

Question 2

Q. Explaining the functions of wahy (Revelation) examine revelation as the primary source of knowledge in Islam. Also, discuss other sources of knowledge that guide human life.

Introduction:

Wahy is the primary source of knowledge in Islam. It is evident from the fact that the very first word revealed by Prophet (PBUH) in the Mount of Hira was:

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This signifies that all knowledge in Islam came through revelation and all other sources of knowledge were i.e. intuition, consultation or sensory expression are secondary to wahy or are either derived from them.

Wahy : a primary source of knowledge

Wahy is regarded the primary source in the sense, that it is a direct communication from Lord to his Messengers. All the guiding principles are transcended from Allah which requires no main to many interpretation and is in complete compiled form. It is important to know the meaning and purpose of wahy to understand its significance.

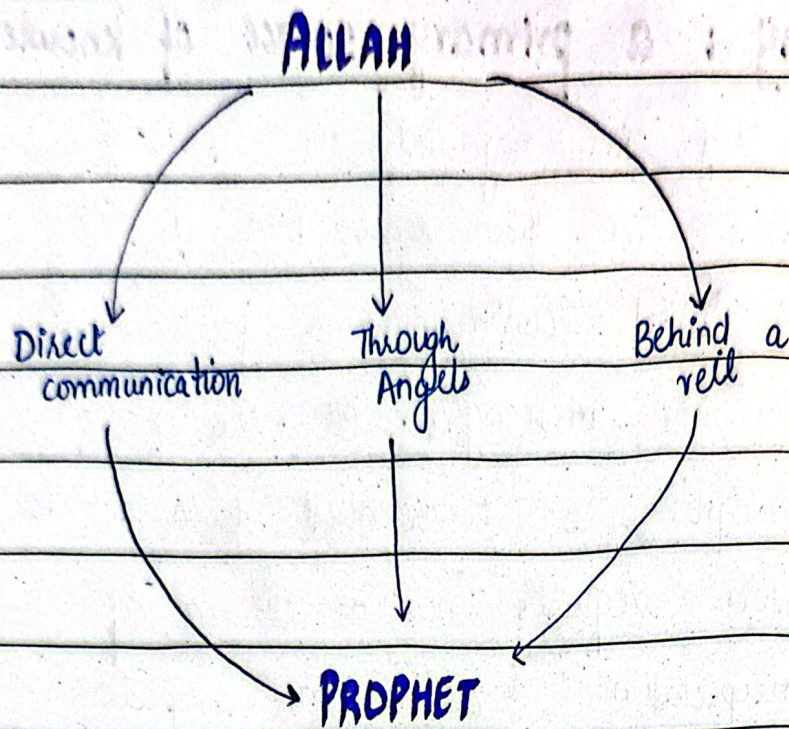
Lexicology:

Arabic root → "و-ح-ي"

Meaning → "to take fastly and secretly"

Contextual meaning:

Wahy is the secret message that Allah sends to his people through Prophets.



This flowsheet shows that Prophets received the knowledge in primary form from Allah either through Angels, or directly or from behind a veil.

Allah Wahy → Prophet → People
 (Primary source of knowledge)

Allah has created the universe and He would have some guiding principles to run the universe and

these principles are transformed in the form of wahy to people.

Functions of Wahy as a primary source of knowledge:

a Guiding principle:

Quran is revealed entirely in the form of wahy which is a guiding principle and source of knowledge.

Al Baqarah
(2: 185)

The month of Ramazan, the Quran is revealed on to you as a source of guidance and clear distinction.

b Wahy : source of wisdom:

The primary wahy which made the foundation for other sources of knowledge is the Quran. Allah has kept wisdom for people in it.

Al Yasin

36: 1

يسر والقران الحكيم

Yasin, the Quran, a source of wisdom.

3 Path from darkness to light:

The world was in utter despair before the revelation. Wahy became a guiding lamp to eradicate darkness and illuminate the world with knowledge.

