

Section-II

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1. Introduction:

Religion plays an important role in maintenance of peace and harmony in a society. Whatever be the religion, whether it is Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, or Confucianism, all are flag bearers of peace and harmony.

However, they may be contradictory to each, but almost all of them have a same cause: prosperity and wellbeing of mankind. Similarly, the modern era which is full of chaos, anarchy, materialism, and injustice needs the pursuance of religion. Because religion is the only panacea to cure the humanity from all sorts of evils.

2. Need of Divine Religion in Modern Time:

Religion can cure the humanity from all sorts of evil conducts. History reveals that the nations who follow the guidelines of their respective religion in letter and spirit are away from ditching or persecuting the humanity. Here are some points which will shed light that why religion is necessary in modern time.

(A) Avoiding to conflicts:

All religions mostly prohibit their followers from involving in conflict because all give the life of human being a highest ranking.

As for as Islam is concerned it states that one who protects a human life, indeed has given safety to whole humanity.

B. Promotion of peace and harmony:

As religions avoid to have skirmishes or conflicts, every person will be in peace and harmony.

It is worth-noting that League of Nations, United Nations Organization (UN)

, and Geneva Convention are a new things, but religions have been promoting peace and harmony from hundreds of years. Moreover, all such organizations have been failed, but religions can promote a peaceful society if followed firmly and wholeheartedly.

8. Promotion of justice and equality:

Religions are the sole guarantors of justice and equality in a society. For instance, Islam when emerged in Arabian peninsula, gave sanctity to all, provide them with equality and justice. Law was equal for all irrespective of color, race and creed. Still, it is followed as same in Islam. However, international peace making organizations or law ensuring institutions such as International Court of Justice have failed in promoting equal justice to all.

9. Diminishing Materialism:

Love for money and other physical objects makes a man

materialistic in nature. Such people, then, can do everything to satisfy and please themselves even by killing others. However, in such a materialistic world religion comes to rescue the whole humanity. It brings mankind from materialism to spiritualism.

E. Sustaining the environment:

Now-a-days many climate activists talk about climate change, global warming, and deforestation. They raised their voices now when humans had to face the cataclysm of climate change. However, religions have refrained the people from cutting the trees, polluting the environment, or killing the animals needlessly. For instance Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said

"If one cuts a lote tree, he will go to hell."

(Al Hadith.)

B. Analysis:

All these arguments testify that religion is crucial for

• a society where materialism has anchored its roots strongly; where peace and harmony is disturbed, where exists a law of jungle, where cost of human life is cheaper than a bullet. Hence, religion is essential in modern era to sustain the society.

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1. Introduction:

Apart from other religions Islam is the only religion which gives proper due rights to its minorities. This example is unmatched by other religions. It gives them the right to worship freely, trade, get education. Similarly, Islam also protects the minorities from intruders.

2. Rights of Minorities in Islam:

Islam ensures provision of several due rights to its minorities. Following are some rights which are duties on Muslims.

A. Right of safety from invaders:

Islam takes a safety tax from dhimmis (minorities). In return gives them guarantee of safety of life and property. As Zakat is not taken from minorities, therefore safety tax is mandatory on minorities. There are many examples in which Muslims returned the safety tax to minorities when sensing the failure to protect them. Like one in time of Hazrat Ameer Muawiyah.

B. Right to worship freely:

None any religion gives this right to its minorities to worship independently. This is the only religion which bestows them this right.

During Misaq, Madina (part of Madina) Muhammad (PBUH) allowed them to worship freely. Even they were given right to drink wine. But in later condition the wine should not be brought in front of Muslims or Muslim territories.

C. Right to trade:

permission of trade was also

allowed during pact of Madinah. They can trade, own business with each other and as well as with Muslims and other people. Islam does not hampers them from free trade. It does not imposes a sanctions on them.

Q. Right to get education:

Minorities are free to establish their own educational institutions and get education. State also allocates funds for ~~them~~ their institutions, so that they can acquire knowledge.

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(a) Charter of Madinah:

Charter of Madinah is considered as the first written constitution in Islamic history. It was signed by prophet Mohammad (PBUH) between Muslims (Ansar and migrants) and Jews of Madinah. It is, actually, an agreement between the Muslims, Jews and all those

who were residing in Suburbs of Madinah. It contained around 57 articles. The main objectives and articles of charter of Madinah were as follows.

