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Q- Good combination of the reason (intellect) and revelation can resolve today's issues of humankind
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> Introduction

Human history shows that neither reason alone nor revelation alone, when misunderstood, can fully resolve complex human problems. Islam presents

a balanced framework where intellect works under divine guidance. This harmony produces moral clarity, social justice, and practical solutions for modern challenges, ensuring both spiritual purpose and material progress together.

Human Problems

Limit of Pure Reason

Guidance of Revelation

Balanced Decision Making

Just and Stable Civilization

① Reason ~~Intros~~ and Revelation as Joint Sources of Truth

→ Revelation Providing Absolute Moral Guidance

Revelation provides fixed moral principles beyond human bias and desire. It protects humanity from changing standards that confuse right and wrong. When intellect follows divine limits, decisions remain just and consistent. Thus, revelation acts as a compass, while reason acts as a navigator, ensuring correct direction in ethical and social matters.

Ayat

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ آلِهِمْ وَنُسُلِهِمْ خَالُونَ
وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَتَوْا بِمَثَلٍ قَالُوا كَمِثْلِ قَدْحٍ
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Decision belongs only to Allah.

→ Reason Interpreting and Applying Divine Guidance

Reason is necessary to understand, interpret, and apply revelation in changing situations. Scholars explain that law, science, and administration develop through human intellect within divine boundaries, as discussed by Muhammad Asad in Islam at the Crossroads. Thus, intellect transforms eternal guidance into workable systems for modern societies and institutions.

→ Limits of Human Jis Without Revelation

Pure reason is influenced by emotions, interests, and social pressure. History proves that human-made systems often justify injustices.

Revelation corrects intellectual arrogance and protects human dignity. Without divine check, intellect may legalize exploitation, war, and moral decay, showing its inability to safeguard humanity independently from higher guidance.

Ayat

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ يَتْلُو آيَاتٍ لَّكُم مِّنْهُنَّ حِكْمَةٌ كَثِيرَةٌ لِّئَلَّا تُكْفِرُوا بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ
"You have been given little knowledge"

→ Revelation Without Reason

Causes Misapplication :-

Ignooring intellect leads to a rigid and harmful interpretations of religion. Understanding objectives of Shariah requires reasoning, as explained by Khurshid Ahmad in Iqam: Its Meaning and Message. Blind liberalism creates conflict

and extremism. Therefore, balanced understanding ensures that divine guidance produces mercy, not hardship, in practical social life.

② Impact of Reason-Revelation Harmony on Individual life

→ Balanced Personality and Moral Confidence

When intellect and revelation guide behaviour together, individuals develop stable moral confidence. They act wisely, not blindly, and ethically, not emotionally. This balance creates disciplined, thoughtful, and principled personalities who can face temptations and doubts without losing faith or rational clarity in complex personal decisions.

Hadith

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" إني لَأُرسِلُ لَأَتَمِّمَ لَكُمْ مَا ظَلَمْتُمْ
" I was sent to perfect "

Morals

→ Protection from Doubt
and Extremes =

Combined guidance saves individuals from blind skepticism and blind fanaticism. Reason answers intellectual questions, while revelation stabilizes belief. Dr. Hamidullah in Introduction to Islam highlights this harmony as the foundation of Islamic education. Thus, believers remain intellectually satisfied and spiritually firm in confusing modern environments.

→ Ethical Decision Making
in Daily life =
Daily choices require both moral

values and practical thinking. Revelation defines lawful and unlawful, while reason chooses suitable methods.

This cooperation helps people manage family, work, and finance responsibly.

It prevents impulsive behavior and selfish gain, producing trustworthy citizens with strong inner accountability and social responsibility.

Ayat

﴿ وَرَأَيْنَاكَ شَاكِرًا ﴾
﴿ وَرَأَيْنَاكَ شَاكِرًا ﴾
"We showed him both paths"

→ Psychological Peace and
Purpose

Intellect alone cannot answer why suffering exists. Revelation provides purpose while reason understands coping strategies. According to Hussain Nasr in Ideals and Realities in Islam.

faith based understanding strengthens mental stability. Thus, balanced guidance produces hope, patience, and emotional strength, reducing anxiety, despair, and moral confusion.

② Impact of Reasoning - Revelation Harmony on Social Order

→ Just Legal Systems and Human Rights

Revelation ensures justice, while reason designs procedures. Together they protect life, property, and dignity. Laws remain moral yet flexible.

This harmony prevents tyranny of rulers and chaos of unchecked freedom, creating stable legal systems that balance authority with accountability for social peace and long-term

national stability.

Ayat

7 " Allah commands Justice "

-> Ethical governance and
Administration

Good governance requires moral vision and administrative skill. Revelation defines responsibility, while reason plans policies. Muhammad Al-Buraq in Administrative Development an Islamic Perspective explains that Islamic governance combines ethics with efficiency. This prevents corruption, promotes service delivery, and strengthens public trust in institutions and leadership structures.

-> Economic Justice and
Social Welfare

Economic problems need moral limits and rational planning. Revelation forbids exploitation, while reason develops system of production and distribution. This balance promote fairness, discourages greed, and ensures welfare policies. Societies guided by this harmony reduces poverty and protect vulnerable groups through sustainable, ethical economic strategies.

Ayat

> ﴿ كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ مَوَدَّةَ بَيْنَ الْاَلْتَّامِيَةِ ﴾
" So wealth may not circulate only among rich "

→ Faith and Science

Balanced education shapes productive citizens. Revelation gives values, while reason develops skills.
Zafar Iqbal on Islamization of

Pakistan stresses curriculum integration for moral nation building. Such education prevents identity crisis, builds innovation, and produces professionals who serve society ethically rather than purely for personal gain.

④ Global Problem Solving through Reason and Revelation

→ Resolving Moral Crises of Modernity 5

Modern societies face family breakdown and identity confusion. Revelation restores moral boundaries, while reason designs counseling and legal reforms. Together they heal social structures and strengthen family values, reducing crime and psychological disorders through ethical education and

supportive community systems based
on balanced moral philosophy.

Hadith

” أفضلكم أهل بيوتكم أهل بيوتكم أهل بيوتكم “
Best among you is
best to family

→ Managing Scientific and
Technological Power

Technology without ethics causes
destruction. Revelation sets moral limits,
while reason controls technical
development. Scholars like Afzalur
Rahman in Quranic Sciences highlight
ethical science guided by faith.
This balance ensures medical,
genetic, and digital advances
serve humanity instead of
exploiting human life or violating
dignity.

→ Peaceful International Relations

Global conflicts require moral restraint and strategic thinking. Revelation teaches justice and peace, while reason develops diplomacy. Together they prevent aggression and exploitation. This framework encourages dialogue, treaties, and humanitarian law, promoting international stability and cooperation instead of domination and continuous violent rivalry among powerful nations.

Ayat

وإن يميلوا للسلم فاجعل لنا
" If they incline to peace,
incline to it

→ Sustainable Civilizational Development

Civilizations survive when ethics guide progress. Revelation preserves moral goals, while reason builds infrastructure and institutions. Tarkhan in Islam and Secular Mind explains that material success without spiritual values collapses societies. Balanced development ensures continuity, justice, cultural stability, and meaningful progress across generations.

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Conclusion

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Reason and Revelation are not rivals but partners in Islam. Revelation provides moral direction, while reason ensures practical application. Together they solve personal, social, and global problems effectively. This harmony protects humanity from moral chaos and intellectual arrogance, producing balanced individuals and just civilizations capable of sustainable progress.