

"Explain the concept of risalat in islam. How does finality of prophethood impact the muslim ummah's ideological structure"

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1. Introduction:

To believe in the oneness of Allah, his angles, his prophets, books revealed on them and day of judgement are the core beliefs of islam that make an individual accountable for being a muslim. Risalat or Prophethood is the core aspect of Islam. To believe in the Prophets of Allah which were sent to guide humanity and to bear witness the finality of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the crux of islam. When an individual surrender himself against the will of Allah and utters the finality of Prophet (P.B.U.H), he enters the sphere of islam. That is why it is also known as shahada "To bear witness" and it is the core belief

of islamic ideology of muslim ummah around the world.

2. Concept of Risalat:

Risalat means Prophethood and prophethood holds the concept of choosen people of Allah to deliver His commands to common man in order to make him perceive an aimful life. Allah used to send his messages to his people via these prophets, the choosen people.

2.1 In Light of Quran:

The sacred revelation, Quran was revealed to last Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) and in Quran Allah mentions,

اللَّهُ عَالِمُ خَيْبَاتِ كُلِّ رَسُولٍ

"Allah knows best on whom to bestow prophethood"

~ Surah al anam : 124

2.2 In Sunnah:

The life of Prophet (P.B.U.H) is the practical implication of sacred revelation Quran. Earlier the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H), all the other prophets were sent to specific nations and states to guide them. Just as Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) mentioned in His last sermon, Khutba-Hujat-ul-wida,

"O, mankind you all are the son of Adam and Adam was made of best dust."

~ Last sermon

2.3 Societal impacts:

Our societies are made on islamic beliefs and ideologies, so one must witness prophethood and implicate the teachings of Prophets in the daily life to maintain the peace of society for a developed and harmonized cultural living.

3. Finality of Prophethood:

A man is bound to witness the finality of prophethood along with the oneness of Allah to enter in the sphere of islam.

Finality or khatam means "to seal the stamp" or "to close" just as Allah Almighty has sealed the process of sending Prophets towards mankind on Khatam-un-Nabiyyin Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H).

3.1 Core belief of islam

To witness the doctrine of finality of Prophethood verbally and practically is the core belief of islam. A man is not considered a muslim unless he attest or testify as Prophet (P.B.U.H) as the last Prophet of Allah. Allah has sealed the stamp in all and surgency of Prophethood on Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H). It is

core belief and shahada in islam
A man is not muslim only if
he says,

لا اله الا الله

There is no God except Allah
but he is considered muslim when
he bear witness shahada along
with the finality of Prophet (P.B.U.H)

لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله

**"There is no God except Allah
and Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)
is the last prophet of Allah."**

This is the core belief and
crux of islam and islamic
ideology.

4. Muslim Ideology:

Following
the islamic ideology and islamic
way of life, muslim ideology

fulfills all the columns of ideologies of realism, feminism, liberalism, modernism, globalization.

Islamic ideology is the complete code of life in every era, in every field, in every culture and in every society for man of every age. All the Islamic societies in earlier age and all the Islamic countries in the modern world are based on the doctrine of Islamic ideology.

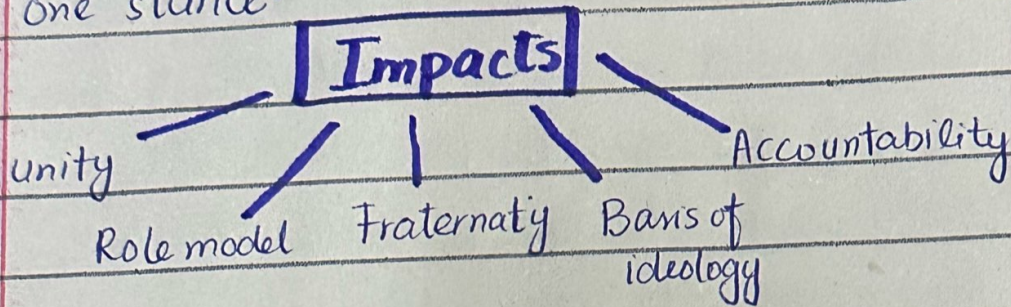
Modern-day example:

Muslims war of independence against Hindus and Britishers was based upon Islamic ideology which led to their achievement of separate homeland. While addressing to the nation Quaid Azam said,

"Pakistan not only means independence & freedom but the Muslim ideology that must be preserved."

5. Impacts

As the finality of Prophethood is the core belief of islam and it unites the muslim ummah at one stance.



Role model:

To believe in the finality of Prophethood is the significant crux of islam. Muslim ummah in every era has looked upon to life of Prophet (P.B.U.H) in every field. The life of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is a role model for ummah to learn and observe his life as best leader, best teacher, best diplomat, best bussinesman and all above the best human. Thus, Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is a perfect model and ray of light to lead ummah in every era.

Unity:

When the muslim ummah bears witness the same stance "The oneness of Allah and unity) finality of prophethood" they are united at this stance. This Kalma Shahada unites the muslims all around the world. As the poet of East, Dr. Allama Iqbal had mentioned in his poetry:

ۛ اہک یوں مسلم قوم کی پاسبانی کے لیے
نیل کے ساحل سے لے کر تا بخاک کا سفر

Fraternity:

When the muslim ummah unites at a single stance "The finality of Prophethood" it prevails the sentiment of fraternity among and urge them to stay united. As Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) mentioned:

"Muslim ummah is like human body, if one part aches, the whole body feels the pain"

Basis of ideology:

Muslim ummah around the whole world has same islamic ideology whether they are independent or not. The people of Palestine in today's world are striving for their freedom because they stand by the islamic ideology and believe in the oneness of Allah and finality of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H).

Conclusion:

The doctrine of finality of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is undebatable in every era. It has impacted the Ummah to stay united under this doctrine especially when in the modern world, the global powers are trying to break this iceberg of muslim ideology. The muslim ummah will bear witness the finality of Prophet (P.B.U.H) till the day of judgement and last drop of their blood like Palestinians.