

Q: Elucidate how the Prophet of Islam (Peace be upon him) exemplified him as the greatest peace maker in the world by making reconciliations with Pagans, Jews and Christians?

Ans:

Introduction:

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was unequivocally the greatest peacemaker the world has ever seen. Islam is the religion of peace and safety. He always preferred conciliatory efforts, diplomatic channels and compromising tactics over waging wars that resulted in huge losses of human life and property. The Holy prophet exemplified himself as a greatest peace maker when he left the beloved city of Makkah for the Holy Kaba and

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despite winning two battles muslims were still not strong enough to counter attack on the large force of Makkah pagans. So Holy prophet signed treaty of Hudaibiya to maintain peace. Similarly, he signed pact of madina with Jews and a treaty with christians of Najran to establish peace.

Holy Prophet peace making efforts:

The following events in Islamic history depicts the instance of peacemaking by our beloved prophet (PBUH).

(i) Hilf al fudul:

Our beloved prophet (PBUH) was in his youth when he negotiated a plan to make peace in months when fighting was prohibited under the agreement "Hilf al-fudul".

Many notables young persons joined the Holy prophet in peace agreement.

(ii) Adjustment of Hajr-e-Aswad on the Holy Kabah:

The black stone fell on the floor from the Holy Kaaba owing the massive flood in Makkah mukarrama. A dispute arose among the leaders of the Quraysh that who re-fit the Black stone on the Holy Kaaba. The Holy prophet (PBUH) advised a very sagacious plan that the person who will be coming first the next morning would re-fit the black stone on the Holy Kabah. Therefore all acceded to the advice of Prophet because of his peace keeping approach.

(iii) The Pact of Madina:

The pact of madina is a landmark in the history of Peace Keeping in the world. Soon after the emergence of and foundation of the state of madina, the Holy prophet (PBUH) had a peace driven pact with

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~~the~~ Jews. That accord was done between the Jews and Muslims. It was the first written constitution of the world. Following were the main points of the "Pact of Madinah":

- 1- There should be collective peace.
- 2- Equal rights be given to all.
- 3- Strife should be avoided.
- 4- The Holy Prophet (PBUH) is the supreme commander.
- 5- There should be freedom and tolerance.

(iv) Treaty of Hudaibiya:

A long episode of nostalgia started looming on the Muslims for Makkah Mukarrama and Baytullah. Therefore, they decided to go to the Holy Kaaba and offer pilgrimage. The pagans of Makkah had meanwhile confronted Muslims three times in the Battle of Badr, Battle of Uhud, and the Battle of Trench. And despite winning in at least two of the battles Muslims

did not dare to counter attack the pagans of Makkah. The Holy prophet changed the route of Tameem to avoid confrontation and come to a lesser-known place called Hudaibiya on the western edge of the city. Determined not to allow Muslims enter the city. Makkans (Pagans) sent Uruah bin Masud to negotiate with the Prophet. He requested the Makkani leaders after negotiating with Prophet (PBUH) to let them go to Madina and they only come to worship but the Makkani leaders refused and bent upon preventing Muslims. The Holy prophet (PBUH) negotiated the terms of peace with ^{Sohail} Amr Al Thaqafi who was very tough in dealings. He reached the following terms.

- 1- There will be armistice between the two parties and no fighting for next 10 years.
- 2- Any person or tribe who wants to join Muhammad and to enter into any agreement with him is free to do

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So, Likewise any person or tribe or who wishes to join Quraysh and to enter into any agreement with them is free to do so.

3- one more vital treaty of Hudaibiya point was that anyone from Makkah who entered Madina will be returned to the Quraysh people, but the people of Madina wandering inside Makkah will not be extended the same courtesy.

4- Muslims will return to Madina without visiting the Kaaba; Instead, next year they will be allowed entry and a peaceful stay in ~~Madina~~ Makkah for a period of three days.

v) Prophet Muhammad's promise to Christians:

In 628 a delegation from St. Catherine's Monastery came to Prophet Muhammad and requested his protection.

