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CRIMINOLOGICAL STUDY OF DEVIATIONAL AND MISLEADING SATANISM SECT

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ABSTRACT

One of the implications of cultural invasion is to disseminate Satanism misleading sect. By different tricks, it has attracted many unaware youngsters in different countries and is now changed to a security threat since committing types of crimes is not only abominable in this sect but also it is considered as praiseworthy and a factor for its members' promotion. Unfortunately a few numbers of Iranian youngsters have tended to this sect under the influence by enemies' propaganda while they have no information of Satanism. For instance, they would not accept to enjoy this sect if they know that they should do actions like pederasty or incest as the conditions of their memberships since even the members of the society do not accept such actions. The regretful fact is limited information making on this anti-religion and anti-cultural flow in Iran through different excuses such as the expansion of cultural invasion implication by announcing them. In present paper, the nature of Satanism is analyzed by studying some actions, behaviors and crimes committed by its members.

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INTRODUCTION

Looking at Satanism actions, behaviors, beliefs and nature and comparing to Islam and existing laws indicate that Satanism actions and enjoying such misleading sect is in contrary to Islam and Islamic laws. Satanists believe that they should commit sins in order to be respected by Satan. These are blamed by Islam while are like medicines for them such as rape, homosexuality, blood lust and murder. They believe that further murders and more violence by a Satanist would make him/her closer to Satan. Many actions, ceremonies and behaviors of Satanism are criminal. Such behaviors include affairs like incest, homosexuality, pederasty, etc. They are described as criminal even though they are mentioned generally rather particularly in criminal law. Therefore, any member of Satanism who is prosecuted due to committing such crimes is also subjected to penalties determined for ordinary people. Due to nature and actions, punishments against the members of deviational sects (e.g. Satanism) can be harder. However, the law is silent on shaping and membership in Satanism deviational sect as well as dissemination of its beliefs and behaviors and there is no criminalization in this regard. Therefore, one should contemplate that what is the reason of not entering to the subject of deviational sects and groups by lawmaker and not adopting and approving certain rules on them? Isn't it necessary to make preventive initiatives in the format of adopting criminal laws to prosecute such crimes concerning the prevalence of deviational groups like Satanism

and dissemination of their destructive and anti – religion opinions?

The concept of deviation

By deviation, a person or a group or even a part of the society deviates determined measures and frameworks and they commit so-called “”. In terms of sociologists, deviation is “a set of individual conflicts that are considered heterogeneous to respected expectations, norms and values by another group.” Due to such behaviors, tensions or conflicts are emerging that lead into blaming attitudes and reactions such as punishment, ostracism, withdrawal and even execution. Concerning such framework, this may be simplest definition one can provide on deviation concept: “any aggression to collective norms in the action or expression of a member of the society is considered as a deviation.” In summary, deviation is heterogeneity to collective norms (Mohseni, 2007, p. 2).

The concept of deviational thinking and flow

Human life history in all societies is full of people, groups and flows that destroyed them in the name of guiding humans and created huge deviations in their beliefs, behaviors and morals. Some deviations led into founding sects and religions. The result was human massacre and destroying territories in confronting with right flows/people. Some are only names in the history and one should look for them in the history of sects (Sharifidust, 2012, p. 11). One should confess that there is still no accepted and popular definition on deviational flows and new spiritualities and even the authors have given different responses to this question: shall we consider a new established

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group as a single movement? Also, they have not found clear and comprehensive response for this question: To what extent and measures have such movements and groupings found religious names? As mentioned, deviational thoughts and flows are, indeed, the thoughts and ideas of individuals as leaders of groups that have inspired their ideas to their minds after gathering their followers. Incrementally, such ideas and thoughts have been emerged and expressed externally and have revealed as a new sect and deviational thinking (Sharifidust, 2012, p. 12).

The history of Satanism

The history of Satanism emergence backs to centuries 15 & 16. Some believe that it was the modern tradition of both centuries. However, it does not tell the truth. One can say that the history of Satanism backs to initial centuries of human emergence. Evidences confirm that the history of Satanism in Latin, South and Central America backs to centuries before the birth of Christ. One should say that the history of Satanism as a deviational flow returns to very far years. However, Satanism was common in the time of emergence of language and line of Medes, Sumerian, Babylonia, etc. Modern Satanism emerged in centuries 14 & 15 (Sharifidust, 2012, pp. 25 & 226).

