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PART-II

- Q.2.** Explain the concept of Tawheed (Unity of God) in Islam. How does this belief influence the individual and collective life of the believers?
- Q.3.** Islam is designated as a pioneer of human rights ensuring the dignity of human. Discuss the basic human rights granted by Islam. Compare this right with modern international humanitarian rights.
- Q.4.** Critically examine the causes of extremism in the Muslim world. How can Islamic teachings be applied to promote peace, tolerance, and moderation in Islamic society?
- Q.5.** Enlist the principles of public administration in Islam derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah. What guidelines were followed in the administration during the Khilafat-e-Rashida?

Question 1:

Answer:

Introduction:

Tawheed means the belief in the absolute Oneness of Allah. It means the belief in Allah in His attributes, number and actions. When an individual accepts this basic doctrine, then his or her basic questions find satisfactory answers. He or she becomes satisfied and this will lead to final success. Also, the whole community of the believers is affected from the doctrine of Tawheed as it creates unity in between them and they formulate a peaceful society.

A - Concept of Tawheed in Islam:

In Islam, Tawheed refers to the belief in Oneness of Allah Almighty. It means the belief that only Allah is the Creator of all things and that is why it is only Allah who must be obeyed and worshiped. It is the basic building block of Islamic belief system and no one can enter the fold of Islam without recognizing Allah Alone as the Supreme reality and possessor of all powers.

The Division of the Doctrine of Tawheed:

1. Tawheed-fil-Dhat:

Tawheed-fil-Dhat means that Allah is Alone and there is no other Allah before and after. He is Alone and He does not have any other in sharing Absolute powers.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

"Say, Allah is One".

[Al-Ikhlās:1]

2. Tawheed-fil-Sifaat:

Tawheed-fil-Sifaat means that only Allah is Unique in His attributes and no other entity possesses the special attributes of Allah. He does not have any relatives or similar deity.

"Allah is neither begotten neither He begets".

[Al-Ikhlās]

3. Tawheed-fil-Afaal:

Tawheed-fil-Afaal means that those acts associated with

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Allah cannot be performed by any other being. Allah Alone is the Creator and Sustainer of the all that is under human knowledge or is veiled from humans. In Quran Allah says, which can be interpreted as, if there had been other God in the deity, then surely it have been ruined.

Result: A person can only claim to be muslim if he or she accept only Allah as the Sole Master.

... لا اله الا الله ...

"There is no God but Allah...."

When a person believes in Allah, it impacts his or her as;

B- Impacts of Tawheed on Individual:

1. Tawheed Answers Basic Questions of an Individual:

Man is a religious entity and he or she would surely asks about the origin of his or her creation. Secondly, one might wonder that who is running this huge Universe.

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Also, the question of the final destination arises in mind. So, Tawheed answers all these questions in Quran and it fulfills ones belief in Allah. Allah Says,

"I have not created the Jin and human except that they should worship me".

[Al-Quran].

R. Tawheed Makes the Life of an Individual Fulfilled through Satisfaction:

When man accepts only Allah as Master, then one does not wonder about the worldly affairs and neither does one care about the hardships. Also, it gives satisfaction by giving a straight direction about the Commands of Allah which would lead to a virtuous life. This fulfills the heart and mind with satisfaction.

"Indeed, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest."

[Al-Quran]

3. Tawheed Leads to Complete Success in Hereafter:

Tawheed also impacts an individual's life to lead a virtuous life, which is the criteria for entering Paradise - the abode of eternal peace. So, when a man does not believe in any other god except Allah, he or she will surely enter the abode of success for which Allah has promised. So, man desires and wants this from Allah as stated in the Quran;

"Our Lord give us something fine in this world and something fine in the Hereafter!"
[Al-Quran]

God replies;

إِنَّا نَفْعِلُكَ

"So, enter the garden"

C. Impacts of Tawheed on Society of All Believers:

When believers join the fold of Islam, Tawheed impacts them as;

1- Tawheed Makes Brotherhood Among the Believers:

Tawheed creates brotherhood. It is because all the believers consider their origin and their destination as one. So, they obey Allah and formulate a unified community.

"All believers are brothers".

[Al-Auran]

"No one truly believes until he gives for his brother what he gives for himself".

[Al-Hadith]

2. Tawheed Creates a Peaceful Society:

Before Islam, humans were fighting over trivial matters. However, after Islam, believers have created a peaceful society like the state of Medina. It is the impact of Tawheed because believers accept Allah and then practice His Commands, which are the Commands of peace and love. Even Islam is from *salm* which means peace.

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"And hold fast the Covenant of Allah and be not disorganized."
[Al-Quran].