He responded by giving them a charter of rights which says "No compulsion is

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to be on them. Neither are their judges to be removed from their jobs nor their monks from their monasteries. No one is to destroy a house of their religion, to damage it, or to carry anything from it to the muslims houses. Should anyone take any of these, he would spoil God's covenants and disobey His prophet? So this is a concrete example of how the prophet of Allah made peace with Jews.

Peace making mechanism adopted by Holy Prophet (PBUH):

(i) Peace through equality:

The Holy prophet (PBUH) kept peace in the society by introducing the concept of social, political, economic, legal and religious equality as he said

"There is no superiority for an Arab over a non-Arab and for a non-Arab over an Arab, not for the white over the black nor for the black over the white"

except in God-consciousness?

(ii) Peace through Pacifism:

For Holy prophet Pacifism was paramount and violence was never an option for Holy prophet. He always called for peace in the society.

(iii) Peace through Harmony:

The Holy prophet is the messenger of mercy. He always had a special mercy both on human beings and animals and promoted peacemaking through mercy in the battlefield as well. As Allah Almighty said

"And we have ^{not} sent you but as a mercy to the nations"

(Al-Anbiya 107)

(iv) Peace making through "Justice":

"In addition to social, political and economical, legal and political justice. The Holy prophet introduced the concept of justice at battlefield by categorizing the levels of aggressors pardoned in Islam as the

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Holy Quran says

"And do not let the hatred of others lead you to injustice" (Al-maeda 8)

Conclusion:

Nevertheless, it is evident from the history that prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a mercy for this mankind and a prophet of peace which maintained peace with pagans by treaty of Hudaibiya and with Jews through the historical part of Medina and with Christians through making a promise to give protection to them.

Q. Islam provides better rights to men and women than all other religions. Explore with arguments.

Ans:-

Introduction to human rights:

Human rights are the necessary to the notion of human dignity. Islam provides rights to men and women in a better way than all other religions because in other religion they had been doing struggle to achieve their rights through but in Islam the muslims got their rights through their divine deen from the day first they accepted Islam and in last sermon of Holy prophet (PBUH). Islam gave rights to all humans irrespective of class, creed and sex.

Elucidating the term "Human rights":

(i) Western definition of human rights:

According to united nations "Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion or any other status"

(ii) Islamic definition of human rights:

Right is translated in arabic as haqq

the plural of which is huqooq. The opposite of the haq is fasj (duty). In other words, ones right is ~~equivalent~~ essentially the duty of the other. The concept of human rights in Islam begins with the respect for humanity. Allah has said in the Holy Quran:

"We have honoured the sons of Adam." (Bani-Israeel: 70)

In another place the Holy Quran says "We have ^{indeed} created man in the best of moulds" (Al-teen: 4)

Similarly the Holy prophet PBUH said

"All mankind is the progeny of Adam and Adam was fashioned out of clay"
Hadith

In the same way the scholars also defined the term human rights

Scholarly definition:

