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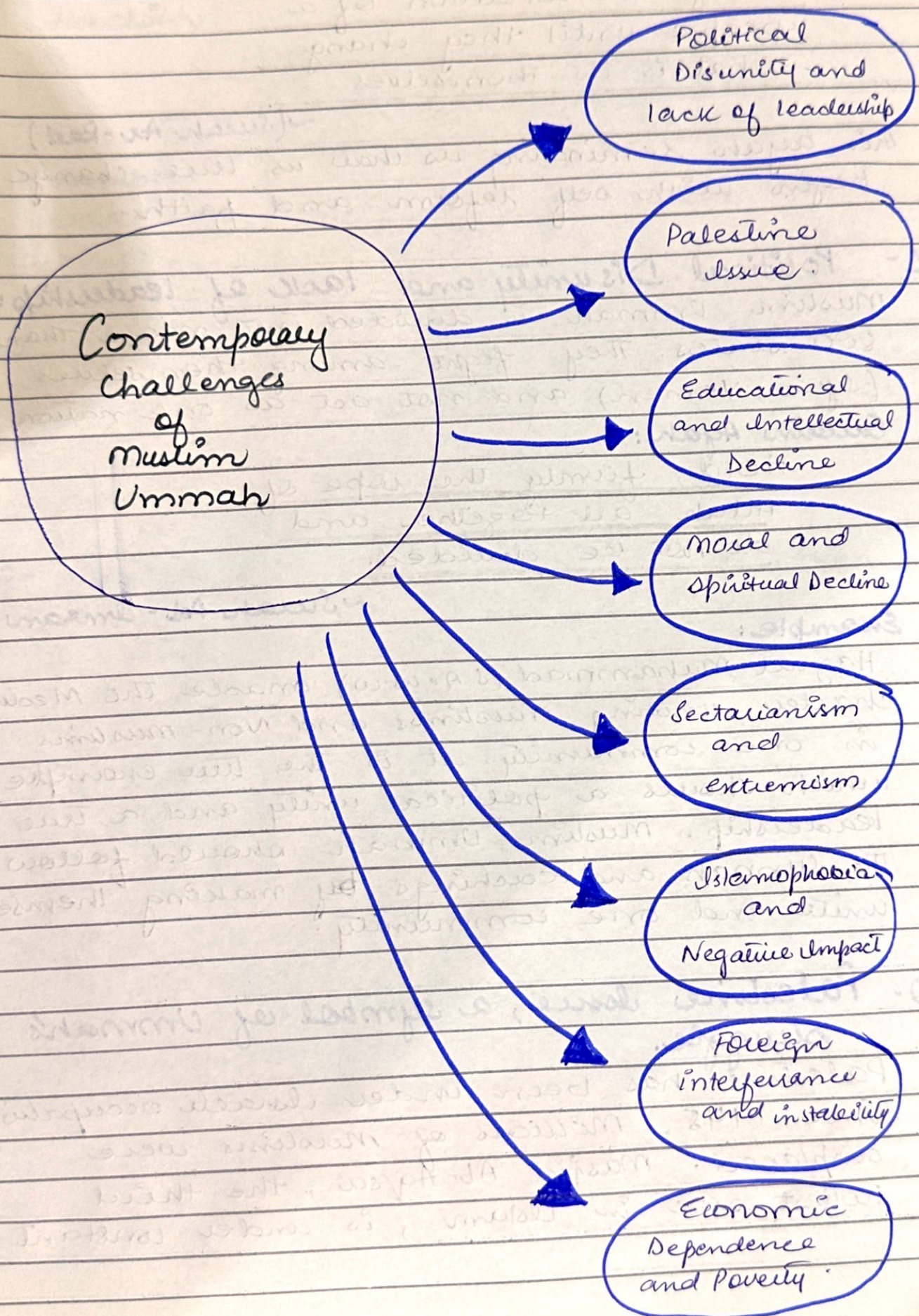
Contemporary challenges of muslims Ummah and their solutions according to Islamic teachings.

Introduction:

Muslim Ummah today is facing many challenges that affect the unity, progress and identity. Once Muslims were great leaders in knowledge, justice and civilization but now they are struggling with poverty, lack of leadership and division. Colonial rule and fall of Khalifah broke the unity of muslims and left them dependent on others. Sectarianism and extremism has destroyed the peace and brotherhood in Muslim Ummah. At the same time, Muslims are behind in education, science and technology, which made them weak in modern world. Islamophobia and negative media portrays muslims as terrorist not the peace maker, and creates a negative image of Islam. However, Quran and the Sunnah provides complete guidance and helps to overcome these problems. The Muslim Ummah today can regain its dignity and strength by following the Quranic teaching and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W). Islamic teachings can be applied in every field of life.

