

Islamic Studies

Assessment

Contemporary challenges of Muslim Ummah and their solution according to teaching of Islam.

Answer:

Introduction:

The Muslim Ummah is passing through a critical juncture in history. Facing many issues which being challenge for Muslim Ummah. Despite having vast natural resources and spiritual heritage faces many difficulties that contributing poverty, human civilization and social decay. It's essential to tackle all the solution of those problems which are facing by Muslim Ummah in light of Islamic teaching (Quran and Sunnah).

Understanding of historical Context of Ummah:

The term "Ummah" refers to a "muslim community" that is bounded by Faith on one Allah and his messenger Prophet (P.B.U.H). It is the collective and unified force of Muslims that can do anything for their God. Brotherhood is main component of muslim Ummah.

Prophet (P.B.U.H) said

"Muslims are brother of Each other"

People who follow the lifestyle of Prophet (P.B.U.H) and Commandments of Shariah are called Ummah.

There are following things that Ummah must follow

- Believe on monotheism
- Pray five time prayer
- Fasting in the month of Ramadan
- Donate some amount in their treasure
- Passing life according to Quran and Sunnah
- Be honest, kind and Respectful

Contemporary Challenges of Muslim Ummah

1) Political Fragmentation and Tyranny

Political system is riddled with authoritarian regime, intervention of foreign policy and sectarian government. Sometimes, state seems like Materialistic, prioritise own interest over national interest that lead poverty & rising inflation.

2) Influenced Western Judiciary system

Rules and law influenced by western societies - judiciary system is rely on western state which negotiate Islamic values. In muslim countries sovereignty belong to Allah but Jew laws are not stand with Islam. Like, Alcohol is prohibited in Islam but in pakistan this is allowed for non-muslim and the interest making Bank (Riba), in Islam taking loan is Haram but government of muslim countries Approved it.

3) Economic dependency and inequality:

Despite of having vast natural resources (oil, minerals and gas) most of countries are not stable. Economically dependent on western countries. Pakistan are good at industrialization, agriculture sector and nuclear energy. economic downfall contributes to dishonesty.

4) Spiritual and Moral decay:

Human beings are continuously decline their spiritual and moral strength and capacity

Morally decline:

- Being dishonest
- Disregard Kindness
- Do not focus on virtue

Spiritual decline:

- Sincerity with state
- Break rule and law
- Corruption
- Died their inner faith
- Implementation on humility and serenity.

5) Islamophobia in Western Countries and Media Bias

The prestige of Islam in western society is ridiculed and terrorist foreign agendas and non-muslim community spreading phobia for transiting the image of Islam. The biased on social media platform X, youtube and Twitter making useless content or posts against Islam.

For Example:

India was disseminating false propoganda about Pakistan that Pakistan expanding terrorism in India.

6) Secularism and Disunity

Allah says in Quran:

Surah Al-e-Imran verse 103

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

Despite Allah commands people are doing division in religion like (Sunni, Shia)

The type of secularism spread negotiate stereotypes.

1) The Palestine issue and injustice in muslim world

Palestine, Kashmir and Xionig issue is exact example of injustice in muslim world. despite the violation of human right muslim countries supported violator countries through purchasing their goods. In the globalisation era muslim countries must countered the relation with of jender countries. For Example:

Countering with Israel is obligatory on muslim countries if a country doesn't, so the muslim country shouldn't use their product or things.

Root CAUSES OF CRISIS

In the globalised world, it is essential to root causes of these crisis which are making difficulties for muslim Ummah. Because of which a state do not remain of peace and prosper state

Contemporary Relevance and Path of Revival

2) Return to Quran and Sunnah

The most essential solution to the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah is return to Quran and Sunnah

Allah say in Quran:

Surah An-Nahl verse 89

"We have revealed to the book as an explanation of everything"

2) Unity Beyond Borders

The factor of nationalism is being emerged where people (muslims) of other countries are consider themselves as a separate community but the Ummah is one community. So there is must unity beyond borders. over 1.8 billion muslim in a world in the form of Ummah so the nationalism obligated with muslims.

3) STRATEGIC MEDIA AND NARRATIVE BUILDING

There is need to make a strategic media platform where authentic and accurate information is provided

For Example:

An Indian Muslim Scholar Dr Zakir Naik has a channel on youtube that provided accurate knowledge to human beings.

4) Education Reforms and Ijtihad

In schools, college and universities must be class of Islamiyat and practical life of Islam

Educational institution runs with science technology and Islamiyat. Muslims need to do ijtihad, without ijtihad Muslim become stuck in rigid thinking and fail to address new challenges with wisdom.

Leadership rooted in Taqwa

Islamic leadership should be based on piety, competence and public service, not on dynasties or personal gain. Muslim youth must be trained to become future leaders.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the Muslim Ummah, despite its population over 1.8 billion facing issues, having natural resources challenge economic dependency, decline moral and spiritual power. It's all the problem not descent from heaven. It is man-made.

Revival or way forward from challenges is essential to reforms Ijtihad, Strategic Media and Islamic leadership in the light of Quran and Sunnah.

Allah says in Quran:

Surah Ar-Ra'd verse 11

"As Allah promises, indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves."