarchal theory is that “maternity is a fact; paternity is a fiction”. According to this theory in the primitive society, there exists Matriarchal groups or hordes. The kinship could be traced only through mother and there was no common male head. Chief exponents of the theory are Mc Herman, Morgan and Jenks. In their publications, “Primitive Society” (1866), “Studies in ancient society” (1877), “A history of politics” (1900) have described the Matriarchal theory. According to them, Matriarchal system was prior to patriarchal system. There was no male head kinship was found out through mother (and mother to daughter). There was no permanent institution of marriage. The permanent form of marriage was association of polyandry, women had more than one husband. Therefore, in this kind of society the kinship was traced through women and not in men. In this system children belong to the clan of their mother. After the mother’s death, the elder daughter takes over the

property. To support their idea, they had chosen the similar system existing in Australia, Malaya, Bangladesh and Malabar⁴⁴. According to them, 'family leads to the formation of gens and gens to that of tribes, the expansion of tribes to village, expansion of village to state'

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Evaluation:

The Matriarchal theory traces the origin of the state from primitive society. It points out that the evaluation of the state started from the tribe and not from family and it has been verified by anthropologist⁴⁶. It is more sociological rather than political. It explained the origin of the family and not of the state. It disregards the important facts which paved way for the development of state. Kinship played an important role in the evolution of the social and political sys

THE MATRIARCHAL THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF THE STATE

The Matriarchal Theory of the State Origin is based on the contention that in the primitive society there were matriarchal groups or hordes. There was no common male head of the family and descent was traced to the woman. Maternity not paternity was the main reference of kinship. 'Matriarch' literally means "a woman especially a mother or grandmother, who rules a family or group of people". (*matre*: mother, *archia*: rule). } 8

9 (McLennan, Morgan and Jenks are among the most prominent supporters of the theory.) They argued that a patriarchal family is possible where either monogamous or polygamous institution of marriage exists. They claim that such family unit did not exist in the beginning of history. They maintain that the primitive family was polyandry, which means that the woman could marry more than one husband. Under these circumstances, it was natural that descent was traced from women not men. It is further maintained that in this primitive society property passed from mother to her daughters and probably sons. Children were

from the larger group not the larger from the smaller." This process of development can be summed up as follows:

- Tribe is the primary unit of human association.
- Tribes break into clans.
- Clans bring forth households.
- Households are ultimately broken into family units.

Polyandry at present, most probably, is nowhere practiced. Its last remnants were reported to have been found in the most primitive tribes in Kangra and in the Malabar hills in India, in some tribes in Tibet and a few Australian nomadic tribes till last century. In most societies of the world polyandry was perhaps never practiced, at least history bears no evidence to it.

Expounders of the matriarchal theory still insist that all societies were matriarchal in the beginning. They say that individual family unit came into existence when man began to lead a pastoral, nomadic life. Pastoral occupations necessitated rearing of domestic animals. Women were best to tend sheep and cattle, more arduous tasks were assigned for men. With the passage of time this tendency led to the growth of permanent houses and permanent marriage. Patriarchal Society and monogamous or polygamous family unit was the creation of the period when man adopted settled pastoral and agricultural habits, he abandoned his early life of wandering and hunting.

Evaluation of the Theory: It is true that we may find some examples of matriarchal societies here and there but they are not sufficient enough to prove that there has been a time in human history when all human society followed the matriarchal principle. The theory does not appeal to reason and common sense; it is not supported by historical evidence.

Expounders of the theory have tried to explain the phenomena which resulted in the transformation of the family from matriarchal to patriarchal, but this explanation is not at all convincing.

Assessment:

What is meant by matriarchal ?

To whom descent was traced in this theory?

Who were the main supporters of this theory?

Which was the primary unit of the association in this theory ?

Is there any example of this theory in the modern world?

Recapitulation

- ▶ State is a political Organization
- ▶ There are many theories regarding Origin of the state.
- ▶ Matriarchal state had the rule of woman
- ▶ Marti means mother/woman and archia means rule/
- ▶ McLennan and Morgan were the chief supporters of the theory.
- ▶ The primitive family was polyandry.
- ▶ Descent was traced to woman.
- ▶ This system is defunct in the modern world.

Home assignment

1 Define theory of Matriarchal

2 Describe main characteristics of the matriarchal Theory of the origin of State.

3 Is the claim of this theory true? Why?

What is the difference between Patriarchal and matriarchal theories

Answer the following question in detail

Write Matriarchal Theory of the origin of State.

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Notes

Worksheet - 2

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Homework.

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about the chapter in coming
lecture.

Take Care

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