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Assignment # 02

## Islamic Studies Assignment

Q:- What are the Contemporary challenges of Muslim Ummah and their solutions according to the teachings of Islam?

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examples of Pious caliphate for governing and administrative purposes. e. Jihaad should be normalized as it would help people not to forget their moral values.

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#### 1. Introduction:-

There was a time when Islamic civilization was considered to be the most advanced, tolerant and highly developed civilization in the world. At present Muslims are facing numerous challenges that have caused a serious damage to their overall development. Muslims today occupy the lowest position in the ladder of the global world. They are educationally backwards, have even lost their moral values, politically instable and economically poor. They were economically rich and involved in enormous business and economic activities. However, now it seems that they have diverted from their old traditions.

## 2. Challenges faced by Muslim Ummah:-

In this modern age Muslim ummah is facing numerous challenges that have caused a serious damage to its stability, its image as well as its economy. Some of the contemporary challenges faced by Muslim Ummah are described below.

### a. Disunity among Muslims:-

The immediate and most serious issue faced by Muslim Ummah is disunity among them. Islam has established a bond of brotherhood among Muslims in spite of it all there is no unity in Muslims. There are almost 50 Muslim Countries in the world. 30 of them possess 90% Muslim population and remaining countries have Muslim population between 50% to 80%. Almost 25% of the population of world is Muslim. Saudi Arabia and Iran are extreme rivals. If Muslim countries are united and start helping each other they would not require any sort of assistance from their

western allies. Muslim countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia are rich in oil resources. Others like Malaysia and Turkey are advance in Technology. Pakistan possesses a nuclear weapon and well professional army. If Muslim countries help each other in above mentioned areas and many others they can be recognized globally.

b. Rapid rise of terrorism and extremism.

Another major challenge confronting by Muslim ummah is the rapid rise of terrorism and extremism in Muslim countries. It is due to the fact that Muslim countries are unable to prevent the spread of racial material in their educational institution. Along with it, terrorism and extremism is the born of Soviet union invasion of Afghanistan. This terrorism and extremism has given rise to Islamophobia. Now think muslim as a extremist and terrorist.

### c. Lagging behind in Education:-

The daunting problem encountered by the Muslim Ummah is their lagging behind in education.

"Islam's first generations produced knowledge and wealth that empowered Muslims to rule much of the world."  
(Benazir Bhutto).

Benazir Bhutto writes in her book, Reconciliation: Islam Democracy and the west:

"Muslim countries have total of 500 universities as compared to 5,000 universities in USA and 8,000 universities in India."

This fact can clearly be used to understand and interest of Muslim countries as compared to the west. Dubai and Saudi Arabia are spending millions of dollars in constructing world's highest buildings and biggest malls. But have no considerations towards increasing educational institutes and research centres.

### d. Weak Economic status of muslims

## Countries:-

Most of the muslim countries are economically weak. For instance, the total world's trade of OIC countries is less than a single country, China. Average per capita of muslim world, a part from their oil revenues, is below the world's average. Some muslim countries are rich because of their oil revenues. Muslim countries need to work together and help one another, so they can improve their economic status.

## e. un-Islamic Authoritarian Rule:-

Most of the Arab countries are run by authoritarian rule that is condemned by Islam. owing to one man or family ruling system, there is seen misused of government's authority and power. middle class people are pushed back and are not given opportunity to run the state. As a result, crisis of governance is often witnessed. Authoritarian rule may also lead

to human rights abuses and suppression of minorities. The one-family rule has caused much damage to the overall better development of the Arab countries.

#### f. Corruption and Wrong intentions:-

Corruption and ill will is one of the major underlying issue of some of the Muslim countries. This is found all levels of the Muslim societies. It is one of the major factor of decline of Muslim countries. People in these countries are ruling with money. The one has money can easily get a job, can easily win a case. All affairs of life are easy for him. People in societies have ill will towards each others. All these have portrayed a negative image of Muslims in the west.

#### g. Injustice and unfairness:-

There is a famous saying of Hazrat Ali (R.A) "Societies can exist with Kufir but not with injustice."

Today, in Muslim Countries injustice has taken many forms. we can witness injustice of other nations upon muslim ummah, but we can also witness it at the position of one in Authority. There is no fair means of selection for particular jobs, all they need for allocation is corruption or source of a minister. The one in authority assumes power and oppresses the one below with wealth, power, Status and rank.

