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Question no. 3

Iqbal concept of self actualization.

Answer:

1. Introduction to Iqbal's concept of self actualization

The concept of self-actualization (khudi) has been the most important contribution in the realm of political thought. This is not because that Iqbal is the one who gave this concept for subjects there were also passed some personalities like William James, Nietzsche etc who talked about subjects ~~with~~ in various ways. But Iqbal's work is different from them in a way that this concept ^{not} signifies the pride but the spirit. There are many factors which influence self-actualization

but still there are some negative factors as well to discourage.

2. Self-actualization not signify pride but the spirit.

Iqbal's concept of Khudi is not signifying the pride or self esteem but the spirit and courage to achieve something better. A hadith also allude this fact of Iqbal

"I was a hidden treasure.

I wished to be recognized. Therefore, I created the world whole creature."

Iqbal also said: ~~to~~ in his poetry regarding his concept of Khudi:

خویشترن را چون خودی بیدار کرد
 اشکارا عالم بنیاد کرد
 صد جهان پوشیده اندر ذات او
 غیر او بیدار است از اثبات او

When self awakened itself,
 it revealed the whole world of
 concepts. The hundred worlds
 hidden in its being, its not-self
 comes to being from its self-
 affirmation.

3. Factors that fortify the human self-actualization

In view of Iqbal
 there are certain factors
 which fortify the human
 self-actualization. that are
 described below.

(i) Love:-

Love is one of that
 factors which influences the
 self-actualization. Iqbal gives its

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definition in letter to Prof. Nicholson that it means a desire to understand the spirit and courage in it. No love individualize the lover as well as beloved.

As man is a vicegerent of God on earth. He is powerful against any creature. Allama Iqbal wanted that man should recognized its potentialities given by God and attain that things which gives him piece.

(ii) Faqr:-

By 'faqr' Iqbal means the attitude of mind. Once a man endeavours to attain its attitude of mind he never think what he can attain. It is beyond the love for things.

(iii) Courage:-

Courage is the factor which influences self-actualization the most. According to him a person should have enough courage that any failure could not be the cause of his nerve's failure. It means to overcome all the obstacles.

(iv) Tolerance:-

One should has the courage to tolerate the society's pressure. and with this it also strengthens the human self-actualization.

(v) Kasb-e-Halal:-

In this world of selfishness, Gopail insist on Kasb-e-Halal. It is the way through which man can attain inner piece. ~~He~~ people should exert their efforts on it to achieve all

worldly things in good way.
Iqbal also discourage borrowing.

(vi) Creative and Original activity:-

Iqbal always discourage the mimicry and copying others slavishly. He ~~at~~ encourages the creativeness and Originality in every activity that helps a man to recognizes himself to recognize the "I-am-ness" which help him in ~~its~~ his achievements.

(4) Factors that stultify human personalities.

Besides of influencing factors there are still some factors that are the hurdles in human personality development or attaining self-actualization that are as follows:

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(i) Fear:-

Fear of any thing but Allah is not worthy for his Khudli. That man has power given by Allah to achieve all the goals in this world which gives him peace. But fear of persons or things will discourage him.

(ii) Beggary:-

It is not a limited concept but all the economically and socially enlightened people with selfish living without any effort are beggars. A person is courageous when he knew that he attain this highest position just because of so many efforts and by overcoming all the hurdles and obstacles.

(iii) Slavery:-

Slavery is the thing which has taken all the freedom of a person. It is the obstacle ⁱⁿ ~~between~~ the

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way of attaining self-actualization. Any kind of slavery mental or physical. It can also be in the form of anxiety, anger, jealous etc. It should be discouraged.

(iv) Nasab-Parasti:-

Last but not the least factor which which stultify the self-actualization is Nasab-Parasti. The pride of cast, tribe, community etc. This is the reason that everyone thinks the supremacy of their Nasab which can not take inner piece of satisfaction.

5. Conclusion:-

To be concluded, it can be said that Iqbal gives the concept of self-actualization which has great importance in political thinking. Which criticize the Nietzsche concept of Christainity that only weaker ~~is~~ can attain paradise and not strong and worthy. There are

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many influencing factor as
well as the discouraging factors.
to attain the self-actualization.