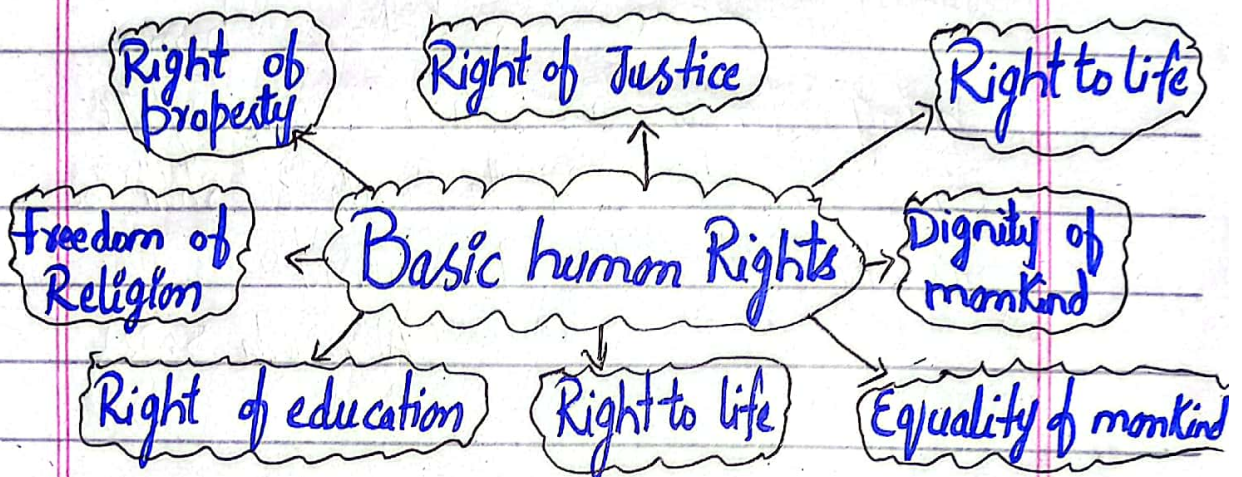
The Persian

Polymath Mousud ibn Umar al Taftazani said "Gods rights are those involving the general welfare to the execution of my particular individual benefit in contrast to the rights of human beings, which

Involves private interests"

Basic fundamental rights of human:

There are many basic fundamental rights of human which are necessary for them and it includes the following



① Equality of mankind:

Islam called an end to racism and nationalism. As the Holy prophet PBUH said in his last sermon

"All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over a Black nor a Black has superiority

over a white except by piety and good
Action. —” Hadith

② Right to life:

Islam has called on
end to killing of human beings on any
matter and provided right to life. As
described in the Holy Quran

“Whosoever has killed a human
being for another than manslaughter
or corruption in the earth it shall be
as he had killed all mankind — —”

(Al-maeda 5:32)

③ Freedom of religion:

Islam has given
freedom of religion and stopped from
using force and forced conversions

“Let there be no compulsion in Religion,
for the truth stands out clearly from
falsehood. — —” (Al-Baqra : 256)

In another place Holy Quran described

“To you is your religion, and to me
my religion” (Al Kafrum 101:6)

④ Dignity of all mankind:

Islam has given the right to not abuse the dignity of any human being as the Holy Quran says

"Indeed, we have dignified the children of Adam, carried them on land and sea, granted them good and lawful provisions and privileged them far above many of our creatures" (Bani Israel 17:70)

⑤ Protection of honor:

Islam has guided the Muslims to protect the honor of a person as said by Holy Quran

"... you honor whoever you please and disgrace whoever you want and please all-good is in your hands..."

Explanation of (Al-Imran 3:26)

⑥ Right of education:

Islam has given right to education to all people without gender discrimination as the Holy

Prophet PBUH said

"Seeking Knowledge is obligatory upon every muslim" (Hadith)

⑦ Right of Justice

Islam has given the right to speedy justice to every human being. It is evident from the Holy Quran

"Indeed Allah commands you to return trusts to their rightful owners. and when you judge between people judge with fairness —"

(Surah Nisa 4:58)

⑧ Right to property:

Islam has given right to property not only to men but also to a woman. It can be concluded from the verses of Holy Quran

"And for all we have made heirs to what is left by parents and relatives And to those whom your oaths have bound give them their share."

(Surah Nisa: 4:32)

Struggle for fundamental Human rights in West vs Islam:

(i) In West:

In western countries people got human rights dated back to magna carta of 1215AD after a long period of time by giving so many sacrifices. In magna carta protection of rights of barons were given. Afterwards rights were further widened through Bill of Rights of 1689 and then in 1791 and after french revolution right of liberty, equality and fraternity was given through Declaration of Rights of Man.

(ii) In Islam:

In west people got rights through these treaties after struggles, revolution etc. While in Islam the rights which were bestowed on human were given hundreds of years ago by Holy prophet (PBUH) in his last sermon. Islam is a complete code of life and provides all necessary and fundamental rights

through Quran and Sunnah without giving any kind of sacrifices and many times before than Magna carta of 1215.

Comparison of human rights in Islam vs other Religions:

① Rights of women:

In hinduism, women were dependent on male and donot have right to inheritance, right to marriage etc. It is evident from the concept of "Satee" when widow was burned along with dead husband. On the contrary, woman were given the right to choose spouse, right to inheritance, life etc. As mentioned in the Holy Quran and Ahadees "No widow should be married without consulting her, and no ~~mafi~~ virgin be married without her assent."

(Al-Bukhari)

② Rights of Parents:

Islam has provided man and woman another right as parents that show kindness to you

parents and any person who does not do this will face punishment in hereafter. On the contrary, in other religion there is no concept of punishment in disrespect to parents.

