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CONCEPT OF ISLAM

Islam means "Surrender" and total Submission to Allah Almighty. Its concept is to surrendering oneself to the will of Allah. It's the central article of faith. Along with this to believe that Muhammad (PBUH) is the last messenger of Allah is also mandatory. Islam describes wholeness and unity in all aspects, which provides guidance to humans at every step of their lives.

DISTINCTIVE ASPECTS OF

ISLAM:-

Distinctive aspects of Islam are its prominent features that makes Islam a true and unique religion of the world and establishes its identity as the

Only religion to guide not only to Muslims but also to human kind. Following are some of the distinctive aspect of Islam.

1. TAWHEED: THE BEDROCK OF ISLAM.

The essence of teaching of islam is tawheed. It means there is only one Supreme Lord of the universe and that is "Allah". To whom all the things in this universe belong. Islam is like a fort and the gate to that fort is tawheed. (Holy Prophet Muhammad PBUH). No one can claim himself a muslim without accepting oneness of Allah. This unique aspect is also mentioned in Holy Quran.

قل هو الله احد
كفوالحد (سورة الفلاس)

Say: He is Allah the one. Allah is

eternal and absolute. None is been of him and none he was born. And there is none like him.

(Surah Ikhlaas)

2. PROPHETHOOD:-

For the guidance of mankind and to show people the practicality of religion, Allah Almighty, sent his prophets to guide mankind. For every nation there was a prophet to guide them about the rules and principles, dos and don'ts of religion. Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) ~~is~~ is the last prophet of Allah, whose teachings are for every nation till the day of Qayamah. Believing on finality of the prophethood is also the second part of ~~qalim~~ Kalima. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

وما أرسلناك الا رحمة للعالمين

(الانبيا: 107)

"And we have not sent you but as a mercy for all to the universe."

3. RELIGION OF PEACE

AND LOVE:-

Islam is the only religion in the world which was spread through love and peace and it provides guidance to live with love and peace. It teaches the ways to behave with every member of the society, with family, friends etc. Islam also emphasizes to treat servants with love and care and has also guided to be kind to animals too.

4. ISLAM AND HUMANISM.

In Islam men and women all are equal. It teaches humanity and speak for the rights of humans as well as of Plants, animals and environment. Islam emphasizes Muslims to be empathic, loving, kind, just and caring.

not only for ~~the~~ humans but also for animals and plants. Holy prophet Peace be upon him recommended a person just because his camel was a hungry. For plants he said "Do not cut green trees even if you are in the state of war."

5. UNIVERSALITY OF THE RELIGION.

Islam is the only universal religion in the world. Islam is revealed for the whole mankind not only for Muslims. This religion is not limited to any part of the world or for any nation. The message of Islam is for entire human race. The God in Islam is for the whole world and the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the prophet for all mankind. Either Arabs or non-Arab every one can be benefitted from the teachings of this religion.

6. PRACTICALITY OF THE RELIGION:

It is the most distinguish feature of Islam. Islam is not only the religion of knowledge but also a religion of practice. Holy prophet (PBUH) has shown the practicality of the religion through his life. He has followed the teachings of Islam in every problem of his life. Seerah of Holy prophet (PBUH) is the example of practicality of the religion.

7. RELIGION OF EQUALITY:

Islam is the religion that ensures equality of every human being. Islam does not discriminate people on the basis of gender, colour, caste, creed, nationality etc. For Allah, rich and poor, white and black, men and women,

all are equal. If someone is superior to other that is only on the basis of "Piety." Holy prophet (PBUH) in his last sermon said:

"An Arab has no superiority over non-Arab, nor a white has superiority over black except by piety (taqwa) and good deeds."

8. COMPLETE CODE OF LIFE:-

Islam is the only religion of the world that teaches humans about every aspect of life. It teaches the ways of living life from political affairs, to economic, social, domestic life of the individuals. It teaches the ways of behaving, ways of attending ceremonies, teaches us the rituals and acts to be performed at the time of birth

or death. It tells about the rights and responsibilities as a citizen, mother, father, brother, sister, leader. Hence it provides us guidance in every aspect.

