

Title: Progress without change is impossible

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a) Introduction:

"Progress and change are interlinked and inseparable from each other. To attain sustainable and ever-lasting progress, one must change their ways to accommodate that progress."

b) How Moral Progress without change is impossible?

a) Holy Prophet (PBUH) and Early Muslims

c) How Social Progress without change is impossible?

i) Rosa Parks and Rights Movement

ii) Emancipation Movement

iii) Zainab Aletst^{and} Bill

d) How Political Progress without change is impossible?

i) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the Two Nation Theory

ii) Mandela's Bloodless Revolution

(iii) Lenin's Russian Revolution

(iv) The Suffrage Movement.

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e) How technological progress is impossible without

- (i) Artificial Intelligence
- (ii) Zuckerberg's Facebook
- (iii) Jeff Bezos's Amazon

f) How progress on the battle field is impossible without change?

- (i) Hitler's Blitzkrieg
- (ii) America's entry into the Nuclear Age

g) How Environmental progress without change is impossible?

- (i) Greta Thunberg - Environmental Activism
- (ii) Ozone Hole Repair

h) How Economic Progress without change is impossible?

- (i) Indian Economic Reform 1990s
- (ii) Pakistan and Lack of Reforms.

(i) (g) Conclusion

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It is said that, "a journey of a thousand steps begins with a single step." That journey is filled with every kind of difficulty imaginable. If one were to build upon that, then one could imply that the journey for ever lasting and meaningful progress is filled with highs and lows, ups and downs and that too starts with a single step - an idea to reform/change. This idea is a map, a blueprint, a drawing of the complete process. Connecting this map is the central idea of change; if one desires to change their life in order to progress, then surely Providence helps him do so.

Progress and change are used interchangeably nowadays, mostly by motivational speakers. They rile up the crowd by using fancy jargons, for presentations; doing so, adds depth to their words. At the end of their talks, they conclude by saying, "Progress is impossible without change." There should no doubt that progress and change are interlinked, both are inseparable from each other. To attain ever-lasting and meaningful progress, one must change their views, ways and even lifestyles for the sake of progress. History provides many examples from the fields of politics, economics, morality, technology and so on where people changed

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the status quo ^{thinking} to progress ahead.

Morality and changing a person's ethical viewpoints presents a challenge in itself. Man has inbuilt biases that are reflective of his morals and ethics. To achieve a utopian society, one needs to start at these building blocks of personality. Many would say that it is impossible to reform man and achieve a utopian society. However, history tells us of one man who did so; Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said nay to the naysayers and reformed not only the Arab but also the Arabian society. His teachings led to the ultimate progress of the society on a moral scale. The Holy Prophet started small, he worked on correcting the smaller ills of society first then the larger ills. The Arabs resisted this change and even they ~~assaulted~~ ^{apelted} the Prophets with stones, insults and abuses. However, the reformer was adamant on ~~bringing~~ progressing ~~to the~~ ahead. However, strong they were they sooner or later changed their ways and went on the path for achieving everlasting progress. At the end of the Prophet's life, he turned the barbaric society of the Arab tribes into the first and only utopia. He achieved progress on the moral, social scale through changing the Arabs.

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Social change ~~is~~ was not only achieved in Madinah. It is evident in our time and contemporary times too. If one were to flip the pages of history to the 1930's and 1940's, they would realise that racial segregation in America was at the highest. Segregate transport, housing and areas were a norm. Then came along, a black woman, Rosa Parks who started a silent social movement by not giving up her seat to a white person. The movement reached its peak when Martin Luther King gave his famous 'I have a dream' speech. Dr King, couldn't see it in his lifetime, but the change and progress they brought was solidified by the introduction of the Civil Rights Bill. Similarly, racial America in the early days debated on ending slavery ~~movement~~ throughout the country. Progress could only be achieved if real ~~real~~ was adopted by the people (slave owners). After the emancipation movement people did so and slavery was finally abolished. Social ^{progress through} change, did not only happen in America; is also found in Pakistan. The Zainab Alerts and the Zainab Bill are all results of the social change that society witnessed after the Zainab incident. Progress was made after these changes were brought forward by society themselves. Society pushed for legislative changes ensured that

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no child afterwards, ideally, suffered the same fate as Zainab.

