

Q: Contemporary challenges of Muslim Ummah and their solutions according to teachings of Islam.

INTRODUCTION

The deen of Islam is as old as humanity itself. Over time the world went through many phases, however the deen remained intact. It is followed by Muslims, spread across the globe in the modern world. However, in the present day, Muslims are faced with a range of challenges, ranging from political, social, religious and economic. There are many reasons for such challenges, primarily due to the type of leadership and harmful religious figures of today. As such, solutions to the problems also exist, through which Muslims can regain their lost status and respect in the world.

Structure of Muslim Ummah In Islam

"You are the best

nation brought out

for mankind, commanding

what is righteous and forbidding

what is wrong"

(Al-Qur'an)

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The concept of pan-Islamism was practiced in Islam, according to which true all the Muslims in the world are a single unit. The concept that it is also a political system, as one state. It goes beyond boundaries and lines, showing how there is no concept of territorialization in the deen.

Similarly, the term of 'Ummat-e-Wahida' is used in the Quran to define the Ummah. The word Ummah is used 62 times in Quran further highlighting the importance of Muslims as a single nation.

Contemporary challenges of the Ummah

The muslim Ummah today faces a multitude of challenges.

Some of the following are :

1. Political challenges - Threat to stability

The current Ummah is faced with certain political challenges. It remains heavily influenced by Western powers, who dictate what such countries can and cannot do. Similarly, there is a big division that exists among

the muslim leaders. There is disunity and a lack of consensus among them, which makes it harder for the Ummah to take a stand and be united. This is further aided by rampant corruption that exists in ~~several~~ several muslim states, creating further problems.

2. Religious Fragmentation

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

(3:103)

The modern Ummah is divided in different sects. This is not in accordance to teachings of Islam. The muslims remain divided. Furthermore, there has been a rise in fundamentalism which is a gateway to extremism. This has resulted in the further rise of terrorism through non-state actors globally. This fuels Islamophobia and the hatred of muslims, defining a key challenge for the Ummah.

3. Social Disintegration

Modern muslim countries are plagued by a range of social issues. There is rampant poverty and, with quality of life for many muslims below par. Muslim societies suffer from crime and weak rule of law.

Moral corruption has also spread, especially due to adoption of values and systems from the West. The current status of Islamic education system also aids in further disintegration, highlighting the challenges the Ummah faces.

4. Economic Inequality

"And establish prayer and give Zakat...."

(2: 110)

There is an absence of a robust system for Zakat in the Ummah. People have stopped the practice of Zakat, which was introduced to improve income equality within society. Similarly, the Ummah has widely adopted western banking system, which runs on interest, something prohibited in Islam. There is a lack of growth in Muslim

countries and quality of life has thus declined. This has also increased the inequality within the society, leading to further dissent and the concentration of wealth. This shows yet another problem faced by the Ummah in contemporary world.

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Reasons for Contemporary Challenges

There are several reasons why the Ummah is facing such challenges.

- a) Many people today are unaware of the true teachings of Islam. There has been a rise in pseudo-scholars that do not ~~not~~ teach the right message, creating confusion and divide in the Ummah.
- b) People are influenced heavily by personality based politics. Such figures do not have ability to lead country efficiently. Muslims obsessed with hero-worship and religious ideals, go astray.
- c) Muslims today are blinded by financial interests and one love for money. This forces them

into leaving all morals and teachings of Islam.

d) Islamic code of life is not implemented in the Muslim world. Many systems are not following the ways highlighted through Quran and Sunnah. The constitution and justice systems have not incorporated the teachings properly.

Solutions to Challenges According to Islam

1. Political dimension

Firstly, organizations like the OIC needs to be revived and made functional. It can be used as a platform to bring muslim countries on the same page.

Similarly, framework of governance need to be updated, taking lessons from the Charter of Madinah, so that Islamic countries are run on the basis of Islam.

2. Religious Harmony

The Muslim Ummah needs to work on improving its image globally. That can be done primarily through conferences and ^{and} ~~successive~~ collaborations with institutes to express remove any misconception about the deen. Similarly, efforts to eradicate

and delegitimize terrorist organizations that discredit Islam, need to be increased. Such actions will showcase Islam's true message and its disassociation from extremism. Finally, mutual understanding and freedom to practice religion accordingly need to be practiced to avoid fueling the sectarianism problem.

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3. Social Cohesion

Efforts are needed to revive the Islamic education system to its original stature. Such education needs to be molded into modern education, highlighting its importance, historically, in all fields. Values and morals as laid out through Quran and Sunnah need to be promoted in society to allow for a more stronger and successful Ummah.

4. Economic Justice.

Modern economic objectives need to be obtained using Islamic principles. Interest needs to be abolished accordingly. Similarly, a formal system of Zakat needs to be implemented, one that is

to

transparent. It will revive the practice of giving Zakat in order to ensure a reduction in poverty and improve equality in society.

Conclusion

The modern Muslim Ummah faces numerous challenges in the real realms of political, social, religious and economic dimensions. There are several reasons for the hardships including a move away from the deen and its true teachings. By incorporating the real messages of the Quran and Sunnah into every aspect of one's life, the Muslim Ummah can regain its glory and respect in the world.

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