IMPORTANCE OF DEEN:-

Deen is an Arabic word which means supremacy or "to attain dominion status." According to shariah deen means sovereignty of Allah and to follow his commandments. Following ~~are~~ is the importance of deen.

1. Deen provides a clear path to follow.
2. Deen sets the criteria for right and wrong.
3. Provides safeguard against all evils.
4. Deen provides power to endure adversities of life.
5. Deen fight against violence and discrimination.

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1. INTRODUCTION:-

Human rights in Islam is based on mutual respect and dignity. According to the Holy Quran "man is superior to all other creatures". In Islam there are three major declarations about human right and many are mentioned in Holy Quran, directly granted by Allah Almighty.

2. WHAT IS DISTINCTIVE SYSTEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISLAM:-

Distinctive system of Human rights in Islam is that, it ensures human rights through three declarations. Muslims do not have to make sacrifice for it. Human Rights Pact madina, Declaration at Makkah and last sermon of Holy

Prophet (PBUH) ensures human's rights. Many fundamental rights which Islam endows on Muslims are:- Respect for humanity, equality of every Muslim, Freedom of speech, Right to life and property, right to education, justice, forbearance, protection of life and property. and many more. It's the distinctive aspect of Islam that Muslims do not have to sacrifice for it, all are granted by Deen, whereas people of West had to sacrifice lives to get their rights.

3. How ISLAM ENSURES

DIGNIFIED STATUS OF WOMEN:-

Before Islam people used to bury their daughters. As the light of Islam prevailed it taught Muslims to respect their women. It made them aware about the status of women and called

girls as a blessing of Allah. With time Islam keep on teaching about the rights and status of women and give them a respectable status in the society. Following are the few way by which women in Islam got dignified status

a) Islam shows no discrimination between girls and boys:-

Islam ensures dignified status of women by ending all the pre-existing differences between girls and boys. Birth of girl child is considered as blessing of Allah in Islam. Holy prophet (PBUH) said that, "Lucky is the women whose first child is daughter." Along with this at Islam also denies the discrimination between girls and boys. But has elevated her status by the quote of Holy prophet (PBUH) that, "whenever you bring

anything to your house, give it first to your girl child." Above two evidences are showing that islam has ended all discrimination between girls and boys.

b. Islam grants women^{the} right to get education:-

In islam it is mandatory for every muslim girl or boy to get education. According to islam "the first institution for the child is mother's Lap". Therefore, it is necessary for a mother to be educated, to be empowered to make his child aware about the ups and downs of life and to built a child of strong and good character. Islam has emphasized upon the education of daughter as much as one worry about his son. It is ~~men~~ saying of

Holy prophet (PBUH) :-

طلب العلم فریضه علی کل مسلمة و مسلم (الحديث)

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every muslim men and muslim women."

c. Islam ensures the consent of the girl for the marriage proposal.

Islam has elevated the status of women through this special right. Islam ensures the consent of the girl before accepting any marriage proposal. It is commanded to the parents that ask your daughter before saying yes to any marriage proposal. It has also denounces the stereotype that a girl herself can't sent proposal for marriage if she likes some one.

Inspiring upon the character of Holy prophet (PBUH) Hazrat Khadija (R.A), herself, sent marriage proposal for Holy prophet (PBUH). Like wise holy prophet (PBUH) after getting

marriage proposal from Hazrat Ali (R.A) for her daughter fatima and knowing Allah's will in this relation said Insha Allah to Hazrat Ali (R.A) and asked his daughter about his consent regarding the proposal. In these ways islam ensures dignified status of women.

d. Islam has given women the
right to inherit property..

Pre-islamic customs related to women were biased. Women were treated as property and they were not entitled to inheritance, whether as a mother, wife, sister or daughter. But according to islam, mother, wife, and daughter can not be deprived of from the right to inheritance. Islam has set the ratio for the inheritance. Hence, islam is the only religion which does not deprive women from their right of inheritance rather ensured right to inheritance.

e. Right to involve in Politics:-

Islam ensures political independence of man and women. Islam grants women opportunity to involve in politics. She can participate in political convention, she can vote. Women in Islam has right to self-defense and right to defend her property. But all these are to be carried out under the directions of Islam.

f. Islam has given women right to choose profession:-

In Islam there is no difference between men and women. Islam grants women right to earn, right to choose profession by keeping in mind the limitations set by Islam. For a married women, Islam directs women to choose profession with mutual understanding of both the partners.

g. Islam gives women the
right to own property.

