

## Muslim world and the Contemporary challenges.

Islam is an emerging religion which have more than 1.5 billion heads in the world count, one-fifths of the world population; Along with one-third of the UN's total membership and fifty seven sovereign Muslim states. Almost, all of them are blessed and rich in resources. But, with having such blessings Muslim Ummah is facing many difficult challenges in this modern world. And these challenges are looking as a hard nut to crack for Muslim Ummah. Instead of losing hope, Muslim Ummah should prepare itself spiritually and physically to face them.

There are some thrones in the way of muslim ummah, which are we discussing below.

## Intellectual crises and Stagnation

As every muslim knows that Islam is a Deen which enshrines the intellect of human beings. But, now a days, Muslims having a intellectual source, are unable to use in a proper way. They are spiritually drowning in the lake of mach and as well as physically and intellectually are facing darkness. This leads to muslim ummah to poverty, lack of education, etc. Such intellectual incapacities should be removed if muslim ummah wants to see the bright way.

of progress.

Rich in resources but poor  
in management

As there are 50 to 55  
Seven Sovereign Muslim coun-  
tries. And also, they are  
rich in resources by the  
grace of God. Some have  
oil, some have fertile land,  
etc. but, most of the st-  
ates do not have a  
managed system to perform  
well and after that for  
the use of betterment of  
their people. Some, elite class,  
are sit on the wealth as  
a snake and do not follow  
the real teachings of Islam  
that the wealth should not  
accumulate by one or some,  
it should (by eq) be circu-  
late for the best of  
all.

## Political disunity of Muslim Ummah.

All the Muslim ummah is politically polarized because there are many who follow democracy, and also, some want khilafate, some are liberal, and some are nationalist etc. <sup>And</sup> As every Muslim knows that Islam is a Deen which entails a complete code of life such as social, individual, collective, economic and political. Then, why do the Muslims not follow that right path to live a fruitful life? That is why, Muslim ummah is facing political segregation and disunity. Such things create weak will power for the betterment of the Muslim ummah at large.

# Middle Eastern crises

Arab Spring in 2011, its failure established unstable and un-democratic governments in the Middle East. Then eventually, that Arab Spring has turned into Arab Autumn, ~~that~~ which reversed democracy and <sup>as a result,</sup> Libya was disintegrated, Syria is bleeding, Iraq is under the threat of barbarian ISIS, Egypt's secularists are against the Islamists, Saudi Arabia attacking its fellow brethren in Yemen and Israel committing genocide of the innocent Palestinians.

All these incidents not only were life taking but also tarnish the image of Islam and Muslims worldwide.

## Fundamentalism and Rise of Extremism.

There are many scholars who are more orthodox and fundamental. They portray Islam as a rigid religion and say that Islam allows extremism (in the name of Jihad). They do not know that in Islam Jihad is only applicable in certain conditions in addition to erect the flag of peace and well-being. On the contrary, there are many organisations which are spreading extremism in the name of Islam. Such organisations are notorious ones and defying Muslim Ummah, and come up with a great challenge for Ummah in this modern world.

# Modernization and Ummah

Twenty first century is the era of tech and AI. The world is moving fast with the innovative tools of modernization. As in this advance age, people can communicate with each other easily and fastly. Schools and universities are moving toward virtual education and as a whole the world is being said 'Global village'. In that tech-lace era, Muslim Ummah is not moving with the waves of flow of modernization.

When the West, most of time, wants to throw away a technology, Muslim Ummah takes it and uses it.

Due to their backwardness in the race of modernization, they

are also facing a shame and a big challenge.

## Education and Ummah.

As the history is witnessed and also as the Quran also avers about education that 'Read in thy name of Lord'.

Islam is reasoning religion. It does not ask its followers to live ignorant or uneducated. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) also preached and practiced about education. But, at that time, most of the Muslim countries give high statistics about un-educated people. In India, there are more than 500 universities. And if we take an analysis of foreign books translation then we

will observe that <sup>only</sup> Spain translates more books in Spanish than whole Arab region. Pakistan and Turkey are only able to get their position in the top 500 universities of the world.

A Deep analysis on education status of Muslim ummah depicts a ~~miser~~ miserable picture and which also becomes a great challenge in this modern age.

There are many other challenges such as <sup>modern</sup> colonization, globalization, IT, ~~western~~ western media, hybrid warfare, etc. However, there is a dire need to make a unity and face these challenges consciently and bravely.

Remedies: needed pragmatic  
(prag) measures.

There are some under-  
lined measures which can  
resolve the problem by root.

## Unification of Ummah

As it is mentioned  
in a famous proverb that  
'union is strength'. Muslim  
Ummah should be revived  
and unified. They can  
learn from their history  
that when they were  
unified they were conqueror  
from Europe to Asia and  
Africa. As it is also  
written in the Holy Quran  
that

"Behold the rope  
of Allah and  
keep unified."

Through unification bond  
Ummah can overthrow the  
heavy burden of modern  
age challenges easily. They  
can make trade agree-  
ments, infrastructure, roads and  
big projects like BRI. And  
as the most of the Muslim  
countries are connected by  
land, it is more easy  
to unity. If all these  
favorable measure are ado-  
pted by Ummah, then  
can face the modern world  
challenges easily.

Right direction: Islam is  
not a extremist religion.

The main divide between  
west and Muslim Ummah  
was created by extremism  
and terrorism. And Samuel  
P. Huntington's book 'clash

of civilizations' also put the oil on the fire. Now, most of west, directly or indirectly, knows Muslim as rigid and fundamentalists. But, on the contrary Islam is a Deen of peace, which can be extracted through word Islam. At all and at whole, now, there should be burning desire of Ummah to portray a correct image of Islam through media and other sources.

### Administrative and functional organisations.

Islamic organisations should be managed correctly by Ummah, like OIC. These organisations can play a vital role as UN or EU plays. Heads of the states or govern-

ments take part in the meeting of OIC. And then there is a great possibility to take unified and aware steps in the favor of Ummah to tackle modern age challenges.

### Need of ijtihad.

To deal with modern age, Islam allows its followers to give consensus on a particular issue for the betterment of Ummah. There is a dire need of such 'Fatwas' which show a real essence of Islam and as well as good for the Ummah to face modern age challenges.

As Islam is not a rigid religion but adeen for the well-being of humans

here and here-after.

As the challenges are immense to Muslim Ummah in their way of progress. And as also we know that these challenges can be solved if Ummah follows the way that the Holy Quran suggests. And in addition, their unification, Educational awareness, organisational arrangements etc. can also resolve and root out the problem.