Reviewing the life of Satanism founders

1. Anton Zenderlavi

He was born in 11 April 1930. His real name was Howard Dastanton Louie. He left his home to work in a circus when he was 16-year-old. In 1948, he married Marilyn Monroe. In 1952, he was employed by San Francisco Police as a photographer. There, he got familiar with ugly part of human acts such murder and rape. He also acquainted with a part of human accidents by taking photos of bloody accidents. He asserts that his experiences during this period cause that he negates God (Karimi, 2010, p. 49). He lived in a big home called "black home". His idiosyncratic behaviors in this red light district were an excuse for him. He organized his weekly meetings there and addressed to secret and black acts like vampires, wolf faced humans, torture and madness. In 1952, he married Carol Lessing while he left her since he love another lady namely Dine Hegarti. He started his affairs with Dine since 1960. Although he never married Hegarti, he had an illegitimate son from her. He had relations to CIA. In 30 April 1966 and in his remarks to a group of secret members of CIA, he claimed founding Satan Church while sporting a shaven head (Ranjbaran, 2010, p. 118).

2. Merlin Manson

He was born in 5 June 1969. His real name is Brain Warner. He got familiar with Satanism groups when he was too young. Obviously, it is suspicious that guys rather than Brain Warner are not bred from that corrupted structure. He selected his name as the combination of the names of two other guys. Merlin is a Hollywood beautiful actress reputed to play in unethical movies and Manson was the name of a displeased clergy.

Satan in Holy Quran

Satan term means evil and malicious. Satan is noxious and crafty entity – whether human or not – that derives people

while devil human and is ambushing now in for people by its army (Ranjbaran, 2010, p. 16).

What does Satanism mean?

Satanism is a belief that some believe that its background return to thousands of years. The reason is to pray anyone with power by the people of those days or praying two conflicted Gods namely evil and well. Satanism means to pray Satan as an extraordinary power who is stronger than good forces. In Satanism, Satan is the symbol of power and governance on the earth and is prayed as the strongest entity in both worlds and regulates our world as a part of hell. In Satanism, in addition to Satan as absolute darkness and power, evil forces, jinn and spirits are also used and, ultimately, Satanism mean to pray the power of abomination (Ranjbaran, 2010, p. 23).

Satanism actions

Long time ago, Satanism action were conducted in different occasions. The first occasion was during sun or lunar eclipse because the people believed that Satan as darkness God is angry of humans and he is waiting for their gifts and Satan killed all people if they didn't make sacrifices. Therefore, they sacrificed some people from Satan's calmness. Such ceremonies could be highly seen in South American tribes so that discoveries confirmed such kind of sacrifices. Special rooms with certain decoration were built from scarifications. However, human sacrifice was happened in other times. Today, human scarification is done in a full dark night (Ranjbaran, 2010, pp. 191 & 192). There are numerous Satanism ceremonies and traditions. In present paper, we limit to those ceremonies and traditions mentioned in Iranian Criminal Law for our criminology.

Some Satanism beliefs, actions and ceremonies in Iran

- Not believing in Allah
- Insulation Holy Quran (tearing, burning)
- Insulting Bible, sacrilege Christ's Crescent and inverting it
- Insulting Muslims' Kiblah
- Beguiling the girls and prostitutes and raping them due to their aggressive beliefs.
- Homosexuality, changing fiancées or wives or partners
- Holding parties for homosexuals, lesbians, switch party and other sexual parties
- Killing and tormenting such animal as dogs, sheep, cat (cutting their heads, burning, hanging)
- Self – burning ceremonies and then drinking self – blood or the blood of other people
- Dressing up and making up by girls and boys similar to their opposite sex
- Destroying public assets such as phone cabins, ATMs, etc.
- Consuming types of chemical medicines and material (types of tranquilizers in huge amounts)
- Decorating the rooms with special symbols and signs such as human or animal skeleton or digging grave-like hole in the room (for the emergence of Satan)
- Head dancing ceremony or listening to the music of this kind of dance (Metal) (Ranjbaran, 2010, pp. 191 & 192).

