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Contemporary Challenges  
to Muslim Ummah and their  
Solutions according to teachings  
of Islam.

Introduction

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H)

Says: "Islam is the religion of peace and Peace is the foundation of Islam".

The followers of Islam facing several contemporary challenges including Islamophobia and discrimination, Extremism and Terrorism, Political instability and conflict, Disunity and division, Economic inequality and Poverty, Violation of Human Rights and Injustice. Allah has given the solutions of all problems in the teachings of Holy Quran. Allah says in Quran:

"وَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ"

"And Trust in Allah, if you are believers Indeed".

(Al-Quran 5:23)



# Challenges to Muslim

## Ummah:

### 1- Islamophobia and discrimination:

Prejudice and bias leading to hate crimes, employment discrimination and marginalization.

e.g. Mosque Vandalism "2019"

Vandals attacked Islamic Center Tallahassee Florida damaging the building and leaving hateful messages:

Hijab bans France's ban of hijab in public schools sparked the protest and debate.

### 2- Extremism and Terrorism:

Violations by anti Islamic elements using name of Islam causing harm and perpetuating fear.

"22 March 2017 5 people were killed by British citizen Khalid Masood at Westminster Bridge responsibility was taken by ISIS. (LICCT)

had negative impact on the image of Muslims all over the world.



### 3 - Political instability and Conflict:

Wars, Civil Wars in the Muslim Majority Countries leading to displacement and Suffering.

According to UNHCR report 2020:

" 108.4 million people world wide were forcibly displaced due to persecution, Conflict, violence, Human right violations and even seriously disturbing Public order. Syria and Afghanistan accounted 30% of all refugee and in need of International protection.

### 4 - Disunity and division:

Disunity and Sectarianism among Muslims hindering the collective progress and strength.

" The Shia Sunni division has led to conflicts and tensions in various countries including Iran, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Syria. (Shia-Sunni Conflict by Vali R. Nasr 2013.)

### 5 - Economic inequality and Poverty:

Disparities in wealth and resources resulting in poverty and Social injustice. According to Global Islamic Report 2020 " One in five Muslims lives in extreme poverty



(less than 1.90 \$/day). **I O B**  
**Report 2019** "35% of the Global  
poor lives in the Muslim majority  
Countries".

### 6- Violation of Human Rights and Justice:

of them Violations and radicalization  
of human rights and unequal access  
to justice and lack of rule of law.

**Human Rights Watch 2020 Report**  
"Saudi Arabia continued the  
repression of women rights activists,  
Egypt Crackdown on dissent and  
Political opposition and Syria's on  
going Conflict and **Mediterranean**  
**Crisis**. **Transparency International**  
**Survey 2023**: "Judiciary of Pakistan  
as third most corrupt institution of  
Pakistan."

### Solutions of Contemporary challenges according to Teaching of Islam:

#### 1- Education about Islamic Values:

Educate people about  
Islamic values, promote interfaith  
dialogue and encourage inclusivity



and understand. Allah Says in  
Duran:

” يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْتُم مِّن ذَكَرٍ وَأُنثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنٰكُمْ  
شُعُوبًا وَقَبَاۓِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوۡا إِنۢ أَرۡسَلۡنَا إِلَيْكُمۡ رُسُلًا  
فَلَا تَكْفُرۡنَا إِنۢ لَّا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ”

“ Oh! Mankind we have created  
you from male and female and made  
you into nations that you may know  
one another.”

(Al-Duran 49:13)

2- Condemn Terrorism and  
Support peace building efforts:  
Promote true Islamic

teachings. Condemn terrorism and  
support peace building efforts.

Allah Says in Duran:

“ Whoever kills an innocent  
person is as though he has killed  
the all Mankind.”

(Al-Duran 49:32)

### 3- Encourage diplomacy and Reconciliation:

Encourage diplomacy, dialogue and reconciliation. Support just and fair Governance. Allah Says in Quran:

"And those who answer the call of Lord, and establish prayer and whose affairs are a matter of Counsel among them"

(Al-Quran 42:38)

### 4- Unity and Solidarity, avoid Sectarianism

Emphasize the importance of Solidarity and Unity among Muslims. Allah Says in Quran:

"And hold firmly the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

(Al-Quran: 3:103)



## 5- Implement Islamic principles of Zakat and fair trade Practices:

"Implement the Islamic principles of Zakat (Charity), Sadaqah (Voluntary giving) and fair trade practices. Allah Says in Quran:

"And those, have you seen him who denies the recompense? That is the one who pushes away the orphan and does not encourage the feeding of the poor."

(Al-Quran 107: 1-7)

## 6- Promote Human Rights and Justice:

Respecting the human dignity and honor. Allah Says in Quran:

"وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْوَجْرِ وَالْبَحْرِ  
وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَىٰ سَائِرِ مَمْن  
خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا"

"And Indeed we have honored the children of Adam and carried them on the land and sea and provided for them of the good things and preferred them with great preference over many of those who created."

(Al-Quran 17: 70)

Islam also exhort the upholding fairness, equality and justice in regard to life. Allah Says in



## Quran:

"O you who believe stand firm for justice as witness of Allah and even if it be against yourselves or your parents or your relatives. If he be rich or poor, Allah is nearer to them both in Compassion."

(Al-Quran 4:135)

## Conclusion:

Muslim Ummah is facing several challenges in present world order but they can be rectified by following the Sunnah of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and Commandments of Allah Taala mentioned in the Holy Quran.