According to Al Ibrahim: (14: 1)

Alif Laam Ra (ا ل ر) This Quran

is revealed onto you so that

you make take men - by the

Lord's permission - from darkness

to light to the way of

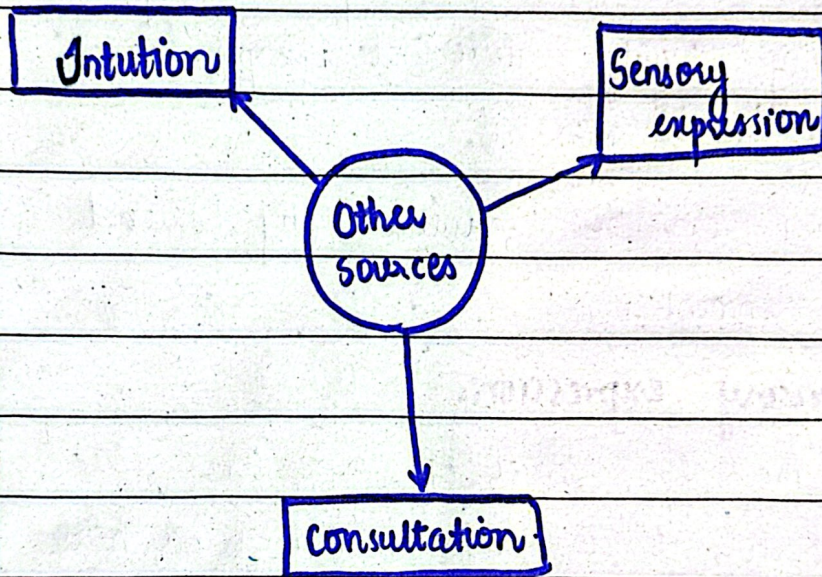
Lord, the Almighty and

praised one "

4. Reliable medium of revelation:

Prophets are the most reliable mean of sending knowledge from higher exalted states to the lowest states for obedience and following.

OTHER SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE:



These are secondary sources and are unreliable due to one way or other thus making Wahy / Revelation as the primary and most reliable source

1) Intuition:

The source of knowledge that comes without thinking and comes from a voice within. They differ from person to person.

Unreliability as a primary source of knowledge.

- 1) Intuition varies from person to person. Only highly intellectual people have reliable intuition.
- 2) They can be influenced by external environment.

2) Sensory expression:

The five senses of expression like touch, smell, sight, taste and hear are also the source of knowledge.

Unreliability as a primary source of knowledge.

1. Limited scope.
2. Varies from person to person.

3 Consultation:

Ijtihad or reasoning / consultation is also an important progressive source of knowledge. It involves deriving conclusion through collective consultation or reasoning.

Unreliability as a primary source of knowledge:

- 1) Affected by external environment.
- 2) Not universal
- 3) Requires qualified persons to consult.

Conclusion:

The above discussion shows that despite different other sources of knowledge, wahy is regarding as primary. It is oblivious of any error or omission. It is transcended by reliable source. It is transmitted to people in a trusted department of messengers and it lacks ambiguity. If a person wants to get exalted

