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Contemporary Challenges to Muslim Ummah and their Solutions according to Islamic Teachings

Introduction:-

The fifty seven Muslim countries with approximately 2.05 billion of the world's population. According to the Dr. Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman (1936-2021) the crises in the Muslim Ummah was best described as internal weakness. - the crises in Muslim world are ^{and} - backwardness, frustration from the internal conflicts, interference and controlled ^{dictated} by the foreign / Western powers and putting all the blame over these Western powers without recognizing their own internal ^{ills} / problems. the Muslim countries, contribute significantly to the world population stretches from North ^{west} Africa (Morocco) to the South East Asia (Indonesia), surround ^{the} 60 percent of Mediterranean sea and estimate to produce two third ($\frac{2}{3}$) of ^{the} world's oil along with the production of agricultural and mineral products, ^{do not play major and} ^{dominant role in the world economy.} face the challenges of disunity, weak economies/economics, political instability, social issues of extremism and sectarianism, Western influence and Islamophobia. The topic will include ^{crises} the / address the current challenges / within the Muslim world and their solutions according to the teachings of Islam

Current challenges of the Muslim Ummah:-

1- Disunity

^{and conflict} Sectarianism is the major cause of the disunity among Muslim Ummah, as there are three major sects ^{sect} of Muslims such as Shia, Sunni and Sufis. according to the survey of Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life. forty percent (40%) of the ^{Sunni} Muslims in North Africa and Middle do not accept / recognize Shia as their fellow Muslims except ⁱⁿ Iraq and Lebanon where both sects live side by side and ^{recognize} accept their ^{practices} as part of Islam. In Pakistan the militant group ^{sect} LeJ (Lashkar-e-Jahangiri) and ASWJ (Ahl-e-Sunnat wal Jamaat) along with the group of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) conducted ^{violent} attacks ^{such as} targeting religious sides, civilians / ordinary people like doctors, lawyers and businessmen ^{such} as participated in the sectarian violence between Deobandi Sunni and Shia Muslims

Political Instability

The most World particularly the Gulf states are dominated and ruled by authoritarian or authoritarian form of government. This presence of authoritarianism kingship and lack of democracy and absence of freedom of expressions cause aggression towards the political entities such as in the wake of Arab Spring in 2011, a series of anti government protests, uprisings and armed rebellions, that began in Tunisia with the self-immolation act of Muhammad Bouazizi against corruption and economic deprivation and spread across the other Arab countries of Egypt, Yemen, Syria, Bahrain and North ^{Arab} Libya resulted into ousted of authoritarians and establishment of democratic government. Contemporarily the dictatorship and kingship still prevails in the Arab World making the people or neglecting them in their rights of expression, causes aggression against the ruling elite and which results into civil disobedience and war disturbs the peace and stability in the country.

Western Influence

The division due to Sectarianism, weak economies and political disturbance ^{in the muslim ummah} leads towards ~~op~~ paved a way for the external Western power interference, dependency for the economic resources and political manipulation or exploitation through proxy wars ^{and support and backed for the} such as in the Syrian War ^{authoritarian regime} of a civil war against the ^{sunni} government of Bashar al-Assad supported ~~by~~ backed by the Russia by the ^{shia} people with the mass series of protests and pro-democracy rallies ^{backed/supported} across and insurgent groups backed by Americans in March 2011, resulted into the ousted or overthrow of Bashar al-Assad ^{twenty four years} dictatorship. The Establishment of Pro-American and Puppet regime of Hamid Karzai in Afghanistan ^{after the wake} in 2001 of war on terrorism with the overthrow of Afghan Taliban government and establishment of textile mills in Egypt for the purposes of cotton and US military bases in Gulf countries not just for the sake of industrial / economic development and security but rather more their own interests and

→ mainly establishing their hegemony and
benefits, by making them dependent and non-competitors in the world. The establishment of political exploitation and also stem/spread the Western influence of ideology, life style and modern agenda and propaganda of feminism within the illiterate Western influenced and modernized Islamic ~~Islamic~~ world.

