

Q. Contemporary Challenges of Muslim Ummah and their solution according to Islam?

Ans 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 scientist were Muslim. The literacy rate among Muslims high and they had world largest library and universities. They were economically rich and involved in the enormous economic and business activities. However, now, it seems that they have diverted from their old traditions of inventions, writing, research, trade and getting education.

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

Challenges

1. Disunity among Muslim:

Internally, Muslims are also divided on the basis of sects. It is irony of fate that sectarian violence in Muslim countries has caused more death of Muslims

Solution of these challenges:

1. Unity through Connectivity

Unity cannot occur if muslim remain isolated and distance from each other in separate grouping changing this situation. Practical ways and means must be found in which Muslims across countries can become more connected to each other. This applies locally as well as internationally and is the overarching principle that cuts across all others. This is also about getting to know one another. This is also about getting to know one another and appreciate each other's history, culture and good values.

2. Self defense and protection are no offense.

Security and protection of life, liberty, and property matter to Muslims as it does to all humankind. The ability of nations and individuals in communities to acquire the skills and means to protect themselves, in case of a threat, is a necessity in our current conditions. Muslim majority countries need to come together in military unions and act as mediators to solve the

Problems of other Muslim States.
Muslims must build arms capacity for themselves and sell military equipment to each other and engage in science and research around defense and security.

3. Economy of brotherhood:

The overarching aim should be to be able to produce everything the Muslim world needs within Muslim majority countries.

Restrictions on inter-country trade and investments should be limited to those necessary, with more freedom to trade.

Muslim countries need to consider how they can further the goals of self-sufficiency and development, rather than just focusing mainly on providing food aid and emergency needs.

4. Media and Culture Matters:

Global media can play a important role in conveying the history and culture of other people and understanding issues, as well as in pasting

Fifty Seven member Countries of OIC have approximately 500 universities, No a single university from the Muslim world was include in the top 500 universities on the earth. Muslim world spent 0.2 percent of GDP on research and development, while the Western nation spend more than 5 percent on their GDPs. It is irony of fact Muslim countries like Dubai and Saudi Arab spent money in construction building like shopping mall neither they spent on to establish university.

Weak economic status of Muslim Countries:

Most of the Muslim countries are economically weak. For instance, the total world's trade of OIC countries is less than a single country, China. The GDP of OIC countries is less than GDP of US. Some Arab countries like Saudi Arabia are rich because of their oil revenue. For example, Saudi's five-year budget from 1969 to 1974 was \$72 billion. During the next five years it became \$142 billion. Unless Muslim countries ^{are not} work together they could not improve their economic status.

values. we have seen this with popular Turkish drama *Ertuğrul* which has been shown and appreciated in so many Muslim majority countries, as well as in the West. It has demonstrated a global appetite from Muslims to learn about Islamic history, culture and polity.

Conclusion:

Thus, among others, the majority contemporary challenges faced by Muslim Ummah are disunity among Muslims, rapid rise of extremism and terrorism, lagging behind of Muslim in education, weak economy of Muslim countries. The OIC should be made an effective body to solve the issue of Muslims. It is imperative for Saudi Arabia and Iran to work together for the better future for Muslim world.