The reasons of tendency to Satanism

a. Penetration of foreigners' thoughts

One can decisively say that one of the reasons of tendency toward Satanism is the penetration of foreigners' and easy-access thoughts. The wrong initiative by The Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance in Reformist Administration to issue permits for Metallica groups, albums and books paved the ground for the attraction of young people to deviational music. At that time, some books were published that campaigned Satanism beliefs.

b. Propagating western music

Propagating western music compiled by modern instruments inside and outside the country is an important factor on tendency to Satanism groups. When the way for penetrating foreigners' thoughts is open, the newest western music can be accessed by anyone. Today, unethical websites propagate western music in Iran. Noteworthy, the singers and musicians in Metallica group do anything to attract more audiences and further selling such as self-slaughtering, blood drinking, having dead bodies, exploding animals by dynamite, halving ladies with saw, burning humans, burning Bible, committing sexual intercourses, etc. (Ranjbaran, 2010, p. 130). Unfortunately, several books containing the text of western songs along with their Persian translation are published and tens of journals have published their poems without knowing their believing and ethical tendencies. More regretfully, their tools are supplied in some shops and even some types of these instruments are trained in official centers despite of the fact that training Metal music is forbidden in music classes (Negaresh, 2010, p. 132).

(c) Propagating promiscuity and illicit drug consumption

Since Satanist groups propagate promiscuity and illicit drug consumption, unaware youngsters and teenagers are attracted by them. Unfortunately, enemies and strangers are using this tool to destroy religious beliefs of young people. In Satanist groups, rape is principally the condition of entrance and constant participation. Rape is a campaigning value for these groups pursued by making clips, music albums and unethical movies.

(d) Nihilism

Western propagandas are so penetrated in developing countries that make today youths closer to nihilism and lack of identity. When human losses his/her real identity, the grounds will be paved for alienation. Killing human emotions, hedonism, egotism, the priority of capital to human, wealth to knowledge, exploitation and so on are all toward human alienation. Studying the leisure time of the generation indicate that they resort to Internet, chat rooms, weblogs, unethical websites, satellite channels, illicit drugs, psychotropic substances and similar ones to escape from the disillusion of external world and to find an era to forgot bitter realities of the society. By entering virtual space and unethical websites and getting familiar with Satanist groups, a disillusioned youngster is gradually influenced by their thoughts. Such influence goes forward so that it can be seen in their dress and makeup while

they achieve a temporary inner calmness though joining such groups (Negaresh, 2010, pp. 136 & 137). Concerning tendency to Satanist groups, one can mention different factors in addition to above ones:

- The growth of diversification and pluralism in contemporary human
- Broad propaganda by satellite networks
- The growth of weblogs and chat rooms and more tendency toward them
- Lack of sufficient and on – time awareness by cultural experts
- The penetration of foreign literature and art
- Some cultural officials' narrow - minded
- Failure in achieving clear and convincing answer to believing doubts
- Youths' unawareness on the main character and real aims of deviational flows

Iranian retributive laws on actions committed by the members of Satanist groups

Here, we explain some implications of behaviors by the member of Satanist groups in Iran that are considered as crimes in Iranian criminal and retributive laws as well as in Islamic Penalty Law.

a. Spying collaborations and external relations

Since holy locations for Satanists called as "Satan Churches" are based in four Anglo-Saxon countries, social and political abnormal groups exploit migrants and travelers as spies for political reasons. Likewise, Satanists have organizational formations and holy location in four Anglo-Saxon countries, Greece and Israel which pave the ground for different communications through different channels. Therefore, the volume of such relations can be a source of various security threats per se and spying against Islamic countries especially Islamic Republic of Iran (Ranjbaran, 2010, p. 194). Concerning relations between Satanist groups and countries opposite I. R. of Iran and adapting their actions to article 501 and 508 of the fifth Book of Islamic Penalty Law (preventive punishments), spying, action against the security of the I. R. of Iran and external relations will be prosecuted retributively.

b. Murder

Murder is considered as a satanic act and a Satanist with further quantity and quality of murders is closer to Satan. There is no need to mention that this constituent would result in security impacts (a group of writers, 2009, p. 305). Murder is considered as Satanism traditions and a member with more murders is respected more while increase in murder rates is considered as an international and determining criterion on security status of any country. Now, if it is accompanied with a holy thinking along with margins like rape, it can have broad effects on damaging security.