Islam allows women to purchase and be a owner of property. Nobody whether her father, children, brother, husband has right to interfere regarding her property. She is free & from all such boundaries and restrictions. Husband has no right in her private property. In this way islam ensures dignified status of women.

CONCLUSION:-

Islam is the complete and comprehensive code of life. It gives women various dignified rights which are not given to societies without sacrifices. It allows women to own her property, to get education, to choose profession, and ends discrimination b/w boys and girls. Islam guarantee every right for women and ensures dignified status of Islam.

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CONCEPT OF ISLAMIC CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION:-

The word culture is derived from arabic word which means 'to clip'.

Culture is a process by which a society or place reaches a advance stage of cultural organization.

The major difference between culture and civilization is that culture is a spirit and civilization is a body. Islamic culture and civilization has remain prominent.

Concept of islamic culture and civilization is to set a society which works under the principles of islam, which has moral principles, which shows dignity, which set on the rules set by Allah.

VITAL ELEMENTS OF ISLAMIC CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION:-

Every culture and civilization has few elements which as the foundation of its system. Following are some of the vital elements for Islamic culture and civilization.

1. BELIEF IN TAUHEED:-

Islamic culture is based on monotheism. Believe in oneness of Allah, and to worship only ~~work~~ one God is the basic demand of Islamic culture. It will create a sense ~~is~~ of responsibility and righteousness, as one day everyone has to be accountable for his doings.

2. BELIEF IN PROPHETHOOD:-

The second most vital element of Islamic culture and civilization is belief in the prophethood of Holy prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Muslim aspire to lead their life

following the teachings of Holy prophet Muhammad (PBOH). Life of Holy prophet (PBOH) is a role model not only for muslim but for every individual.

3. BELIEF IN THE HEREAFTER:-

The third belief of islamic culture and civilization is the belief in life after death. It provides man a complete system of reward and punishment, warning and cautionary promises and ~~abom~~ abmonination, which inculcates in man fear of Allah and spirit of performing good deeds.

4. RELIGIOUS PRACTICES:-

In the ambit of religious practices muslim strives to perform namaz which is the basic difference between muslim and non-muslim. Give zakat to the needy and

poor ones, which ~~str~~ brings stability in society and strengthens the culture. Muslims gather for prayer (salah) at mosque, where they form a unique bond with each other. Fasting which makes aware of the hunger and need of the needy ones. All these basic religious practices creates a vital element for the foundation of a good culture.

5. MORAL PRINCIPLES:-

Another vital element for the culture and civilization is moral principles. The civilization which is strong in term of moral values can only rule the world. Islamic civilization teaches every moral principles to its people. It has emphasized on the doing good, deeds, justice, equality, trust, fairness and honesty.

How THESE VITAL ELEMENTS
OF CULTURE AND SO CIVILIZATION
PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN
PERSONALITY AND COMMUNITY:-

a) Human personality:-

In an individual life these vital elements of culture and civilization develops sense of good ethics and other social and cultural norms.

It set social and moral boundaries of character for a personality and an individual strives to become a good human. Religion and good moral values makes man aware of the reward and punishment of good and bad which makes him to realise his purpose of life. Thus an

individual tries to make his and others life, an example of for other civilizations.

b) For Community:-

Various systems of community like political system, economy, prohibited and permitted sales and purchase all these domain get a direction through the teaching and ^{doings of} role model of Holy prophet (PBUH). Families in the community from other religion start to act with these golden principles of Islam.

CONCLUSION:- No doubt civilization and culture has direct link with the religion of that society. The basic components of religion directly affects to that of culture and helps in managing culture and society. Hence, we can't deny the role of religion in culture and civilization.