

Contemporary Challenges Faced By Muslim Ummah:

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INTRODUCTION:-

At present, Muslims are facing numerous challenges that have caused a serious damage to their overall development.

Unless, these major issues are solved, the Ummah would continue to move towards darkness. There was a time when the prominent scientists were Muslim.

The literary rate among Muslims was higher & and they had world's largest library and universities. However, now it seems that they have diverted from their old tradition of writing, research, trade and education.

Today they are not only disintegrated but also lag behind in education and research.

The following are the major contemporary challenges faced by Muslim Ummah:

Disunity Among Muslims:

The immediate and most serious challenge faced by Muslim Ummah is disunity among them. It is contrary to the teachings of Islam. Islam, in order to unite Muslims, has established a bond of brotherhood and equality. Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran, "And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided".

If ~~an~~ Muslim countries are united and start to help one another, they would not require any sort of assistance from their Western clients. There are around 50 ~~nation~~ Muslim majority countries, about 25 percent. Besides, Muslim controls main gateways of world's trade and commerce. They

produce more oil than two third of the world's oil. Hence, through unity, they could help one another in development. ~~by~~ Internally, Muslims are also divided on the basis of sects. It is irony of fate that sectarian violence in Muslim countries has caused more deaths of Muslims.

Rapid Rise of Extremism And Terrorism:

Another major challenge, confronting by the Ummah, of course, is the rapid increase of extremism and terrorism in some Muslims. The poor governance of Muslim countries and their failure to prevent the spread of material in their educational institutions caused the rise in extremism in Muslims.

Terrorism is directly linked to extremism. Afterwards, the Western people started to see Muslims with suspicious. Thus, the

poor governance of Muslim countries causes the rise of extremism.

Lagging behind Education

The daunting problem encountered by the Ummah, among others, is their lagging behind in education. Half the world's Muslims are illiterate. It is irony of fate that Dubai spent money in the constructing of the world's tallest building.

Saudi Arabia, on the other hand has decided to build to world's largest shopping mall. Neither of countries has ever tried to establish world's largest university or research centre.

• Weak Economic Status:

Most of Muslim countries are economically weak. For instance, the total world's trade of OIC countries is less than a single country, China.

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Besides, the average per capita income of US is approximately \$62,000 while average per capita income of Muslim world, is below the world's average.

Modern form of Colonization:

First of all, the contemporary type of colonialism, which is frequently shown through political power, economic exploitation, and cultural domination continues to pose a serious external threat to Muslim Ummah. This modern kind of colonization uses international organizations, multinational businesses, to influence nations. As a result, the contemporary kind of colonialism continues to pose a serious external threat to political, economic, and cultural sovereignty of Muslims.

Weakness of Muslim Organizations:

One significant difficulty facing the Muslim Ummah today is the frailty of Muslim organizations. Like the Arab League, OIC, and other regional entities.

These groups frequently suffer from internal conflicts, a lack of political unity. For example, the OIC, which is made up of 57 nations has done nothing to address crises such as civil war in Syria, Palestine dispute. Thus internal disarray of Muslim organizations continues to be a significant obstacle to Ummah's ability to grow.

Solutions to the Challenges faced by Muslims in the light of Islam:

The following are the solutions to the challenges mentioned above faced by Muslims.

Strengthening Unity Among Muslims:

Muslims should firmly adhere to principles laid by Allah in the Quran and Sunnah in order to strengthen themselves as the united Muslim ummah. Once Muslims achieve unity among themselves, this would ultimately strengthen political and economic alliances between Muslim countries.

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

Strengthening the Organizations.

It is utmost importance for Muslims to strengthen the foundations of organisations like OIC. It's need to bring reform in organisations, align all Muslim countries one agenda,

and work together for better cause.

Promoting the peaceful Message of Islam to eliminate the misconception of Terrorism:

Another solution is promoting the peaceful message of Islam through education and exemplary conduct to eliminate evils. The peaceful message of Islam highlights the true essence of Islam.

According to , the Prophet (PBUH) says,

"The best among you are those who have the best manners and character"

Fostering the Strengthening Islamic Culture:

Lastly, fostering and strengthening Islamic Cultural identity is crucial in preserving rich heritage of Muslims for the world to see. It is important to keep the rich global history alive to decrease western influence.

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Therefore, reclaiming and strengthening Islamic culture is important to preserve the richness of Islam for future generations

CONCLUSION:

All in all, today's Muslim world, while standing strong on its historical perspective, has plenty of challenges to face: internal divisions and weaknesses being the main ones. It is important for Muslim Ummah to rectify these issues and seek guidance through Quran & Sunnah