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Discuss Iqbal's view on Ijtihad

Answer :-

Introduction

"فرد قائم در سبط ملت است  
تنها دریا که زمین

The unity is everything,  
nothing is in separation

سویا ہے دریا میں امیر بیرون دریا کہو  
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Everything is our land,  
nothing is outside."

(Allama Iqbal, The  
poet of East)

Allama Iqbal was a great supporter of 'Ijtihad' in the Muslim world. In fact, he emphasized the concept of 'Ijtihad' in his socio-political thoughts. He played a great role to unite Muslims of the

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No.	Answer
1	<p>world and awaked Muslims through his poetical thoughts. Thus, Allams Iqbal was a great proponent of ijtihad.</p>
2-	<p>Iqbal's view on Kamelian principle of 'ijtihad'</p>
	<p>"The supremacy is associated with the state and religion has separation from it."</p>
	<p>(Kamelian Principle)</p>
	<p>In Kamelian principle, the sole authority is given to state. This shows supreme role without religious norms. In response, Iqbal expressed as:</p>

"Personally, I believe it is wrong to say state as a supreme authority, keeping religious thoughts aside."

(Iqbal, Reconstruction of Islamic thoughts)

However, Allama Iqbal disagreed to Kamslian principle and presented his view to explain 'ijtihad' as:

"According to Qur'an, sole authority is in Muslim Unity, it is not the state."

(Allama Iqbal,

Reconstruction of Islamic thoughts)

This indicates that Iqbal was more attracted towards the concept of 'ijtihad' according to religious norms.

Almighty Allah said:

"You must hold the rope

of Quran together."

This stark reality highlights strong view of Iqbal on 'ijtihad' (Al-Imran: 3:103)

Kamalian Principle

↳ Sole authority: STATE

Allama Iqbal

Religious supremacy

3- Iqbal's view on 'ijtihad': Explanation  
Following is detail of it:

a) Islam as a religion of unity and harmony  
According to Iqbal,

Islam as a religion of unity and harmony. He also united Muslim world through his poetical power.

'There is no Hindu Muslim, no Iranian Muslim, No Pakistani Muslim, and no Arab Muslim, but all are only Muslims.'

(Allama Iqbal, Reconstruction of Islamic thoughts)

No doubt, Allama Iqbal broke difference of the nation and united Muslims on a single platform. According to Iqbal,

”جو عالم ایجاد میں ہے صاحب ایجاد

Whatever is in unity of Muslims,

ہر دور میں مرتبے طوائف اس کا زمانہ

Every age will recognize you

with nobility."

(Reconstruction of Islamic thoughts)

Further, Allama Iqbal called Muslims for 'ijtihad'. He explained as:

"Whenever you do not get guidance from Quran and Sunnah, do ijtihad."

(Reconstruction of Islamic thoughts)

Thus, Allama Iqbal explained 'ijtihad' in detail in his views.

b) Muslims in the modern world

Allama Iqbal also observed the condition of Muslims in the modern age. He said that Muslims are divided in the name of nationalism.

"Today, Muslims are recognized in the name of nationality"

as Turkish, Hindu, and  
Pakistani Muslims."

(Reconstruction of Islamic  
thoughts)

To emphasize this view, following  
argument is substantive as:

"9/11 attack on 'Twin Towers',  
disfranchised Muslims from  
unity and Muslims  
went against Muslims."

(Al-Jazeera)

Not only this, but also as:

"Palestine-Israel deadliest  
war has also proven  
Muslim disunity."

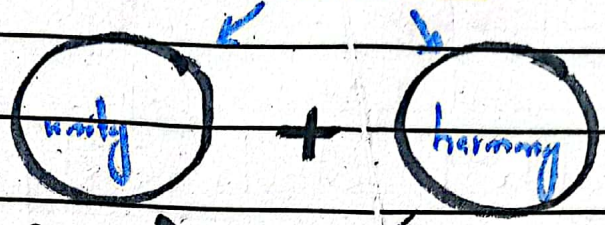
(Al-Jazeera)

Hence, both examples are clear  
demonstration of Muslims' failure  
from 'ijtihad'.

Iqbal's Ijtihad - View



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'Ijtihad'

4- Critical Analysis

4 نہیں یہ پرواہ خدا کو اسے سولگی کی

Cool has no care of a man

کہ جو جس کی روح پرواہ سیدہ اب تک

Who is ignorant fully

میرا دل کیا لگے گا مکتب میں اسے پھدم!

How my heart just stuck to 'maktab'

تہہ آنک ہم جوان سیدار صبت تک

"Till even a single person  
wakes up."

(Allame Iqbal)



Allama Iqbal was a great personality who united Muslim world through his thoughts. He promoted 'ijtihad' among Muslims. But, unfortunately, in a globalized world, Muslims are gone away from ijtihad, which is definitely a cause of Muslim failure.

5- **Conclusion**

سبق پر وہ صداقت کا شجاعت کا اثبات

Read the lesson of sincerity, honesty and unity.

لپا جانے سے تمہیں کام آئے گا

You will be awarded as a "chug."

(Allama Iqbal)

Allama Iqbal presented a strong view on ijtihad. He emphasized ijtihad as a source of Muslim unity. Moreover, he also united Muslims of the

World in teachings of Qur'an.  
Hence, Iqbal supported 'ijtihad'  
greatly.