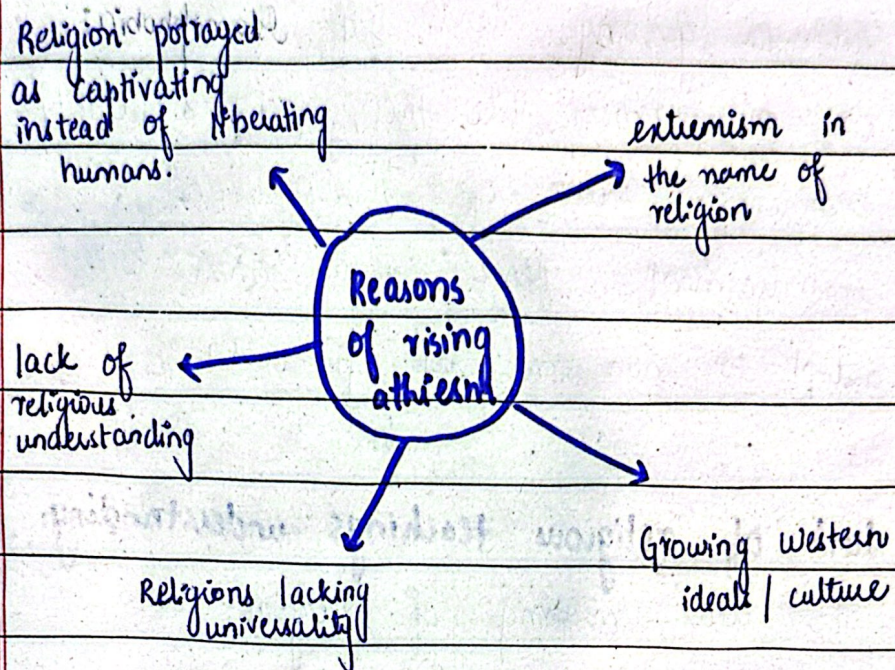
status in knowledge, He has to obey^{to} all the wisdom revealed by wahy from the Lord Almighty to the people.

Q2 Examine the rising trends of atheism among youth and discuss the humanist teachings of Islam. How can these teachings guide youth towards purposeful life.

Introduction:

As time changes and modernity and secularism peaks, the youth gets detracted from the religious path in order to show conformity to modern trends. But Islam has giving a complete code of life which regards its followers not only individual satisfaction but also social and collective welfare. The true guidance and explanation of these teachings can put the youth back on track.

Rising trends of atheism in youth.



1 Religion portrayed as captivating instead of liberating humans.

The primary instrument to keep youth of path of religion is deterrence. The punitive part of religion are highlighted instead of allowing them to the reward part. This altogether eliminates the ideals of following religion as it will captivate them rather than liberate them.

2 Extremism in the name of religion:

The growing trends of terrorism has led to growing trends of Islamophobia. In circumstances like this, religious identity becomes a source of scrutiny and embarrassment. Hence, youth tends to adopt to non religious practices.

3 Lack of religious teachings understanding:

The true meaning of religion are sidelined. Religion stands for secular as well as social wellbeing. The secular part is illimanted by lack of knowledge which makes religion irrelevant in personal life.

4 Growing Western Ideals:

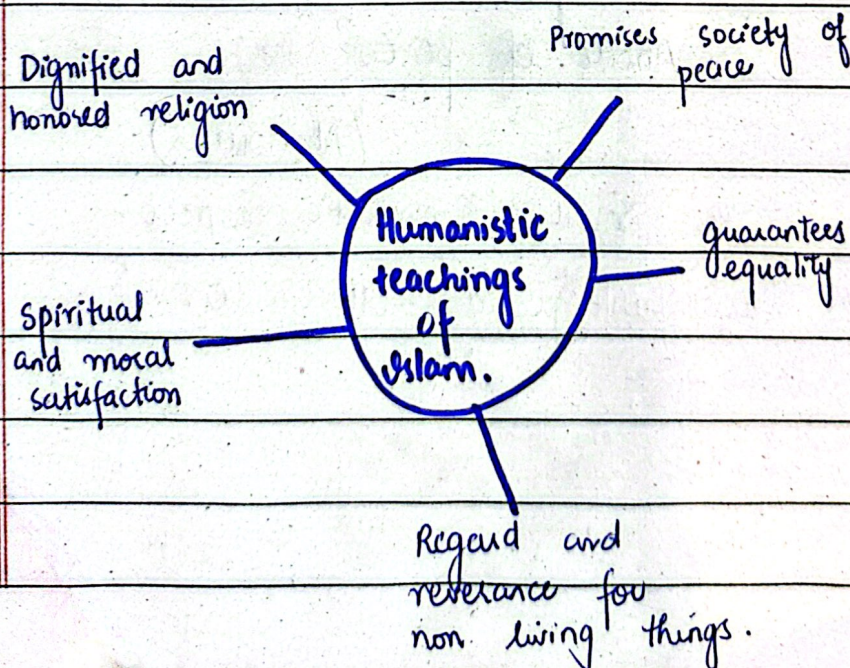
The western ideals of secularism and atheism has influenced many individuals. These religions however are only religions whereas ours is a complete code of life. This

takes youth: blindly to follow them
without knowing the superiority of religion
Islam.