"No mother should be harmed through her child, no father through his child"
(Al-Baqarah 233)

③ Right to Life:

In christianity, hinduism and other religion there is no concept of punishment of killing someone in hereafter. In Islam people got right to life and Islam gave this right to every human a lot of time before than other religions.

"The prophet said the greatest sins are to associate someone with Allah and to kill human being" Hadith

④ Freedom of Religion:

In other religions there is no freedom for other religions to be practised and no exclusively this right is given and therefore islamophobia type concept emerges. However, in islam freedom of religion

is given and that's why muslim countries has less extremism and hatred for other religions.

"To you is your religion, and to me my religion" (Al Kafur 109:6)

⑤ Dignity of All man Kind:

In different religions womans are not given many rights and are subjected to 'objectification' and ~~their~~^{her} dignity is compromised. On the other side, man and woman both's dignity has been given respected in Islam since Islam is revealed.

"Indeed, we have dignified the children of Adam — — —"
(Bani' israeel 17:70)

Conclusion:

Briefly, Islam has given better rights to all people man and woman. the rights provided in islam has security and guarantee and universality and enforcement as well. On the other side, the ~~relig~~ rights given in other religions are incomplete, and

no enforcement, and balance, Because
these rights are given through treaties
and declarations rather than moral and
spiritual enforcement.

Q: Elaborate the rights of daughters granted by Islam and how these are denied by Muslims in the contemporary world?

Ans:

Introduction to Rights of daughters:

"The person who is put to a test because of the birth of the daughters and then treats them generously, they will become a means of rescue for him from Hell"

As mentioned in above the Hadees of Holy prophet (PBUH) in (Bukhari, Muslim), it is evident that in Islam daughters has immense importance and one can be saved from Hell by treating them well. Islam is a divine deen and it has given all the rights to a woman/daughter and that are nearly to equal that are given to a man. In contemporary world muslims which are in an abyss of greed and materialism ignore the rights of daughter which are given by Islam, in order to be safe from humiliation and to protect their conservative mindset.

Elucidating the meaning of Human Rights:

As daughters are ~~humans~~ women and they fall in the category of human beings so there are many definitions given about human rights which are mentioned b/w

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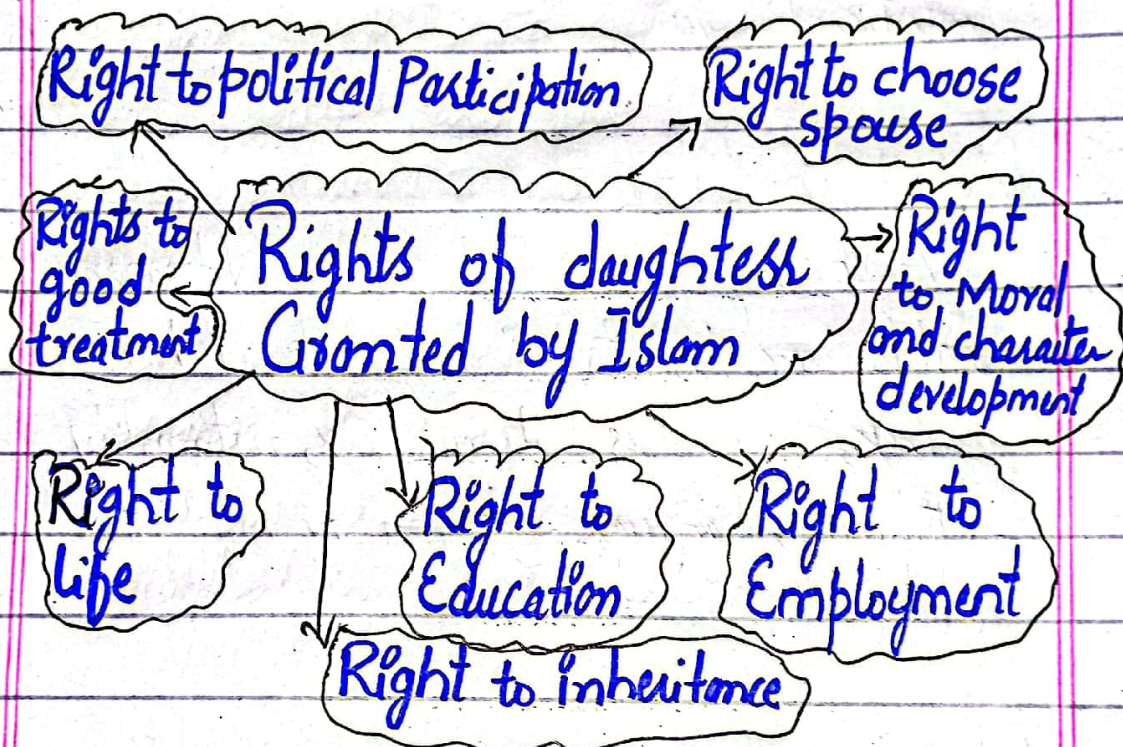
"Right is translated into arabic language as haq, the plural of which is haqqoq. The opposite of haq is fa'z (duty). So ones right is quintessentially the duty of the other."

