

Q.NO.02: What is the importance of Makarim Akhlaq (noble morals) in establishing social peace? In this background, how did the messengers of Allah complete these morals?

MAKARIM AKHLAQ: IMPORTANCE IN ESTABLISHING SOCIAL PEACE

INTRODUCTION:

Social peace is not merely the absence of conflict and hatred; it is the presence of justice, compassion, tolerance, and mutual respect. Islam places the foundation of such peace not primarily on institutions and legal systems, but on the moral excellence of individuals that collectively shape a harmonious society. The Quran repeatedly emphasizes good character, while the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was sent to perfect it. Through his noble conduct, he (PBUH) carried out this task perfectly. Thus, understanding Makarim Akhlaq is essential for grasping how Islam constructs a peaceful social order.

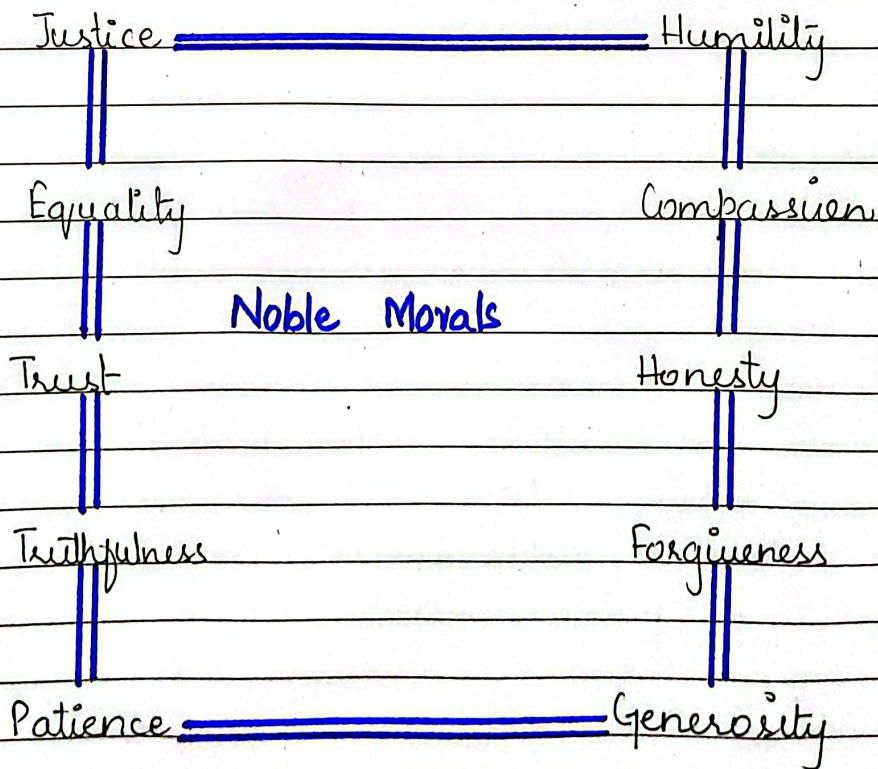
MEANING OF MAKARIM AKHLAQ

Makarim Akhlaq (noble morals) refers to the highest and most refined moral qualities including sincerity, justice, generosity, and forgiveness. The Prophet (PBUH) said;

