

What is Islam. Enlist its key Features

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✓ How Islam protects humanity. Discuss in details by keeping in view modern trends. (Analytic)

1 Introduction:

Islam protects humanity by teaching lessons of huqooq-ul-ibaad, care for environments and human life etc. Moreover, it defends animal rights equal treatment to all humans and tolerance - trends that are being emphasised in twenty-first century - It also promotes human welfare by spearheading medical provisions to the needy people. Therefore, it can be said that Islam is the only religion in the world which is flag-bearer of humanity in modern world.

• Humanity a key feature of Islam: Islam is the religion of peace and welfare of humanity is central piece of it. This can be ascertained from the theme of holy Quran: Man. This shows that the principle source of Islam is revolving around human beings. Moreover, in Islam

human rights are emphasized immensely.

2.1 Manifestations of Islam as a protector of Humanity

In Surah Humazah, Allah says, ~~will~~ be upon the person who do backbiting. This shows Islam protects humans even in their absence. As Allah says By no means! He (slenderer) will be crushed.

2.2 Concept of Huqooq-ul-Ibad in Islam

Islam put great stress on the rights of people. The concept of Huqooq-ul-Ibad is an example of how humanity is being protected by Islam. It means the rights of humans are above the rituals and prayers.

2.3 Spearheaded Environmental Sustainability

presently, a great emphasise is being put on environmental protection by curtailing emissions. Similarly, in Islam, the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) said "planting a green tree is the best charity".

2.4 Emphasized on Medical provisions

In modern times, Humanitarian works are being carried out by various NGOs and philanthropist like Edhi-Settar, and Billgate. Whereas, Quran, fourteen centuries

also said "One who save one human saved the entire humanity".

2.5 Promoted welfare of Mankind

According to Dr. Wassiu-Allah Abbas "The key feature of Islam is practices of social welfare". Similarly, in 21st century many regional and international organizations are working for the betterment of people such as the Economic and Social Council.

2.6 Islam defended Animal Rights

Islam defends animal rights by specifying limitations on burdlem on donkey. Moreover, a person was rapped by Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) because his camel was thirsty.

2.7 Stressed on Charity to eliminate Poverty

In present times, people who spend their wealth on needy are nominated for noble prize. For instance, for Bill Gates "Charity is humanity". This has been taught by Islam. In Quran, Allah says, Muslims are those who give their wealth in spite of love for wealth.

3. Islam preached Equality centuries before:

Farwell Sermon and its focus on Indiscrimination:

The prophet said, No black is superior to any white, not any white person is superior to the black



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Hence Islam preached indiscriminate behavior 1400 years ago which is being practiced today by developed world.

3.1 Teachings of Tolerance and Character-Building in Islam

Promotion of humanity is central teaching or agenda of Islam. It stresses on building positive character of its followers.

It teaches tolerance. The prophet (P.B.U.H) said, "The perfect among the believers are those who are best in character."

4. Critical Analysis on How Islam protects humanity:

The unique characteristic of Islam is that its guidance came from Allah Almighty directly without any bidat. It put great emphasis on human rights. Islam is the deen which together with rituals and prayers teaches about every aspect of life: from equality, social justice

orphans rights, inheritance rights to the rights of animals and environment. In present times, various NGOs and social activists are struggling to save environment by educating masses about climatic threats. Nonetheless, it was taught by the holy prophet (P.B.U.H) who according to Allah never talked anything by himself but what was came (guidance) from Allah.

5. Conclusion:

Islam has been promoting humanitarian work for the last 1400 years. It taught lesson on human welfare by practicing it through the last messenger of Allah: The Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H). He defended animal rights, preached environmental sustainability which is a core concern of present era.

Moreover, Islam gave equal rights to all humans irrespective of their color, cast and creed.

Therefore, it can be encapsulated that Islam is the deen which focused on practice of social justice and human welfare by practically applying them on its followers

to any person is superior.