5 Religions lacking universality:

The religions other than Islam lacks universality. They were for a specified period for a specific nation. They cannot grow with the changing moral trends; hence, the rising trend of distancing is noted in other religions.

Humanistic teachings of Islam



1 Dignified and honored position:

Islam guarantees its followers a dignified and honorable position. It makes its followers only get afraid of the Lord. The followers aren't fearful of any ~~the~~ worldly or humanly fears. They submit to their Lord which gives them a sense of superiority and honor.

2 Promises peaceful society:

An Islamic society is a society of peace, as portrayed by the Quran.

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"Abode of peace"

(Al-Younas)

It is the most humanistic aspect which is interpreted otherwise.

3 Guarantees equality:

Islamic teachings have shunned the ideals of inequality which were the characteristics of the world before Islam.

Prophets last sermon:

Ended all discriminations and gave superiority to piety and piety.

The best among you is
the one who guards (against
evils)

(Al Quran)

4 Spiritual and moral satisfactions:

The believes and worships in Islam guarantees moral and spiritual satisfaction and provides relaxation at heart.

According to Hazrat Ali (R.A):

"I have heard the Prophet (PBUH) say: Bilal! get up and call for prayer and make us relaxed".

5 Reverence for non living things:

The humanistic teachings of Islam can be weighed from the way Islam guided to treat non living things.

According to a hadith:

"Planting a tree is the best form of charity".

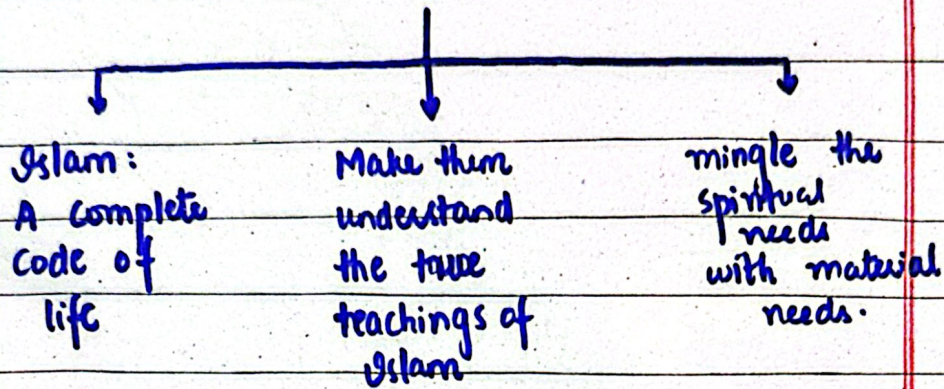
"Do not waste water, even if you are sitting by a running river."

(sahih muslim)

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Islam: guidance to youth for purposeful life:



a Islam: a complete code of life:

Islam guides in every aspect ranging from

- 1 Politics
- 2 Education
- 3 Business
- 4 services
- 5 Relationships
- 6 social structure

hence, the true principles of Islamic teachings can guide youth on its part.

2 True teachings of Islam:

Islam is taught as a ritual today. The true meaning is often neglected. It is only taught superficially, so the youth does not benefit from it fully. Only teaching it as a way of life can guarantee maximum benefits.

3 Mingling of spiritual and material needs:

Youth remains deviant because they do not feel the necessity of aligned material and spiritual need. The teachings of Islam when combined with the worldly needs, they can give best results.

Conclusion:

In the changing epoch of modernity, youth remains distracted from

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religion as it is treated a separate entity. But the humanistic teachings of Islam which guarantees individual and social welfare can put them back on track to enjoy this world and the life hereafter.