Conclusion:

In conclusion, Tawheed is the fundamental belief in Islam. When it is totally accepted by an individual without relating someone else with the God Allah Almighty, then the individual gets a satisfactory life and his or her final abode is the abode of peace and joy. When this is practiced by the believers in their society, it makes an ideal and peaceful society based on sound Islamic principles.

Question 3:

Answer:

Introduction:

Before Islam, humanity was in ignorance where human rights suffered. After its arrival, Islam reminded humanity of the basic concept of human rights in order to ensure the dignity of man. In this way, Islam grants certain fundamental rights like right to life, property, honor and religious freedom. On the other side, West has also granted rights, but they have intact concept of rights with certain criteria. Islam grants inherent and inalienable rights.

A- Islam is the Pioneer of Human Rights by Championing the Dignity of Human:

Islam is indeed the champion of human rights, which ensures the dignity of a human being. It is because of the injunctions given by Islam in the field of human rights, which are practical, attainable and inalienable.

Before Islam, humanity was in

ignorance and bloody conflicts were fought on trivial matters. So, the dignity of man of all races was restored by Islam. Allah says in the Holy Quran;

"Indeed We have honored the children of Adam..." [Al-Quran]

Also, the basic principle of Islam lies on the doctrine of the dignity of man, which must be respected in all ways including war and peace.

"And when the ^{infant} buried is questioned for which sin she was buried alive?" [Al-Quran]

Moreover, Islam has kept all humanity at the same horizontal line of equality by reminding man about one's origin and final abode. Allah says that we have created all human beings from Adam (AS) who is made of clay and that all will return to their God on final day.

"Now We have removed thy veil from thy eyes, so your sight is clear now." [Al-Quran].

These are the reasons why Islam is called the pioneer of human rights and providing dignity to mankind.

B. Basic Rights Granted by Islam:

1. Right to Life:

In Islam, every life is a sacred trust from Allah. So, no person can take his or her own life intentionally.

Also, no person is allowed to deprive others of their life except in the case of murder and mischief.

"If someone kills a person other than for a murder or spreading mischief, it would be like killing all humanity..." [Al-Guram].

Once a companion of Prophet (SA) murdered a woman who was fleeing from battlefield. The Prophet (SAW) displeased this by saying that only Allah knows what is in the heart of her about Islam.

2. Right to Religion:

Allah says in the Quran that humanity will not unify on a single religion. So, Islam does not coerce someone in the matter of one's religious belief. It is upto the conscience of an individual to choose religion.

"There is no compulsion in religion." [Al-Quran]

In Medina, Prophet (SAW) granted religious freedom to all the tribes of Medina.

3. Right to Dignity:

"We have created man in the best form". (Al-Quran)

Islam does not deprive a person of his or her dignity. Everyone is entitled to dignity and respect. No one is allowed to ridicule or make fun of an individual based on disability, colour, race or ethnicity.

"An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab and a non-Arab has no superiority over the Arab." [Last Sermon]

4. Right to Property:

Islam is a Complete Code of Life. It enjoins worldly as well as religious effort. So, a person who has been endowed by Allah with property can not be deprived of it. In Islamic tradition, women is entitled to inheritance and property and same is the case with non-Muslims to enjoy their financial assets.

"O you who believe, never eat your wealth among yourselves unlawfully..." [Al-A'raf]

5. Right to Hold one's Culture and Code of Conduct:

Islam is a Complete Code and it enjoins the advancement of one's Culture, especially for Muslims. However, it does not deny such privilege to other Communities.

* In Medina, Prophet (SAW) decided a matter between the Jews on Tawrah Code.

* In Umariyah agreement, the Christians were given safeguard of their architecture and religious places.

C. Comparison with the West Concept of Human Rights:

Firstly, Islamic rights are inalienable and are granted with birth. However, Western rights are subjected to the form of government and can be taken by the state as was the case in Russian dictatorship and the two world wars in 20th Century.

Secondly, Islamic rights are based on equality of all. However, in the West, not all individuals have equal rights, rather they are based on the origin of an individual and can be vulnerable to discrimination as is the case with women discrimination.

Thirdly, Islamic rights are based on unified approach towards society. However, West believes in individualism which has created havoc in the family life. That is why movements like homosexual and separatism are prevalent in the West.

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Conclusion:

Islam brought the right notions of human rights to the world. It created a society based on the dignity and honor of an individual. It championed the concept of human rights and guarded it against all odds. However, the westernized approach of modern times can not bring equality and justice as there are certain conditions like political form of government, which can deprive an individual of ones rights. Islam has opposed the deprivation of man from inalienable or inherent rights.