Islamophobia

Islamophobia is illogical fear, hostility and hatred towards Islam and particularly /generally towards Muslims. A widespread or extensive challenge of hate, fear and misconception against Muslims and Islam due to ^{based} misinformation, stereotypes and bigotry or discrimination effect impacted /effected social, political and economic well being of Muslims around the world. The term gained more attention or became significant after the event of 9/11 passing and potrating the Islam as religion of terrorism and hate towards other religion and muslims as terrorists. This act of hate ^{→ or sense of bigotry} also includes the harm and destruction or in other words vandalism of mosques, religious and historical muslim places and graveyard, for instance the damage to 85 graves of babies and children in Hertfordshire, ^{in North London} ~~North UK~~ in April 2015 and the increase of, Vandalization of mosques in USA during holy month of ramazan and the increased increase of one hundred and fifty percent in person ^{individual} and two hundred fifty percent online anti-Muslim incidents in Australia depicts the serious threat to the security of ^{and hate} the muslims globally.

Solutions : Solutions or possible solutions of the above mentioned problem

Stickness to the Core Islamic Principles:-

includes and emphasized upon the stickness and resorting to the base teaching of Quran and Sunnah which ^(includes believe in the oness of Allah, angles books, finality of Prophet hood, pillars of Islam, righteousness, dignity, morality and justice) ~~promote~~

Collectively promotes peace, harmony and unity among all Muslim communities regardless of their sects in the world.

As Allah says in the Quran in Surah Al-Imran verse 103 (3:103)

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah and do not be divided"

Also in Surah Al-Hujrat verse 13 (49:13).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ

شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا

"O mankind! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another".

Promoting / Encouraging Tolerance and Unity ::

Encouraging the sense of tolerance, acceptance and patience among the different sects and Islamic schools and branches of ~~Islam~~ while discouraging the malice of Secretarianism causes ~~conflict~~ hate, conflicts, killings and disturbance and deterioration to regional and global Peace and Security. #

Emphasize on the Education and Training of Scholars.

On the education / educating ^{the correct and authentic principles, teachings and values of} and training of the Islamic scholars. ~~of Islam~~ → in order to

address and provide guidance to the contemporary ~~and~~ issues that required consensus such as Ijtihad such as issues regarding women's rights of marriage, inheritance and divorce and issues of political and economic in nature in certain circumstances of confusion and accessibility on the basis of Islamic values and principles. All this is done with the establishment

Islamic Scholarly Council and School.

Participation / Taking Benefits of Globalization:-

Along with the addressing and confronting the issues of extremism and Islamophobia with the establishment of observatory council consists of all the muslim countries.
 → to make efforts to compel United Nations to adopt the and enforce resolutions to combat islamophobia and bigotry in all parts of the world.
 The muslim Ummah should participate and contribute in the process of globalization by making political and economic ties with other non-muslim countries in order to mutually resolve the issues, misconception, mistrust and to promote intellectual, technological, advancement and mutual benefits which in return promote co-operation, understanding and reduction in holistic behaviour.

Build up Islamic Organizations:

restructure and strengthen the Islamic organizations such as Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), inter-governmental organization consisting of 57 member states (157) Muslim countries, help which assist to create the strategies, ^{economic policy strategy} making efforts and ~~are~~ contributions in empowering and strengthening Ummah and addressing and solving the confronting challenges such as OIC General Secretariate to collaborate with other international and regional organizations to secure the rights and protection of Muslim minorities and communities in non OIC or non-Muslim states of the world.

Conclusion

So in the nutshell the current issues of muslim Ummah of disunity, intolerance, economic and political disparity and social issues of extremism and islamophobia causing chaos, confusion and conflictual circumstances or situation ^{and war} within the Ummah. The possible / enforcing of possible solutions of attributing to unity, peace, tolerance, combatting and strengthening of ties will lead towards the emergence of strong and unified and developed Ummah and muslim community in the

World with defined goals, paths and prosperity/position