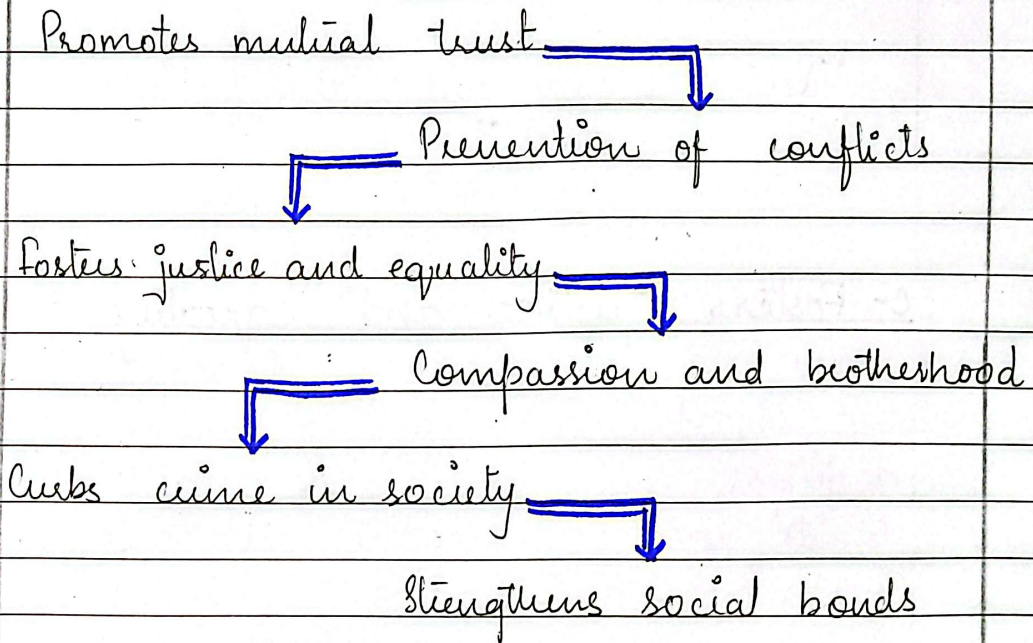
“I was sent to perfect righteous moral character.”

—Mustad Ahmed

This reveals that morals are not secondary teachings only. They are also central to the entire purpose of prophethood.



IMPORTANCE OF MAKARIM AKHLAQ IN ESTABLISHING PEACE



a- Promotes mutual trust and cohesion

Since trust is the very foundation of all social interactions, no society can function without it. Allah (SWT) commands;

O you who believe! Fear Allah and be with those who are truthful.

- Surah Tawbah

Truthfulness prevents social unrest by reducing deceit, fraud, and corrupt practices. Hence, following noble morals ensures peace in society.

b- Noble morals prevent conflicts

Noble morals like patience and tolerance promote peace in society by avoiding conflicts. Allah (SWT) says;

"Verily I am with the patient ones."

- Surah Baqarah

c- Fosters justice and equality

Good morals promote fairness in dealings, rights, and responsibilities. These traits ensure justice in a society, which is amongst the most important pillars of peace in a society. Allah (SWT) commands;

"And when you judge, judge with justice."

- Surah Baqarah.

d- Promotion of Compassion and

Brotherhood

Compassion is a force that binds societies and ensures peace. The prophet (PBUH) said;

"The believers of mutual love, mercy, and compassion are like a single body."

- Sahih Bukhari

e- Reduces crime in society

Noble morals like humility, generosity and justice ensure equality which ultimately curbs crime in a society. The Prophet (PBUH) said;

"Modesty does not bring anything except goodness."

- Sahih Muslim

f- Strengthens social bonds

Good morals encourage cooperation, mutual help, and collective responsibility among individuals. Allah (SWT) commands;

"Help one another in righteousness and piety."

- Al-Suran

HOW THE MESSENGER (PBUH) OF ALLAH (SWT) PERFECT MAKARIM AKHLAQ

The Prophet (PBUH) embodied every moral virtue to perfection.

"He (PBUH) was a man of noble character."

- Gandhi

He used to forgive easily

Preferred justice over interest

Honest and truthful

Lived in humility

Known for kindness

Promoted brotherhood

a. Ultimate forgiveness to everyone

Prophet (PBUH) used to forgive. This softened the hearts of disbelievers and spread a culture of peace and goodwill. Allah (SWT) says;

"He (PBUH) is a mercy to the worlds."

- Surah Al-Anbiya

b. Tolerance restored peace

Despite immense persecution, he (PBUH) forgave even his greatest

enemies. At the conquest of Makkah, he (PBUH) said;

"Go, for you are free."

