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The Holy Prophet Muhammad

(P.B.U.H)

As Peacemaker:

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the founder of Islam is widely regarded as spiritual leader as well as a visionary peacemaker. His life and teachings emphasize the value of compassion, justice and reconciliation, which are fundamental to the establishment of peace.

Holy prophet Muhammad was famous for his justice and many examples of justice and peace are there in his Makkan life before prophethood e.g. Hilf-ul-Fazul, Adjustment of Hajre-aswad. And Pact of Madinah, Treaty of Hudaibyah, Conquest of

Makkah are the main examples after prophethood.

He made peace in the ignorant Arab region with mercy, justice, tolerance, pluralism, liberalism and equality.

It is the time we would discuss how the beloved Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) introduced the concept of peacemaking and how beautifully and perfectly, He (P.B.U.H) implemented the mechanism and principles of peacemaking in Society.

Holy Prophet's peacemaking events before prophethood.

The following events in Islamic history depicts the instance of peacemaking by our beloved prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)

Hilf al Fuzul:

Mecca was a city plagued

by tribal conflicts and social inequalities. Despite the prevailing violence and discord, he earned a reputation as **Al-Amin** (the trustworthy) due to his integrity and fair dealings. Even before his prophetic mission he was involved in the **Hilfal-Fudul**, "an alliance formed to ensure the protection of oppressed and the establishment of justice in Mecca. **Zubair Bin Abdul Muttlib** also joined prophet for this peace treaty.

Dr. Hamidullah said:

"He was the
ambassador of
peace."

**Adjustment of Hair-e-Awad
on the Holy Kaaba:**

The **Black stone** (**Hajre-Aswad**) fell on the floor of Kaaba owing the massive flood in Makkah Mukarna. Therefore, a dispute arose among the leaders of **Quraish** that who would refit the stone on the Holy Kaaba. Then **Holy Prophet** advanced a suggestion plan that the person who will be coming first the next morning would refit the Black Stone on the Holy Kaaba.

Revelation:-

At the age of 40 it was prophet's 5th year of meditation in the cave, when **Jibrael** (A.S) came with **Wahi**.

1st Revelation was from **Surah Alaq** Ayat 1 to 5.

- ١ اقرأ باسم ربك الذي خلق
- ٢ خلق الانسان من علق
- ٣ اقرأ وربك الاكرم
- ٤ الذي علم بالقلم
- ٥ علم الانسان ما لم يعلم

"Recite in the name of your Lord who created. Created man from a clinging substance, Recite, and your Lord is the most generous. Who taught by pen. Taught man that which he knew not."

Here we discuss some peacemaking events after prophethood.

Post Prophethood Peacemaking strategies of Muhammad:

The Charter Of Madinah

One of the most significant examples of Prophet Muhammad's peacemaking effort is the charter of Madinah also known as constitution of Madinah.

After the emergence of Islamic state in Madinah, Holy Prophet has a peace-driven pact. That accord was between Jews and the Muslims. It is the first written constitution of world.

Some main points of pact of Madinah are

- (i) There should be collective peace.
- (ii) Equal rights should be given to all.
- (iii) Strife should be avoided.
- (iv) The Holy prophet is a supreme commander.
- (v) There should be freedom.

and tolerance.

(vi) The Quraish refugee will not be give place.

Treaty Of Hudaibyah:

Treaty of Hudaibiyah signed in 628 CE between the Muslims & Quraish tribes of Mecca.

Muslims were not allowed to enter Mecca but Muslims decided to go to the Holy Kaaba and offer pilgrimage. Therefore, Muslims under sagacious leadership of prophet Muhammad made a pact with Quraish.

Some points of accord are:

- (i) There should be truce (ceasefire) for 10 years.
- (ii) Muslims will visit Makkah next year.
- (iii) Muslims will have sword in sheath for self-defence.
- (iv) There will be no war for two years.

The Conquest of Mecca:

The principles of Jihad during the conquest of Makkah and post triumph mercy by the Holy prophet displays the paragon of peacemaking mechanism in Islam.

He said:

انظروا بلالاً
"You can go, you
are free."

Prophet's Peacemaking Jihad rules:

There is no doubt that he was real ambassador of peace. Holy Prophet always held diplomatic and peaceful solution.

Following are the principles of Jihad that the Holy prophet (PBUH) observed during

defensive wars in Islam.

- (i) Do not reconcile with the enemy who lays down arms.
- (ii) Do not murder children, women, old age men and unarmed civilians.
- (iii) Do not attack Mosques, synagogues and churches.
- (iv) Do not attack any house.

Peace through Equality:

He kept peace in the society through the concept of social, political, economic and legal and religious equality.

He said in his farewell sermon;

"There is no superiority for an Arab over a non-Arab and for a non-Arab over Arab, nor for the white over the black nor for the black over the white."

Peace Through Mercy:

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is the messenger of mercy. As Allah the Almighty said:
Surah Anbia

وما ارسلناك الا رقة
للعلين.

"And we have not ^{sent} you
but as a mercy to
the nations!"

Peace Through Justice; morality and tolerance:

In addition to social, economic, legal and political justice, The Holy Prophet introduced justice at battle field.

Quran Says:

"And not let the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just that is nearer to piety."
(Surah Maidah)

Morality and tolerance are two main causes of maintaining peace in the society.

International Aspect of establishment of Peace:

Holy prophet always emphasized on having a demeanour of mercy and compassion towards the humans.

Hadith:

He who does not show mercy to others, will not be shown mercy.

(Al-Bukhari)

Conclusion:-

It is an indubitable fact that Islam is a religion of peace, love and Mercy. Therefore our beloved prophet is the true and best peacemaker in the history of world. The Holy Prophet introduced the concept of peace, passivism & pacifism. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) is the messenger of love, affection & spiritualism. The Holy prophet was the best statesman, founder of international relation and peace.