

Explain the reconstruction of Pakistani society in the light of Islamic teachings

Introduction

Pakistani society faces several challenges in this contemporary world. Pakistani society can be reconstructed in the light of Islamic teachings. Islam is a complete code of life and it covers all social, legal, economic and political concepts. Islam contains solution to all problems and for those there is no solution, it asks us to do Tjma.

Contemporary Problems faced by Pakistani Society

① Lack of Patience

Nowadays, Patience in people of Pakistan is nowhere to be found. People want the solution to their problems as soon as the problem occurs. Similarly, due to the lack of patience, people have stopped giving respect to (any) elder people. Even if there is a long que or you have to wait for your turn.

② Menace of Extremism and Intolerance

Extremism exists in Pakistani society since a very long time but now it has gotten worse. Religious scholars interpret Quran according to their own thinking and exacerbate the divide between Pakistani people. Similarly, extremism exists because when people have no regard for the opinion of others and this is happening because of the incomplete knowledge of Islam. The recent killing of Sri Lankan worker in Sialkot is an example of intolerance and extremism.

③ Rising Terrorism

Pakistan has been facing severe terrorism since 9/11 and this has got worse because of the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban. Afghanistan provides a safe harbor to the terrorists of Pakistan. Pakistan faces a continuous threat from Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and the new emerging Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan. Terrorism caused by them results in killing of innocent people in Pakistani society.



④ Deviation ~~of~~ from basic Islamic teachings

Due to the influence of western culture in our society our youth has started to question the basic principles of Islam and many of them preach false Islam to them ^{in friends} which results in hate and further divide between the people of our society. Islam is our religion which encompasses every sphere of life and the deviation from its basic principles can be avoided when the true sense of Islam is preached.

⑤ Sectarianism and Violence

Sectarianism is one of the easiest way to divide any society. Sectarianism has existed in Pakistani society since a very long time and it often results in violence which causes death of many people. However, there is no violence in Islam and Islam is also against the divide of muslims. All of the above can be corrected in the light of the Islamic teachings



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① Developing patience in people

Islam promotes peace and urges muslims to develop patience. It is mentioned in the Holy Quran that "And be patient. Surely, Allah is with those who are patient" (8:46). From this ayat of Holy Quran, we can say that no matter what the situation we are facing, we should be faithful and patient as Allah is with us and He will never leave us alone.

② Eradicating extremism and intolerance

In Islam there is nothing such as extremism. Holy prophet (P.b.u.h) said "O people! Save yourself from excess in religion because earlier communities were destroyed due to excess in religion [Ibn-Majah]. Islam opposes extremism and intolerance, it says that earlier communities were destroyed because of excess in religion and lack of intolerance towards the opinions and thoughts of others.

③ Putting an end to terrorism

Terrorism can be put to end in the light of Islamic teachings. Islam promotes peace and it is completely against violence and killing of innocents. It is mentioned in the Holy Quran that "whoever takes a life unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land, it will be as if they killed all of humanity and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all humanity. (5:32). This clearly shows that Islam is against unnecessary killing and places a strict punishment on those who indulge in it. If this teaching is learned by the violent extremists, the terrorism can come to an end.

④ Removing sectarianism and violence from society

Islam is against the divide of Muslims which exists because of various sects. It is against it because whosoever excepts Islam cannot be a part of any sect as everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah. It is said in the Holy Quran that "Surely you have nothing to do with those who have made divisions in their religion and become faction". This ayat expounds

that Allah does not want us to divide as we divide \oplus we become an easy target to our enemies.

⑤ Preaching the true sense of Islam,

As mentioned earlier, young people are deviating from the basic principles of Islam and to overcome this it is necessary to teach them the true meaning of religion. Islam is not a difficult religion, it has been made difficult by some individuals for their own purpose.

As it is said in the Holy Quran "The religion of Islam is easy, and whoever makes the religion a rigour, it will empower him" (22:78). Furthermore it is said in the Holy Quran "There shall be no compulsion in religion" (2:256). These two ayat shows that Islam is a religion of peace, it does not force anyone to enter its fold and it is a religion, that is very easy to follow.

Conclusion

Islam and its teachings holds very high regard in a life of muslim. Its teachings includes every thing from how to live an individual life to a governance structure of

a state. The menaces that we face in Pakistan today they all can be eradicated in the light of the teachings of Islam.