These political progress is not only due to social pressure. Pakistan's very independence and the conception of the idea of independence is a result of realizing that the subcontinent has two very distinct nations. Both diametrically opposed to each other in social, moral, religious and political thought. It was through this rift that Sir Syed Ahmad Khan presented his Two Nation Theory. Today, Muslims of the sub-continent owe a great deal of gratitude to Sir Syed Ahmad Khan for planting an idea of a separate homeland and changing the perception of the Muslims in their own eyes. Similarly, the Soviet Union was formed through the revolutionary change brought in by Lenin, Trotsky and others. Ultimate progress was achieved, ^{albeit} at a great cost, was the Soviet Union was formed. Mandela's bloodless revolution brought in ^{an era of} progress for black South Africans by changing their political struggle and galvanizing the African nation from Robin Island. Lastly, the Suffrage movement resulted in progress that change the entire political landscape of the modern world.

Today, everyone owes a great deal of gratitude to the political

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change makers. However, another revolution is taking place - the digital revolution. Tech companies once thought to be one show ponies have conquered the world by surprise. The word 'AI' or Artificial Intelligence was ^{only} used in Isaac Asimov's novels. Today, AI has changed how mankind processes data. Deep learning and Machine Learning allows man to perform tasks that would be taken care of by computers. The whole computer/technological ecosystem has changed. Companies ^{use} ChatGPT from OpenAI, Gemini from Google and Copilot from Microsoft in their applications. Schools and Universities have started to incorporate them into their syllabus. Society in order to progress along with this digital revolution had ^{to} first to change its ways. Societal acceptance and accommodation was necessary for this progress. Similarly, Mark Zuckerberg and Jeff Bezos revolutionized the tech market when they launched Facebook and Amazon, respectively. Facebook brought along a new market of digital social connectivity and Amazon capitalized on the e-commerce side of the digital revolution. These platforms laid the groundwork for many others like YouTube, Google and so on. Society had to change, the market had to change and the visionaries had to change in order to achieve any digital progress.

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Progress is limited to the cyberspace or political arena. Progress is found on the battlefield when the old is ushered out and new tactics are ushered in. ~~Hitler~~ Hitler and his Blitzkrieg campaign was one which changed the course of modern warfare.

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It is no wonder that Blitzkrieg translated into Lightning war from German into English. Similarly at the end of the war, America brought change that leave the entire course of warfare completely useless. America used two nuclear war heads against to finally end the war and usher in a new era of nuclear warfare. Little Guy and Fat Boy resulted in the deaths of millions but it finally made Japan capitulate and it surrendered in 1945 marking the end of the war. These tactical and weaponry advancements ensured progress at all costs.

In the latter, progress was accompanied with 6 million deaths but it in the long run America hegemony was secured.

War brings death and destruction to all that all involved. Families are torn apart, ~~entire~~ economies plunge into chaos, entire nations are brought at each other's throats. As per the United Nations Environmental Programme, 'global militaries account for 8% of the world's emissions.' The environment is taken for granted in wars. That is why mankind is suffering from climate change, rising sea levels and much more because it always took the environment for granted. However, today, things are the same anymore. Climate Change is an undeniable fact. Countries like Pakistan, Indonesia, the Pacific Island nations and much more are at risk. For mankind to survive, it must change its ways. Greta Thunberg, the little girl from Sweden, led climate protests across the world. She developed a realizing among all people that this issue needs change. When people did realize, results started to show; in 2020 the Ozone hole started to repair itself and was projected to heal itself by the year 2030. Progress can be achieved when mankind lets go off short-term profits and focuses on long-term collective goals. It is not one against the world or something like that. It is a collective problem that must be dealt collectively.

Dealing with Climate change, requires economic and monetary support. Something that the developing world is struggling with. Market economies like Pakistan, Sri Lanka and others ^{were} are on the brink of financial collapse. India, too, was on the brink of collapse in the 90s. However, India changed its course^{it}, opened the market, opted for liberalization and brought in the private sector. Today stands in the G20 while the rest of the region struggles to manage their act together. Pakistan, is an example, of what happens when a country does not adopt change/reform in its economic system. It continues on the same boom bust cycles after every three years. The country's economy overheats and finally spirals into collapse. The economy is the life line for the country. However, an erratic lifeline would do no good and only harm in the long run. The country needs to get its act together and ~~figo~~ implement change that it is so desperately avoiding. Only through implementing long lasting change can the country progress. The country needs to implement reforms in the education, economic, governance and virtually every other sector. Only then can the country guarantee sustainable economic progress.

All in all, the journey of progress is accompanied by change. One has to change their habits, views and lifestyles in order to progress and excel in life. For life waits for no one and those who do not change with the time get left behind.

In conclusion, sustainable and effective progress requires from any subset of individuals to change themselves. By doing so, only then can they achieve and aspire to achieve progress.