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INTRODUCTION

Muslims were once the architects of a great civilization, ruling empires with justice and wisdom and making remarkable contribution in science, culture, governance, literature and architecture.

Over the time, however, the Ummah lost its glory due to internal weaknesses such as disunity, moral decline and neglect of Islamic principles and cultural domination.

Today, the Muslim world faces serious challenges that affect both individual and collective life, including sectarianism, misrepresentation of Islam, Western Influence and Islamophobia. are among the most pressing issues today.

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CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES FACE BY THE MUSLIM WORLD

1) LACK OF UNITY AMONG THE MUSLIM UMMAH

Once of the most critical challenges today is the absence of unity among Muslims. The Ummah, which once stood as a symbol of brotherhood and cohesion, is now divided along sectarian, cultural and ideological lines. Differences in interpretation and the rise of sectarian conflicts, such as tensions between Sunni and Shia groups, have weakened the collective strength of Muslims. This disunity not only creates internal conflict but also makes the Muslim world vulnerable to external pressure.

2/ MISCONCEPTION OF TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM 2-

A serious challenge faced by Muslims globally is the association of Islam with terrorism and extremism.

The actions of a small minority have been generalized to entire Muslim population.

3/ Impact of Westernization on Islamic Values 2-

Another major challenge is the increasing influence of the Western culture on the Muslim countries. Many Muslims, consciously or unconsciously adopt Western norms without critical evaluation. A notable example of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, where significant Westernization took place, including the replacement of Islamic legal systems with secular laws.

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4 Global Rise of Islamophobia:-

Closely linked to the previous issue is the rise of Islamophobia.

Negative portrayals of Islam in media and political narratives have created fear and mistrust towards Muslims.

Solution According to the teaching of Islam

1) Strengthening Unity

Muslims should overcome sectarian, ethnic and regional differences by following the guidance of the Quran and Sunnah.

As Allah says Surah Al Imran 3:103

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

2) Promoting Islam's Peaceful Message :-

Through education and exemplary conduct, Muslim can counter the misconception of terrorism.

The ~~PA~~ Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:

The best among you are those who have the best manners and character. (Sahih Bukhari)

3/ Reforming the OIC :-

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation should be strengthened to provide a platform for Muslim countries to address conflicts, provide humanitarian aid and work collectively on global issues, ensuring the Ummah speak and act as one.

4/ Preserving Islamic Culture :-

Reviving Islamic heritage and achievements, like contributions to mathematics, science and arts, strengthens identity and reduces undue Western influence inspiring progress and pride in the Muslim legacy.

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Conclusion

The Muslim Ummah can overcome contemporary challenges by following Quran and Sunnah, promoting Unity, reforming institutions, spread the peaceful message across the world and preserving Islamic culture.