(Islamic Studies)

What are the Contemporary Challenges of Muslim World? Suggest its solutions according to teachings of Islam.

Introduction :-

Muslims, the architects of glorious era, once lived with empires with justice and wisdom and gives the world an unmatched governance and administrative system. Muslims left their glorious impacts in different fields;

- Science
- Culture
- architecture
- literature
- Governance

The challenges that has been Muslims facing are not vary in nature but also a vast impact on Individual as well as collective lives of Muslims. These challenges did not emerge overnight but Muslims are facing during the times of **Prophet (PBUH)** and the reign of **caliphate**. This is a journey of about 1400 years when Muslims are facing in different shapes of intruders, intellectuals as well as cultural threats and colonization. Nevertheless, **all is not lost**. Muslims can regain their glory and influence by following the guidance laid in Quran and Sunnah. And come out of hot water and pave the way towards success

An Overview of the Muslim Ummah in the Contemporary World:

The Muslim Ummah stood at the center of civilization in the world and was known for its tremendous contributions to science, philosophy, medicine and governance during its heyday.

Huge empires streatched from **Andalusia** to the **Indian sub-continent**, in which Muslims has taken lead to astronomy, mathematics, and architecture while exchanging cultures and intellectual ideas.

Today, the Muslim Ummah is diversified body with more then 1.9 billion people under one umbrella of faith.

Contemporary Challenges:

In today' time, the Muslim world faces following contemporary challenges that not only give impact on individual life but also on their collective life as well.

1- Lack of Unity among Muslim Ummah

2- Influence of the West on the Muslim World

3- Misconception of Extremism and Terriorism about Musle

4- Islamophobia and External Propaganda

Lack of Unity among Muslim Ummah :

One of the biggest challenges faced in these times is the lack of unity among Muslim Ummah. Muslims, who once stood as a strong pillar of social cohesion,

are or now with fragmented societies with multiple differences. This fragmentation is evident in many forms, the cultural difference, differences to the intellectual interpretations of sects, beliefs and other things. For instance, the ongoing conflict of **shia** and **sunni** among Muslims creates a view of **sectarianism**, exacerbating extremism and hatred among each other. Further, the conflict of Ughur Muslim also lacks unity among Muslim Ummah.

Influence of West on Muslim Countries:

The second biggest challenge faced by Muslim countries is the ongrowing influence of West on Muslim Countries.

Often, the concept is that Muslims are lagging behind due to superiority complex of West. Because West takes Muslims as backward and inferior people with no more education and advanced technologies. West make an influence on Muslim countries through media, because media providing a helping hand for changing Muslim's mind-set and thought process.

For instance, Feminist compaign prevail in Pakistan through West and sologan like 'My Body, My Conset' used in compaign which is totally against by Islam.

Further, **Turkey** governed by **Mustafa Kamal Attaturk** undergone many Westerinizations and Replacing Islamic (Shariah) law to secular legal system.

Misconception of Terrorism and Extremism about Muslim

Another significant challenge is the misconception of terrorism and extremism is linked to Muslims. West assumes that Muslims are violent people. In many cases, an act of a small minority of extremist get merge or associate with over billion of Muslim countries.

For example, the attack of 9/11 in the USA, West equated all Muslims as extremist and terrorist who spread voilence. But in reality, majority of Muslims stood with causalitie faced by America.

This is how West proved wrong to Muslims and marginalized Islamic teaching

Islamophobia and External Propaganda :

The other major challeng in today's time is the islamophobia and propaganda that leads to false image of Muslims. Islamphobia caused when there is lack of knowledge or misconceptions about Islam. Different media platforms promote Islamophobia by making Muslims stereotypes and old-school. Many Hollywood and Bollywood movies are in propanganda gainst Muslim especially against Pakistan to portray a false sketch. Anti-Islamic communities, Jews Community are also spreading islamophobia and external propaganda to Muslims again in front of whole world.

Solutions to the Challenges in the light of Quran and Sunnah

The following are the solutions mentioned above the challenges that faced by Muslims which can help to gain their due glory.

1. Strengthening the Unity among Muslim Ummah
2. Strengthening the foundations of Islamic Organizations
3. Promoting education to eliminate misconception
4. Fostering and strengthening Islamic culture

Strengthening the Unity:-

The paths that has been given by Allah in the Quran and Sunnah for the unity) of Muslim Ummah, so if Muslims

firmly adhere to all these paths they can easily overcome (lackness in unity)

By following the right path all Muslim countries overcome differences in

- sectarian
- ethnic

and many other fragmented division. And Muslim Ummah should stood a cohesive Ummah.

try to add the arabic of the quranic ayats.

Allah says:

'And hold firmly to the rope of Allah firmly all together and do not be divided.'

This verse shows the unity that has on Allah.

By adopting this, Muslim Ummah emerge as a Unified nation and eradicate differences of political and economical issues.

Strengthening the Organizations

It is of utmost importance to strengthen the foundations like Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) which gives suitable platforms for Muslim countries to discuss major issues faced by Muslim Ummah. By strengthening the organizations it is very helpful to manage

- humanitarian aid
- conflict resolution
- political stability

For instance, the conflict between Israel and Gaza, if OIC and other Muslim countries boycott Israel trade and destabilize Israel and its allies, then might be the conflict would resolved.

Promoting the peaceful messege of Islam:

Promoting the peaceful messege of Islam that can eliminate misconception of terrorism and extremism. The messege of Islam is based on

- Love
- Justice

Prophet (PBUH) says:

"The best amongst you are those who have best in manners and character."

By embodying these teachings, Muslims can create an image of understanding and tolerence. And eliminates the myths of terriorism and extremisim.

Fostering and Strengthening Islamic Culture

Islamic Culture is rich in heritage and by encouraging the civilization of Muslims the myths of old-school community should vanished. Muslims are of utmost importance of history and specially in mathematics like many Islamic scholars proved themselves a good inventor by the God's given intellect.

Conclusion:

All in all, tody's time Muslim Ummah facing many challenges and their solution is just by following the teachings of Quran and Sunnah and make a cohesive Ummah.

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improve the structure of the answer.