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

Start with the summary of the answer as introduction Allah has endowed the Muslims with countless blessings and resources to satisfy their materialistic and spiritual needs.

He provided Muslim Ummah with Quran and Sunnah to fulfil their spiritual needs and gave them a centre in form of 'Kaaba' and 'Green Tomb'. Beside these spiritual resources Allah has given Muslims with unending resources to meet their materialistic needs. There are 57 Muslim countries in the world and out of them Pakistan is the only nuclear power. Muslims account for 21% of the world's total population.

Contemporary challenges faced by Muslim Ummah:-

Muslim Ummah is basically tangled between two types of problems. Here we discuss both of them briefly.

Internal Problems:-

Some problems are generating within the Islamic Ummah. Some of them are;

1- Preaching the concept of Oneness of Allah - free of every kind of personification, Simile and shirk.

At present, the population of Muslims is nearly one hundred and fifty seven millions. How unfortunate is the fact that some highly educated Muslims have impure beliefs have adulteration in their Imaan and Tauheed.

Islam introduced the pure and clear concept of Oneness of Allah.

لا اله الا الله

There is no God but Allah.

• Quran says in Surah Ikhlas;

قل هو الله احد
لم يلد ولم يولد
ولم يكن له كفوا احد

"Say, Allah is the Only One,
the Absolute and Eternal.
He neither begets nor begotten.
There is no one comparable
to Him."

To consider
any associate with Allah is
Shirk. The only worthy of
worship is Allah. Ask from
Him only. No one can be
comparable to him.

Keep the description of a single heading brief.

2. Sectarianism:-

Muslim Ummah is being consumed by unprecedented sectarianism now-a-days. The evil, satanic forces are creating clash between Shia and Sunni and also between Sunni and Wahabi sects. The decades old Iran-Iraq war was also the result of sectarian conflict.

In Pakistan, financial aid by some Arab countries to the outfits belonging to their own sect, and the Shia state's patronage of their own sect, are creating a lot of problems. These sectarian conflicts are the main contemporary problem today.

Quran Says in Surah Aale Imran Ayat 103;

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

3. Regional and Linguistic prejudice

There are many prejudices and biases in Muslim countries on the basis of region and language.

For instance the slogan of Arab Nationalism is also heard quite often. It shares a Arab identity based on language, culture and history.

Historical and contemporary rivalries between different ethnic and national groups such as Arabs, Turks, Persians, Asians and Africans often lead to tension and conflict.

Language barrier also hinders the communication. Regional powers, such as Saudi, Iran, Turkey and Egypt often pursue their own geopolitical interests.

but Holy Prophet (PBUH)
said in his farewell sermon;

"All mankind is from Adam
and Eve. An Arab has no
superiority over a non-Arab.
nor a non-Arab has any
superiority over an Arab;
Also a white has no
superiority over black and
nor a black has any
superiority over a white."

4. Degeneration of thinking
due to lack of Education:-
Muslim country lag far behind
in technical education in general,
and in science and technology
in particular. In Pakistan we
have not surpassed a rate of
60%. though some muslim countries
exceeds 90%. but they are still
away behind in science and
technology, due to lack of

of education Muslim Ummah is going through a period of bafflement and intellectual degeneration. The Ummah has not been able to build a consensus on whether, in nature, the political system of Islam is Khilafat, democracy or something else. Which method is most appropriate to the rulers? What is the status of Islamic banking? What is Islam's economic system? What are the rights of non-muslims in a muslim state? There are numerous other continuous issues as well.

External Problems:-

Alongwith internal issues there are many external problems which Muslim Ummah is facing. Some of them are discussed here.

1:- Western Cultural Invasion:

The West has a covert Agenda to imbue the whole Muslim Ummah specially Pakistani Muslims. Cultural invasion has become a burning issue for the Muslims and it needs to be addressed on a war footing.

Social Media plays the culprit in cultural invasion. Muslim Ummah has forgotten its culture, values and traditions and is following the footprints of western community. West is also destabilizing the Muslim economy so that any Muslim country may not be strong enough to pose any threat to west.

