

## Islamiat Assignment

“Contemporary challenges to muslim ummah and their solution in light of Islam”

Muslim Ummah is currently facing several contemporary challenges, chief among them is less focus on modern education. In past days, muslims had high literacy rate, largest universities and libraries and they made several inventions. But now, they <sup>are</sup> continuously showing negligence towards education which is making them less competitive as compared to non-muslims.

Besides modern education, Muslims are also giving less attention to religious education as well and are more inclined to western culture and non-islamic practices.

They are <sup>in</sup> ~~under~~ perversion as stated in

Surah Ahzab, verse number 36:

“And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error”

So, it is clear from above ayat, that those muslims who <sup>are</sup> strayed into clear error who don't follow religious teachings

Due to lack of real religious education,

Some muslims got easily manipulated by some <sup>false</sup> islamic scholars like Sayyid Qutb, who spread an ideology in most muslim universities around the world, commonly known as Qutb ideology and justified the violence against non-believers and urged radical actions to siege political

power. This gave rise to some terrorist organizations like Al-Qaeda, whose attack on Twin tower New York, also called 9/11 attack, depicted an image of muslims that all muslims are terrorist ~~which~~. This Due to these kind of events, islamophobia had ~~rise~~ risen and muslims are hated all over the world.

Another challenge is lack of unity among muslim countries. Instead of helping each other to grow, they even fight among themselves e.g. Saudi Arabia and Iran. Rather than taking help from oil rich muslim countries, Pakistan is forced to take aid or loans from non-muslim countries and organizations on interest. Without unity, it will be difficult for muslim countries.

For overcoming these challenges, Muslim Ummah first need to focus on modern education to regain their position as world's renowned scholars and scientists and builders of world's largest universities and libraries.

Quran also stresses on gaining knowledge as written in first revelation:

"Read - for thy Sustainer is the Most Bountiful One who has taught (man) the use of the pen - taught insan what he did not know!"

(Surah Al-Alaq (1-5))

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) also said,

"Seek knowledge from cradle to the grave"

So, it is evident that seeking knowledge is important for muslim ummah.

Not only ~~using~~ modern education,



but <sup>seeking</sup> religious education is also important for muslim Ummah, for <sup>achieving</sup> success in world and life hereafter. Islam gives complete guide to all muslims to modify their lives as per principles of islam. As written in Surah Al-Ahzab (verse no. 71):-

"He will adjust your works for you and will forgive you, your sins, and whoever obeys Allah and His messenger, then indeed he has achieved a great success."

For dealing with false religious education, all religious scholars across the globe should unite and ban the institutions spreading false knowledge about religion and counsel their students <sup>and</sup> to teach them real religious education as per teachings of Quran.

Islamophobia can be countered through media by correcting false beliefs of world about muslims. Students cultural exchange programs in muslim universities can also contribute in overcoming that milestone. Life of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) can be taken as an example, who also faced islamophobia challenge from the non-muslims but he handled them with patience and showed good manners to them which won their hearts. As written in Surah Fussilat ayat 34-35:-

"Good and Evil deeds are not alike. Repulse evil with good, and he who is your enemy will become your dearest friend. But none will attain this save those who endure with fortitude and are greatly favored by God"

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Above all, Muslim countries should be united like brothers and help each other. <sup>Low</sup> Tax-free trade should be introduced among muslim countries and building of universities and other development projects collectively should be encouraged. OIC should be empowered to solve all conflicts between muslim countries and promote trade. It is <sup>also</sup> written in Surah Al-Ajuzat ayat 10:

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy".

All the challenges, currently faced by muslim Ummah are though difficult and challenging but if all Muslim Ummah follow the correct teachings of Islam then these challenges can easily be solved.