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MUHAMMAD P.B.U.H AS A PEACE MAKER.

Introduction:-

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) was a model of peace, mercy and forgiveness. He promoted justice, brotherhood, and harmony even in times of extreme hostility. The Quran describe him as "a mercy to the worlds" (Al-Anbiya 21:107). His life both before and after Prophethood shows a consistent role as a peace maker, setting an eternal example for mankind. The Prophet (P.B.U.H) never retaliated harshly for personal wrongs. He forgave enimes and Prayed even for those who insulted him.

1: Before Prophethood:-

a:- Al Amin (The Trustworthy):-

Even before Prophethood he was famous for honesty and justice in Makkah. People trusted him to resolve disputes, showing his role as a natural Peace-maker.

b:- Settlement of the Black Stone Dispute:-

When tribes quarreled over placing the Black Stone (Hajr-e-Aswad) during Kaaba's rebuilding, the Prophet (P.B.U.H) resolved it wisely.
He placed the stone on a cloth and asked all tribal leaders to lift it together, then placed it himself. This avoided bloodshed and strengthened unity.

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c: Participation in Hilf-al-Fudul (Pact of Virtue)
In his youth, he joined an alliance to uphold justice and protect the oppressed. Later he said, "If I were called to it today in Islam, I would accept." (Ibn Hisham).
This reflects his lifelong commitment to peace & justice.

2) After prophethood:-

a: Patience and Forgiveness in Makkah
For 13 years, Muslim faced torture and boycott yet the Prophet (P.B.U.H) taught patience. Quran "Repel evil with that which is better." Muminun 23:96.
In Ta'if, when attacked, he prayed for their guidance instead of revenge.
Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, "The Muslim is the one from whose tongue & hand people are safe".
Quran "And reconciliation is best. Al-Nisa.
His personal life reflected kindness towards neighbors, slaves, women and orphans.

b: Charter of Madina:-
After migration, the prophet (P.B.U.H.) drafted the Constitution of Madinah. It gave religious freedom, mutual defense and justice for all tribes, Muslims, Jews, and others.
This was the first written Peace charter in history.

c: Treaty of Hudaybiyyah:-
In 628 A.D, Muslims wanted Umrah but were stopped. Instead of fighting, the Prophet (P.B.U.H) signed a peace treaty with Quraish. Though seemingly unfavorable, it led

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to peace and mass conversions. Quran called it, "Indeed, We have given you a clear victory."

3. **Global Relevance of His Peace Mission:**
His (P.B.U.H) message promotes
Dialogue instead of war, forgiveness instead of revenge, Tolerance among diff religions.
In 630 AD, he entered Makkah as a victor.
Instead of revenge, he declared: "Go, you are free. This act of mercy transformed enimies into allies.

4. **Moral and Spiritual Foundation of Peace:**
Islam emphasizes inner peace as the basis of outer peace. The Prophet (P.B.U.H) purified the hearts of people from arrogance, revenge and hatred. Quran, "Indeed, the believers are but brothers, so make peace between your brothers." Al-Hujurat 49:10.
He discouraged revenge and promoted forgiveness.
"The strong man is not the one who defeats others, but the one who controls himself when angry." (Sahih Bukhari)

5. **Promotion of Brotherhood and Social Peace:**
Established Mu'akhat (Brotherhood) between migrants and helpers.
Eliminated superiority based on race, tribe, or wealth.

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Farewell Sermon. "No Arab is superior to a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab to an Arab, except in piety". This ended centuries of social divisions and gave birth to unity.

6. **Economic Peace and Fair Dealings:**

One of the greatest causes of conflict in society is economic exploitation and injustice. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) understood that sustainable peace could never be achieved unless people's economic rights were protected. Pre-Islamic Arabia was plagued by usury (riba), cheating in trade, and monopolistic practices, which caused deep resentment among tribes and individuals. The Prophet (P.B.U.H) reformed this system by introducing fairness, honesty, and transparency in all economic dealings.

Quran, "Give full measure and weight with justice, and do not deprive people of their due." (Al Araf 7:85)

The Prophet (P.B.U.H) personally practiced and enforced this principle. He declared fraudulent traders as enimes of Peace, saying:

"He who deceives us is not one of us." Sahih Muslim.

By abolishing riba, he ended the cycle of exploitation where the rich grew richer and the poor sank deeper into

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Poverty. Through these reforms, the Prophet (P.B.U.H) neutralized economic tensions that often lead to class conflict and social unrest. Hence he lay down the foundation of economic peace, making fair trade and mutual benefit the standard practice of Islamic society.

7) **Conflict Resolution and Mediation:-**

Another aspect of the prophet's (P.B.U.H) role as a peace maker was his exceptional ability to resolve disputes through mediation and reconciliation. From his youth, he was known as Al-Hakam. He always encouraged reconciliation in personal and tribal disputes, always preferring dialogue over bloodshed.

Quran, "And if two groups of believers fight, make peace between them. (Al-Hujurat 49:9)

When dispute arose between Muslims and Jews of Madinah, he mediated through treaties that guaranteed justice and equal rights. During inter-Muslim disagreements, he advised patience, forgiveness, and settlement rather than violence. Even in International level, the (P.B.U.H) ~~approach~~ approach was mediation.

Thus whether at a personal, tribal or International level, the prophet (P.B.U.H) consistently worked to transform conflicts into opportunities for peace.

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Conclusion:-

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) transformed a violent tribal society into a peaceful community based on justice, forgiveness and brotherhood. He abolished revenge, introduced the Charter of Madinah, preferred diplomacy over war, pursued enemies, and protected minorities. His teachings embody the Quranic principle:

"And if they incline to peace, then incline to it also" (Al Anfal 8:61).

In the modern world of conflict, extremism, and intolerance, the Prophet's life remains the best universal model of peace building. He was indeed, as the Quran describes, "a mercy to the worlds".