#### h. Instability of Self-Reform.

Another area that is challenge for muslim world is self-Reform. unfortunately they do not wish to self-introspect but continue on to rely on others. The general public speaks of leaders. leaders in return, bad mouth the public. we need to set our priority rather than trying to please international bodies. Instead of adopting the culture of pointing finger, we need to look deep well within and change ~~ours~~ <sup>ourselves</sup>.



## i. Influence of the West:-

Now a days Philanthropist are under the influence of the west and most of the reformers and also towards their effects. That's the reason that muslim countries are leaning towards the west. Media is portraying Islam as out dated religion and saying to reform it. Youth of muslim countries are being told that Islam needs reformation according to current times. This is the vicious circle of the influence of west.

## 3. Solutions for challenges in the Light of teachings of Islam:-

The issues mentioned above are the serious issues and need solutions. Belows are few solutions which can help muslim Ummah to regain their status in the world and to flourish again.

### a. Muslims should unite under the umbrella of Islam:-

Big need of the time is unity of muslim. They can

get a unique recognition in the west if they get united. Unity is the basic teaching of Islam. Allah said in the Holy Quran:

وَإِن تَصْوَخُوا حَبْلَ اللَّهِ طَيِّبًا وَلَا تَفْرَقُوا  
(آل عمران)

"And hold fast, all together by the rope of Allah, and be not divided among yourselves."

Similar was the message of Holy Prophet (PBUH) in his Last sermon.

"An Arab has no superiority over Non-Arab, nor a white has superiority over black."

Muslim of every country either it be white man of Pakistan or black of Indonesia. All are equal and the whole Muslim Ummah should be united for the cause of their prosperity and success.

b. Justice is necessary to maintain peace and stability.

Allah says in the Holy Quran:

أَعْلَوْهُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَى  
(النساء)

"Act justly, that is nearer to God fearing."

Allah himself have asked Muslims to act justly as being unjust is the cause of many evil problems.

All the Muslims Countries can only bring stability by acting justly and staying true to their moral values.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

(Martin Luther).

### c. Muslims Needs to Eradicate corruption from Grassroot Levels:-

Regarding Corruption Quran says:-

ظَهَرَ الْفِتْنَةُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ  
(الروم)

"Mischief has appeared on land and sea."

Corruption is the root cause of most of the evils in Muslim countries.

With corruption we can see bribery and unjust are becoming common practices. These are those deeds which bring wrath of Allah (SWT) and the west is free from all

Such vicious circles.

Regarding Bribery Holy Prophet (PBUH) Said ..

الراشي والمرتشى في النار

(الحديث)

"Both the bribe taker and the bribe giver are in hell."

Allah and his messenger have cursed the person with such attributes. Therefore its dire need to end corruption, bribery and injustice from Muslim world.

d. Muslim Rulers need to follow the Examples of Pious Caliphate:-

Muslim Rulers are accountable for all the affairs of the state. In Muslim Countries rulers are not ruling the countries according to the teaching of Islam and by the way of Pious Caliphate. It is the basic reason of mostly problems in the country and negative role of the ruler is also portraying negative impact of the country. By following

examples of Pious Caliphate they can definitely run state in an exemplary way which will not only bring peace and prosperity but will also help muslim countries to uplift their image.

### e. Jihad Should Be Normalize :

Jihad should be normalized as it will help people not to forget their moral values. Most lower degree of Jihad is to accept evil deeds as bad in one's heart. If one is going through such state it too can help in bringing change in the society. Along with this government should organize some programs for the citizens to not forget their values. They can arrange any conferences or seminars to remind them the Seerah of Holy Prophet (PBUH). can recall in different lectures about his teachings and roles which can help the states to live their moral values. Along with this there should be high punishments for acts like corruption, bribery, lies, injustice, murder etc.

#### 4. Conclusion:-

Thus, In ancient times Islamic Civilization was the most advanced ones but now Muslims are facing numerous challenges. Most notable are disunity among Muslims, rise of extremism and terrorism, injustice, corruption, unstable government, Lagging in Education and others. It's dire need of time to eradicate these challenges. The most important need is to establish a positive image of Muslim Countries. Muslim ummah with a mission, right direction of our Holy Prophet (PBUH), participation and co-operation can arise at global level. As it is said in the Quran:-

وان ليس للانسان الا ما سعى

(سورة نجم : ٢٧)

“The man can have nothing But what He Strives for.”