- Seerat-e-Nabawi (Allama Shibli Naumani)

This act ended long term animosity and restored peace.

c- Absolute commitment to justice

His (PBUH) impartiality developed social trust in leadership. On an occasion he (PBUH) said;

"If Fatima, the daughter of Muhammad (PBUH), stole, I would cut off her hands too."

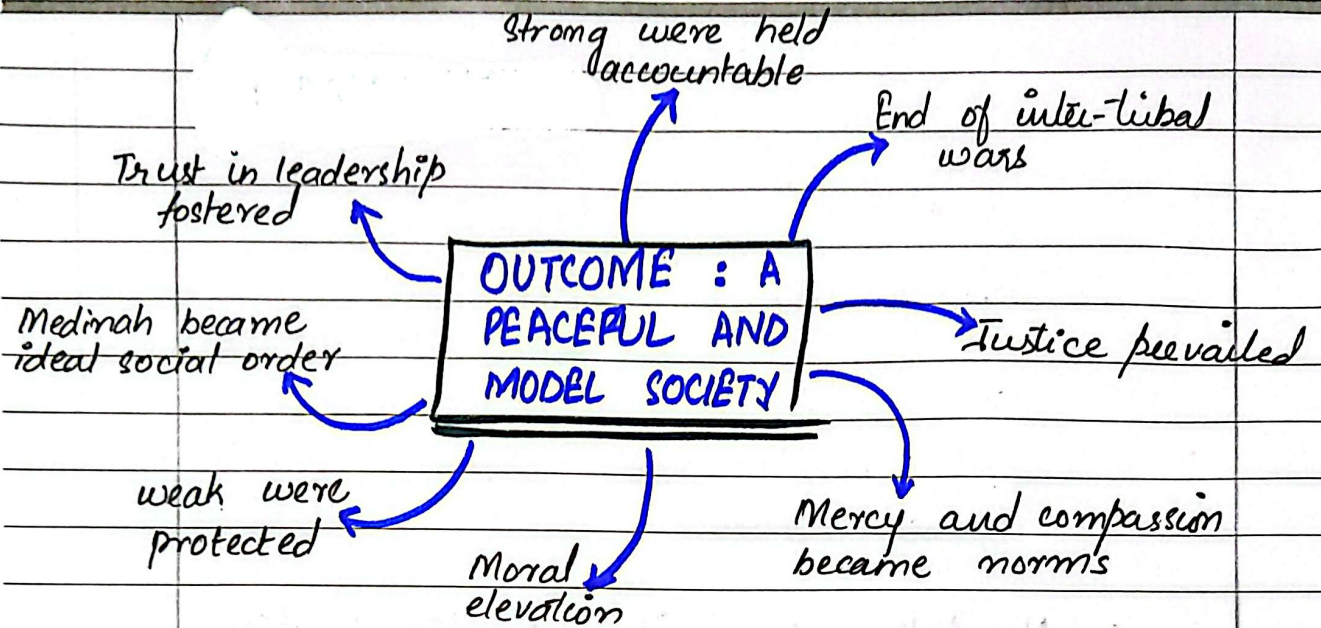
- Sahih Bukhari / Sahih Muslim

d- His (PBUH) humility and simplicity

Despite being the leader of the ummah, he (PBUH) lived a simple and humble life. He said;

"Whoever humbles himself for Allah (SWT), Allah (SWT) will elevate him."

- Sahih Muslim



CONCLUSION

Makarim akhlaq or noble morals is a set of moral frameworks through which Islam establishes social order and justice. The morals of trust, honesty, justice, compassion, tolerance, and patience guide the way of a peaceful social order in Islam. One can find examples to follow these akhlaq from the life of the Prophet (PBUH). He (PBUH) practiced these morals both in his personal life as well as while carrying out his leadership roles. This led to the establishment of medinah as an ideal society with prevailing virtues of justice, mercy, compassion, and accountability.