1 All Muslims and Jews will ~~live~~ live freely in Makkah without interference of each other. There will be no conflicts between them, and peace is promoted.

2 All people are free to abide by their own religion. They are free to worship. And no one will impose his religion on other.

3 If someone - foreigner - invades Madinah, all people will act accordingly for the safety of Madinah. Whether the invasion is on Jews or Muslims.

4 Jews are free to trade and own their business. They can drink wine, sell and purchase it. But it should

not be reached in Muslim market.

5 Everyone is equal before law whether it is a Muslim or Jews. However, cases of Jews will be proceeded according to their own religion and book.

6 The rest agreement were majority among the Muslims.

(b) Importance of Education in Islam:

Education plays a vital role in upbringing and prosperity of a nation. However, Islam gives it a major focus. Here are some examples which will shed light on importance of education in Islam.

1. Prophet's hadith about education:

طلب العلم فريضة

على كل مسلم

Seeking knowledge is mandatory

on each Muslim Men and women.

In other saying, prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has said,

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"Seek knowledge from the lap of your mother to the lap of grave."

It means, a person should always be in acquisition of knowledge. He should not spare ~~is~~ a minute in extra activities.

2 prisoners during Badar Battle:

Around 70 disbelievers were arrested during the battle of Udd Badr. Which were kept in Madinah for a few days. Some were released on payment condition while the rest who could not pay for their acquittal, were made to teach the children of Madinah. It is worth noting that prophet (PBUH) ~~can~~ could release them on other conditions. But he preferred education over all the others.

3. Subba: a nursery for scholars:

importance of education can also be witnessed from the fact that a small place was established inside prophet's Mosque, called Al-Subba. This was actually a nursery for knowledge seekers. People used to come to quench their thirst of knowledge. Apart from Quran^{and} Hadiths, Sharah philosophy, Fique and business knowledge were the key subjects. These scholars were then spread to other parts of Makkah and Madinah to impart knowledge. ~~Starta~~ For instance, Hazrat abu Huraira is one of the scholars and alumnus of Subba.

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1. Introduction:

There are many beliefs in Islam in which one has to have firm belief. Among them one is belief in Life hereafter. Belief on Life

Hereafter holds an immense importance. As it positively impacts both the individuals and the society in which they dwell.

2. Doctrine of Life hereafter:

All Muslims have firm faith on five pillars and belief systems of Islam. Similar in fashion, Muslims have ^{firm} belief that there is another life after death, which is called as Life after. They truly believe that life does not end after death, but, actually, death is the start of a new journey and new life. That life is long lasting which never ends. In this life mankind receives rewards and punishments for what he had done in erstwhile life. This concept is known as doctrine of life hereafter.

3. Impacts of Life hereafter: Concept/Doctrine of Life hereafter

plays an advantageous role. As it possesses several positive impacts both on individual life and society.

A) Impacts on individual life

Following are the main impacts on human/individual life.

(i) Fear of God:

All Muslims know that there is one and only God. And they have to face Him life hereafter. Therefore, it produces sense of fear among them.

(ii) Abstain from wrong doings:

As concept of life hereafter frightens the Muslims; therefore, they, generally avoid evil doings.

(iii) Good moral conduct:

They involve in good moral conducts, promote peace and harmony. They help each other, cooperate with each other. And never do injustice to anyone.

For they know that they have to face the almighty

God after life hereafter.

(iv) Promotion of Spiritualism:

Doctrine of Life hereafter wipes away the Love of material objects. Hence, promote spirituality.

B) Impacts on Society:

Society will also be positively impacted by concept of Life hereafter. Following are the main impacts on society.

(i) Peace and harmony:

As individuals abstain from wrong doings. They will not involve in conflicts, battles and persecutions.

Therefore, peace and harmony will prevail in the society.

Every person will obtain peace of mind.

(ii) Equality and Justice:

Doctrine of Life hereafter bounds the individuals from doing injustice to any one. Therefore all individuals will work on

the qualities of equality and justice soon these values will be observed in whole society.

(ii) Cooperative Society:

All individuals in society ~~at~~ having firm belief on life hereafter will cooperate with each other in day to day affairs. As they know that their each act of kindness will reward them at the day of life hereafter. In this manner a cooperative society will be established, which will flourish in true sense.