

Q: Contemporary challenges of muslim ummah and their solution?

Ans: "You are now the best people brought forth for (the guidance and reform of) mankind"

OR

(AL-Imran)

"You are the best nation produced (as an example) for mankind"

(AL-Imran)

Introduction :-

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had established the concept of ummah 1440 years ago consists of fifty-seven sovereign states. It comprises over 1.5 billion people i.e. one fifth of the world population. It has vast territories and geographically rich in resources. However, in spite of its political and economic importance, the Islamic ummah is divided and violating the verse of Quran.

“Hold fast together to the cable of Allah and be not divided”

(AL-Imran)

Muslim Ummah is currently facing a number of internal and external challenges.

External challenges include challenges caused by western colonialism

- * globalization
- * on going hostage

Internal challenges includes;

- * extremism
- * lacking in scientific advancement
- * Lack of ijtihad
- * moral decline
- * Identity crises
- * issues in middle East.

Challenges

Internal
challenges

External
challenges

③ Internal Challenges :-

internal challenges faced by muslim

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- * intellectual crisis and stagnation.
- * modernization and Ummah.
- * political disunity
- * Rich in resources but poor in management
- * fundamentalism and rise of extremism
- * middle Eastern crisis
- * prevalence of unbridled materialism
- * moral decline
- * Lacking education
- * failure to portray image of islam

1: Intellectual Crisis and stagnation :-

Historical Factors :-

The muslim world was once at the forefront

scientific and intellectual innovation with

~~Scholar~~ scholars such as Ibn Rushd (Averroes)

* Ibn Sina (Avicenna)

* Al-Khwarizmi making significant contributions to fields like medicine, mathematics and philosophy.

However, after the falls of the Abbasid Caliphate and the rise of colonialism, neo-colonialism,

poor governance, economic underdevelopment, authoritarianism some of which can be attributed to the real or imagined influence of increasing devotion to religiosity of the masses.

Example:-

* Afghanistan:-

Sunni Taliban turn secular schools into Islamic madrasas, valuing religious studies over modern science.

* Saudi Ulema:-

until the 1960's Saudi Sunni Ulema opposed any attempts at modernisation considering it as innovation (bid'ah).

2: Modernization and Ummah:-

* The world is fast becoming a global village and "a ~~single~~ single place"

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Attitude of muslim Countries :-

World is becoming a global village, adopting modern innovation and working in the field of science on the other hand some muslim countries rejected modern science as "Corrupt foreign thought"

* "some consider it incompatible with islamic teachings."

Lack of funds :-

Due to above mentioned orthodox thoughts many muslim countries do not allocate sufficient funds to support scientific research and development.

Quran Support Modern Education.

"Behold in the creation of the heavens and the earth and see how we bring the alternation of night and day, there are indeed signs for men of understanding"

This verse is clearly call of the Quran

Observe and reflect upon natural phenomenon.

There is no contradiction between Islam and the discoveries that science allows humanity to make about nature and the universe.

(Abdus Salam)

3: Political Disunity :-

- * The sectarian quarrel among the muslim nations is obvious.
- * They are unable to unite due to ideological differences. The muslim world is not a monolithic entity and there are ideological differences that have impeded cooperation and collaboration on intellectual projects.

Quran :-

"The believers are but a single brotherhood"

(Surah Al-Hujarat)

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Result of disunity :-

- * undeveloped
- * poor / poverty
- * unskilled
- * uneducated

The muslim world must encourage collaboration and cooperation among themselves.

4: Rich in Resources but Poor in Management :-

* many muslims countries are blessed with rich resources, yet they are unable to put such resources to ~~the~~ defend Islam and muslims against those who conspicuously conspire against the muslims.

* Many Arabs spending in education, science and social sectors development is negligible.

Fundamentalism Versus Extremism

Another internal challenge faced by Muslim in this contemporary world is fundamentalism and Extremism.

Fundamentalism :-

refers to a strict and literal interpretation of religious text, often involving a rejection of modern or secular ideas and practices. If Islam appears rigid and doctrinaire, it is because the learned interpreters make it so.

- * harsh
- * intolerant
- * muslim were exhorted to adhere to interpretation which are no longer adequate or relevant.

Extremism :-

refers to an extreme or radical interpretation of a particular ideology, which may or may not be religious in nature.

Note :-

- They both promote
- * intolerance
 - * divisiveness
 - * undermining democratic values and human rights.

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* It is important to promote dialogue & understanding across all cultures and religions.

6: Middle Eastern Crises :-

- * After "Arab Spring" in 2011
- * The middle East has now teetering on the verge of collapse.
- * Libya stands disintegrated.
- * Syria is bleeding
- * Iraq is under barbarous hegemony of the ISIS.
- * Egypt's secularists are pitted against the Islamists.
- * Saudi Arab attacking its fellow Yemen.
- * Palestinians genocide.

7: Materialism and Moral Decline :-

- * Islam stresses a balance between materialism and spiritualism, between life in this world.

* The loss of the spiritual values in modern societies has resulted in unbridled materialism.

* Money is literally worshipped as an end in itself, not as a mean to an end.

"THE MUSLIMS HAVE LOST THEIR COURAGE THEIR AMBITIONS ASLEEP, THEIR HEART DYING, BUT THE ONLY THING THAT IS PREVALENT AMONG THEM IS THE LUST AND INDULGENCE"

(Jamal al-Din)
al-Afghani

8: Lacking Education, Science and Technology:-

* muslim world is badly lacking in scientific and technological advancement

* Dependant on the U.S., china, Germany, Japan etc for military and IT requirement.

* 8500 universities in india
5000 in America.

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* more books annually translated in Spanish are less than Arabic world combined.

9: Failure to Portray real Image of Islam :-

* muslim have become the subject of ridicule and humiliation.

Example :-

* 9/11 destroyed the muslim image

* orientalist like Bernard Lewis and many had openly attacked muslim referring them as terrorists and violent people.

unfortunately, the muslims did not get the platform to refuse these allegation.

* intolerance, civility and fundamentalism by **AL-Qaeda,**

Taliban, Daesh etc failed to portray the real image of Islam.