

Q2: Contemporary challenges to Muslim Ummah and their solutions according to teachings of Islam.

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Introduction to Muslim

Ummah:

"You are the best created Ummah for mankind. You command good and you forbid evil and you believe in Allah. (3:110)

"Allah says in Quran 3:103, "And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you.

→ At present, the Muslim world, in general, is caught in a downward spiral. Its socio-cultural and political-economic fabrics are shattered. Almost all Muslim countries are crying for peace and stability. With the emergence of the new world order, and the 9/11 episode, the conditions of the Muslim world further deteriorated.

presently, they are facing a plethora of serious problems in the form of misperceptions about Islam, negative thinking about Muslim in the world, botched interpretation of the noble concept of Jihad, Secterianism, lack

of education, the menace of terrorism and last but not least the peril of extremism. These are some of the major problems that Muslim world faced with today.

Status Of Muslims:

- Number of Muslims 1.3 to 1.5 billion
- 57 out of 193 Countries.
- 76% natural resources: Muslim States are Islamic States.
- Malaysia spends 25% of GDP on education.
- Literacy rate in Muslim Countries 10% while in western is 95 to 100%.
- All Muslim Countries invest on Education only 0.1 of total GDP of OIC 7.74 trn.

Internal Causes:

- (a) Political Disunity of the Muslim World
- (b) Rich in Resources but poor in Management
- (c) Fundamentalism and rise of Extremism.

(d) Middle Eastern Crisis.

(e) Prevalence of unbridled Materialism and Moral Decline. Jamal-ud-din Al-Afghani "The Muslim have lost their courage, their ambitions asleep, their heart dying, but the only thing that is prevalent among them is the lust and indulgence"

(f) Lagging Behind in Scientific Advancement.

(g) Lack of education, science and technology.

External Causes:

(a) Globalization: The Modern Form of Colonization.

(b) IT, Media warfare and cultural onslaught of the west.

Challenges:

1. Pan Islamism
2. Blasphemy Attacks.
3. Restriction on getting nukes and latest Technology.

3. West Drain.
5. Secterianism.
6. Fragile Economy.

Solutions According to the Teaching of Islam:

1. Unified Response of the Ummah.
2. Rectifying themselves.
3. Focusing on Scientific Education, and IT.
4. Need for Ijtihad.
5. Reinterpreting the whole edifice of Islamic Theology.
6. Women Empowerment.
7. Building Bridges of Cooperation with west.
8. Dynamic & Responsive Theology.

9. Role of OIC.
10. Muslim think Tanks.
11. Leadership not Rulership.
12. Dependence of Muslim world.
13. Islamic Economic system.
14. Collective security Mechanism.

Conclusion:

Preparation and implementation of
- the system of education, science,
technology, economics compatible with
Islamic values.

”قل من حرم ذينة الله افج لصد و الطبات من
الرزق قل هي للذين امنو في آيات الدنيا خالصه
يوم القامة كذلك فصل الايات لقوم يعلمون

Say: who hath forbidden the beautiful
(gift) of Allah, which He hath produced
for his servant, and the things, Clean
and pure. (which He hath provided
for sustenance? Say: They are in
the life of this world, for those
who believe, (and) purely for them

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On the Day of Judgment. Thus, do
we explain the signs in detail
for those who understand (Al-Araf 7:32)