Contemporary challenges of The Muslim Ummah :-

Following are the contemporary challenges, which Muslims Ummah is facing today.



In Quran;

Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.

~(Surah Ar-Rad)

This ayah reminding us that as true change begin with self reform and faith.

1- Political Disunity and lack of leadership:
Muslim Ummah is divided into more than 500 states. They fight among themselves (Syria, Yemen) and not act as one nation.

Quran Ayah:

Hold, firmly the rope of Allah all together and do not be divided.

~Surah Al-Imran

Example:

Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.W) made the Medina charter, uniting Muslims and Non-Muslims in one community. It is the true example, which shows a political unity and a true leadership. Muslim Ummah should follow the Sunnah and teachings by making themselves unite and one community.

2. Palestine issue, a symbol of Ummah's struggle.

Palestine has been under Israeli occupation since 1948. Millions of Muslims were displaced. Masjid Al-Aqsa, the third holiest site in Islam, is under constant

threat. The silence and division of muslims
rulers worsen the crisis.

Hadith:

Believers are like one body,
if one part of body is hurt,
the whole body feels the pain.

Example:

Gaza 2023 conflict exposed muslim Ummah
divisions, some states still normalized
tie with Israel. and the civilians in
Palestine suffered. As a muslim, it is our
duty to help them and perform jihad. This
is the time, the Muslim Ummah should unite
as one and raised their voice or strict
actions to save Palestine.

3- Educational and Intellectual Decline.

Muslim countries produce less than 2%
of global scientific research. Few
universities rank among the top 500
universities.

In Quran:

"Read in the name of
your Lord who created..."

~ Surah Al Aqaf.

Hadith:

Seeking knowledge is
obligatory among every
Muslim.

Bayt-al-Hikmah (the house of wisdom) in
Abbasid era, was the great contribution of
Muslim in knowledge. Abbasid era was
a center of translation, science and innovation

That was the time, when Muslim rise and had great contribution in the field of science, medicines, and mathematics.

4- Economic Dependence and poverty:

Despite oil and resources, many muslim countries were rely on IMF and World Bank loans. Poverty is common in the countries (Pakistan, Sudan, Yemen and Afghanistan).

In Quran:

Zakat is for the poor,
the needy and those
in debts...

~ Surah At-tawbah

Prophet (S.A.W.W) created Bayt ul Mal (Public Treasury) to help poor. Likewise under

Umar ibn Abdul Aziz, zakat was so well distributed, no poor remain to accept it. This is why the zakat should distributed among poor equally to deal with the poverty.

In Pakistan Rich are becoming more rich or poor is becoming more poor, due to unequal distribution.

5- Moral and spiritual Discipline:

Many Muslims are influenced by the western culture, adopting their culture and trends and neglected the teachings of Quran and Sunnah.

In Quran:

Successful is the one who
purifies his soul, and failure

is the one who corrupts it.

This is the main reason for the decline of Muslim Ummah, the nation is influenced by the western culture. It is ^{root} main cause which leads to the main reason of decline. The Muslims should remind the teachings of Quran and Sunnah.

6- Sectarianism and Extremism.

Sunni-Shia conflicts, militant groups like ~~THP~~ (ISIS, Al Qaeda) and sectarian violence damage the unity and image globally.

In Quran:

Do not be like those,
who divided their religion
into sects.

(~ Surah Al Imran)

At Hudaibiyyah treaty, Prophet (S.A.W.W) choose peace over war. This shows that Muslims not prioritize war; they always prioritize peace. The Muslim Ummah should follow the teachings of Islam as it is clearly mentioned that don't divide the religion into sects.

7- Islamophobia and Negative image.

Muslims are often portrayed as terrorist or peace breaker. The media is creating a negative image of Islam. Hijab ban, Mosque attacks and discrimination are rising.

In Quran:

Repel evil with what is better, and your enemy will become your close friend.

When Ta'if, people insulted Prophet (S.A.W.W), or hit him with stones, but Prophet (S.A.W.W) forgave and prayed for them instead of seeking revenge.

8- Foreign interference and instability.

Afghanistan, Libya, Syria have faced wars. Muslim countries often depend on west powers for survival.

In Quran:

Do not incline towards wrong does.

(~ Surah Hud)

The Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) made Madinah the charter an independent state.

Conclusion:

The Ummah faces many challenges - disunity, poverty, lack of education, extremism, Islamophobia and especially the Palestine issue. These problems weaken Muslims globally. But Islam gave solutions to these problems unity, justice, education, civilization, moderational and moral renewal. If Muslims follow the teachings of Quran and Sunnah, they will be the strong nation as (Ummah), they can rise as leaders, just as they did in golden age.