c. Theft

Most youngsters who join Satanism are withdrawn from their families even if they are from rich families. Therefore, their attendance in such groups paves the ground for their thefts to finance Satanist groups especially by armed thefts that are

naturally a threat against social security and are punishable based on mentioned laws.

d. Rape

Principally, rape is a condition to enter and continue membership in Satanist groups. It is accompanied with murder, raping same sex or children. The main component is to damage and to revenge the aggressor. In fact, Satanists believe that rape is a kind of diversity in acquiring sexual enjoyment (Ranjbaran, 2010, p. 195).

e. Sacrilege

In their collective ceremonies, Satanists insult Holy Quran (tearing, burning), prophets and Kiblah which are considered as crime by article 262 of the second Book of Islamic Punishment: anyone who insults or curses prophets is considered enemy to Prophet and convicted to death. In the same article, cursing Imams or HazratFatemeh (PBUH) is considered as cursing the Prophet with its own penalty.

f. Organized crimes

Today, two types of crimes are categorized, evaluated and analyzed: individual or unorganized and collective or organized crimes. The implications of organized crimes are bombing, terrorism, illicit drug traffic especially chemical drugs, establishing corruption centers and so on. According to researches, Satanists have relations to all abovementioned crimes and receive sums through their participation (Ranjbaran, 2010, p. 196). Considering the articles of Islamic Penalty Law, it is obvious that such crimes are subjected to punishments.

g. Disseminating indecency and corruption through printing unethical images and photos on clothes

Here, we mention some terms printed on clothes, hats, belts, etc. along with their meanings and concepts. Regretfully, producers in Iran print and distribute the same images which are a reason of disseminating deviational ideas. Worse, youths and teenagers use them without knowing their meanings. Noteworthy, there are wicked people among both producers and consumers who use such images intentionally.

1. Coolcat (rapist): shirt, hat and shoes for children and adults
2. Happy Gentleman (homosexual): types of t-shirt and clothes
3. Heaven (orgasm): t-shirts for girls
4. Kiss (the name of a music group with extreme homosexuality ideas): t-shirt, belt and hat
5. w.a.s.p (heavy metal music group which means: we are sex prophets with wild and unethical opinions): shirt, t-shirt, pants and hat
6. the image of a rabbit head (the symbol of a playboy group that propagate sexual behaviors and publishes sex journals): watch, car, dress, stationery
7. Broken S.S (the symbol of Reich group with Neo-Nazism that believe in free relations between girls and boys along with racist beliefs): walls and stationery (Karimi, 2010, pp. 238 & 239).

h. Consuming psychotropic substances, alcoholic drinks and illicit drugs

Consuming illicit drugs, alcoholic drinks and similar ones are considered as legitimate in Satanism. In other words, Satanists consider no border or red line for themselves. They believe that they commit sins in order to be respected by Satan. These are sins blamed in ethics – oriented view on human while are considered as licit in Satanism (Negaresh, 2010, pp. 89 & 90). Satanists have put abusing psychotropic substances and sexual freedom in their weekly ceremonies. Since they believe that Satan is the symbol of resistance against human, they oppose any kind of human trait and they believe that ethics and morality are in contradictory to their beliefs.

Conclusion

Concerning the conducted research on Satanism deviational flow, it seems that there are always tendencies and beliefs in deviational flows and thoughts regardless the progress and rationality elements in all educated or uneducated classes. This flow is called as deviation since it moves in a deviational channel and route. The contents of present paper indicate that tendency to deviational sects like Satanism is not limited to initial and undeveloped population and ancient times; rather, it can be seen in advanced and non-ideological communities. However, sinking in deviational beliefs depend on scientific and rational growth of that society. Concerning the behaviors in Satanist groups, one can certainly say that most actions by their members are in contrary to social and religious values and norms and are considered as crimes in terms of current laws. Therefore, the aim of disseminating Satanism by its leaders is to mitigate and non-tendency of people toward religions and getting far from religious especially Islamic beliefs. It shows the heavy load of responsibility by relevant groups and organizations especially religious propagandists to clarify and elucidate the evil and nonreligious nature of this misleading sect.

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