

Contemporary Challenges of muslim ummah and their solutions according To the Teachings of Islam

Introduction:

- Today, every muslim is concerned about declining efficacy in voice of muslim ummah. muslim ummah is indulged in slew of challenges that are of serious nature. However, dealing with these challenges will not be an uphill task nor impossible one rather it would be the matter of collective will and shared interests. The challenges, ummah is facing currently can be overcome if ummah follows the teachings of Islam indubitably.

A-Challenges:

1- Tarnished image of muslims:

→ First and foremost challenge for muslim ummah is that our image is badly tarnished by contrived perceptions. For example, islam is now equated with violence, poverty and indignity. In reality, these

Problems have nothing to do with Islam.

2- Linking with terrorism:

→ The most worrying aspect in the problems of muslim ummah is portraying islam as a religion of extremism and terrorism by west. The terrible events of september 11, 2001 have provided a convenient excuse for those who want to promote the theory of Clash of Civilisations.

3- Lack of unity:

→ our own weaknesses raised many challenges for ummah and absence of unity is one of the glaring weaknesses of muslim world.

Quran is the source of divine guidance and inspiration for us but muslim ummah failed to truly understand its teachings and its messages.

4- High illiteracy Rate:

→ Islam emphasizes the importance of education. Yet a majority of muslim countries has serious illiteracy rates. Despite this, millions of muslim children around the globe are malnourished. Most of the refugees in the world today are muslims.

5-weak democracies:

→ on the democratic front, muslim world is experiencing its worst of times. The muslim world should realize the importance of people's participation in the process of governance. without common man's participation, the government will not be able to know the people's aspirations. Resultantly their true potential will remain untapped.

6- little influence in world affairs:

→ owing to lack of capacity and ineffectiveness, muslim nations are often on the periphery of the global order. Despite our number, we have little influence in world affairs. we are accorded little respect in community of nations.

7- lack of Human Resource development:

→ No investment is more rewarding, or more productive, than investment in our own people.

unfortunately, this is an area where many muslim countries are weak. underinvestment in human capital makes the muslim world compromised on quality and excellence.

8- Disinterest in scientific Progress:

→ Muslim world has ~~been~~ become failed to keep pace with the scientific developments, the world is making in multiple directions. Muslim world can't afford to remain oblivious of the technological advancements and the scientific knowledge. So lagging behind in scientific contributions is also among grave challenges the muslim world is facing today.

Solutions:

1- unity through Connectivity:

→ unity cannot occur if muslims remain isolated and distant from each other.

Practical ways must be found in which muslims across countries can become more connected to each other.

2- Economy of Brotherhood:

→ Restrictions on trade and investments must be replaced with freedoms to trade. muslim countries need to consider the expansion of goals of self-sufficiency and development rather than just focusing on providing food aid and emergency needs.

3 self defense and protection:

→ muslim majority countries need to come together in military unions and act as mediators to solve the problems of other muslim states. muslims must build arms capacity for themselves and sell ~~to~~ military equipment to each other and engage in science and research when come to defense and security specially.

4- Knowledge and Learning:

→ muslim countries need to promote the culture of education among masses. Research-oriented learning should be installed in each country with special emphasis on youth of country. Youth Learning Programms need to be initiated in countries having disturbing literacy rates.

5- media culture:

→ muslim countries should wisely use this media tool to convey basic understandings and messages of islam to whole world.

This is an expeditious way to impart Islamic values and culture to whole muslim world.

6 understanding nationalism and racism:

→ Muslims in the West are uniquely placed to be able to analyze and understand the nature of racism and extreme forms of nationalism and how to practically develop policies to undermine and manage them. Anti-racist and anti-Islam hate education and awareness is something that needs to be taught in all parts of the Muslim world.

7- justice is central to Islam:

→ Muslim world must pay primary attention on how to achieve justice and how to ensure fair treatment of individuals and communities in society. Establishment of principles of justice and vigorous development of anti-corruption laws would be the initial steps for a society that is committed to provide equality to all.

8- Promoting dialogue:

In order to resolve their disputes, Muslims need to actively engage in peace-making dialogues. Indeed, there would be no alternative to dialogue if the Muslim world is serious in bridging the divides between Muslim countries.

Conclusion:

→ There is no doubt that the muslim world is grappled in grave challenges today and it is also evident from today's picture that muslim world is losing its effectiveness rapidly. But islam provides absolute guidance to rulers of muslim world if they want to extricate the muslim ummah from the quagmire. Messages and teachings of islam are very practical and plausible that ummah can find answers to ~~its~~ its problems.