America and Europe only indulge into wars only to control the oil the resources of the Muslim world.

عربی و اسلامی دنیا کے لیے
فلسفہ اور اصولی باتیں

2:- Wars Imposed on Muslim countries.

Wars Imposed on Muslim countries can refer to various conflicts throughout history and in recent times, often involving international or colonial powers.

Great Britain established the Jewish state Israel. Now a days, Palestine-Israel war is the hot issue. Palestinian are brutally bombed and annihilated by savage Israelis. India-Kashmir wars are the issues since the Independence of Pakistan. Where innocent Kashmiries are killed everyday. Soviet-Afghan war continued for almost Ten years. U.S.A supported Soviet Union. War On Terror is still in continuation since 2001 after the 9/11 attacks. There are so many wars, Iraq, Iran,

Libia, Yemen and Syrian Civil wars.

These conflicts have often been driven by a mix of geopolitical interests and economic motivations.

3:- Mockery of Islamic Values:-

The muslims deem it the greatest prestige and honour, and the very foundation of their faith to sacrifice their lives in the name of Muhammad (PBUH).

Caricatures of prophet Muhammad (PBUH) published every now and then and ignite and agitate the muslims in all corners of the world.

In 2005, the blasphemous caricature of Prophet Muhammad were published by a damned Danish newspaper "Jylland's-Posten". In July

2012 an American made a blasphemous movie to ignite the Muslim Ummah all over the world. Islam is attacked by these infidels every other day on the name of freedom of expression.

4:- Frequent Meddling in Islamic Laws :

The west keep funding the NGOs and other organizations who attempt to get the Islamic laws repealed or, at least, amended. For example various attempts have been made to amend the blasphemy law , 295-C

This meddling in religious affairs gives birth to distrust and revulsion among people against the governments.

Solutions to these contemporary problems:

Here are some suggestions to solve these problems.

(i) Unity of Ummah:

There are explicit teachings in Islam and Holy Quran regarding unity, the violation of which may be regarded as punishment.

Quran says in Surah Hujrat:

"The believers are but a single brotherhood. So make peace and reconciliation between your two brothers."

Allah says in Surah Al-Anfal:

"Obey Allah and His messenger and fall into no disputes."

(ii) Reconstruction and re-structure Muslim Organizations:

The world Muslim Congress and the Muslim World League should be re-structured. A separate task force should be there to activate them.

Dr. Muhammad Amin suggests some steps to re-organize all the Islamic organizations.

- * Organize the countries which fully support the unity of Muslim Ummah.
- * Organizations must be free from Saudi financial and management dominance.
- * It should be purged of the west.
- * Strive to gain permanent seat in United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the organization.
- * Proposed strategy of Muslim renaissance should be implemented e.g joint defence, currency, trade.

متان زند دزون کو توڑ لوگت میں کم ہوتا
نہ توڑانی رہے باقی نہ ایرانی نہ افغانی

(iii) Joint Defence and Education:-

Muslim countries should have a joint defence system as that of Europe (NATO). The training of this joint force should be conducted on Islamic lines so that idols of nationalism, regionalism and linguistic pride may be shattered.

Muslim Ummah should also input in education field collectively to eradicate ill-literacy and to compete with western countries. Launch Islamic universities, establish re-search institutes and also arrangements for religious education.

Create joint institutes to respond to the objections raised by non-Muslim Scholars.

IV Common Economy:

Here are few propositions in the realm of economy.

- * Muslim countries should adopt policies so as to be self-reliant.
- * Make a common currency like Euro in Europe.
- * Make economies Zakat and Ushar based.
- * Deposit all sums of money in an Islamic bank.
- * Remove restrictions on trade among Muslim states.
- * Establish joint Multi-national Companies.

This is a lengthy answer and will affect your time management. So shorten it.

At last, all the Muslim countries should put efforts to unite Muslim Ummah. Hopefully all Muslims will be united in near future by following the above mentioned suggestions.