Scholarly definition:

The Persian poly math Masud taftazani said "Gods rights are those involving the general welfare

to the exclusion of any particular individual benefit in contrast to the rights of human beings which involves private interests?

Rights of daughters granted by Islam:



Right to life:

Islam has given right to life to all human beings and stopped parents from killing their daughters. As Holy prophet said

"The greatest sins are to associate someone with Allah and to kill human beings" Ahadees

Right to Education:

Islam has directed everyone to get education irrespective of sex. It can be concluded from the Hadis

"Seeking education is obligatory upon every muslim" Hadis

Right to Inheritance:

Islam has granted right to inheritance to daughters in property of parents. As Holy Quran says

"For men there is a share in what their parents and close relatives leave, and for women there is a share in what their parents and close relatives leave whether it is little or much. These are obligatory shares" (Al-Nisa 4:7)

Right to choose spouse:

Islam has also given the daughter right to choose spouse and to marry whom she wants. It is evident from the verses of Holy Quran "No widow

shall be married without consulting her and no virgin be married without her assent —" (Al-Bukhari)

Right to Political Participation:

Islam has given right to daughters to participate in politics and give their advice and she has right to vote. It is evident from Islamic teachings that "Holy prophet used to take advice from Hazrat Ayesha because she was a learned and wise woman and she also guided the caliphs in certain matters."

Right to Employment:

In the same way, Islam has given the daughters the right to earn. It can be concluded from verses of Holy Quran

"for men there is a reward for what they have earned (and likewise) for women there is a reward for what they have earned" (Al-Nisa)

Right to Good treatment:

Islam

has given the right to good treatment to daughters before or after marriage, and guided parents to do so and show love and to them

"Whoever pleased Fatima has indeed pleased God and whoever has caused her ^{to be} angry has indeed angered God—"

(Bukhari and Muslim)

Right to Moral and character development:

Islam has also given the responsibility to parents to work on the moral and character development of their daughters so she can live her life good and in accordance to codified law of Allah.

The Rights of daughters which are denied by Muslims in contemporary World:

The Muslims in the contemporary world are in the chains of greed, materialism and conservative thinking which restricts them from giving rights

to daughters which are mentioned
b/w

Right to Education:

Muslims in the contemporary world do not give right to education to daughters because they think she will disobey their decisions once ~~they~~ ^{she} got education.

Right to Inheritance:

Similarly, Muslims think that men are more productive and due to that reason by force they give all the property to sons and deprive daughters from property.

Right to Employment:

Parents in the contemporary muslim world think that female can be an object to sexual harassment at work place and does not give her opportunity to do job.

Right to Political participations

Muslims of

the 21st century have a mindset that male are more powerful candidates than women in politics and female can loose the elections easily so they dont allow daughters to participate in elections/politics as well.

Right to Divorce/Khula:

Females who take divorce or Khula are not regarded as good in the society so parents argue that daughters who take Khula or divorce causes humiliation for parents so they stop them from this act.

Conclusion:

Nevertheless, Islam has granted more rights to women than other religions but in contemporary world muslims are in chains of greed, materialism and conservative mindset due to which they deprive daughters from their rights.