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### Introduction:

The doctrine of Akhirat is one of the basic elements of faith in Islam. This belief states that all living things will die as the Quran says, "Surely, every soul will taste death," and after that resurrected to answer for their actions. Abu Ala-Mawdudi has described Akhirat belief in a proper way, in his book "Towards Understanding Islam". He writes, "Every thing will die, it is called Day of Qiyamat, and after that, every thing will be resurrected, it is called Day of Heshir (Day of Judgement). These two concepts are the key foundations of the doctrine of Akhirat. Moreover, this belief is the essence of Islam because it has a profound impact at individual and society level.

### Proofs of the doctrine of Akhirat in the Quran and Hadith:

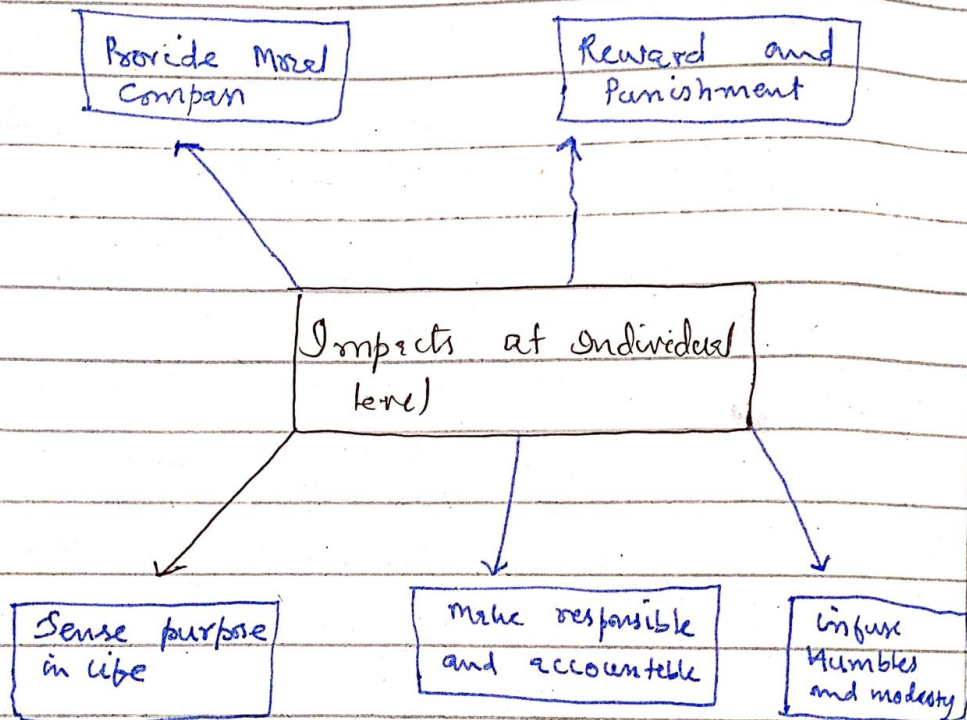
The Quran says, "Surely, Allah will revive the dead with water".

The Holy prophet (PBUH) said, "Truly, the

life is the life of Hereafter".

### (2) Impacts of Akhirat Belief at Individual level.

Following are some of the main impacts of Akhirat at individual level.



(1) It gives a sense purpose in life.

Belief Akhirat gives a purpose in life because this life is not end of everything. This purpose is to worship Allah. The Quran says, "We have created Jinns and Humans to worship Me" (Alb)

(ii) It makes person responsible and accountable of his action.

In the life of Hereafter, person will be held accountable for his action, thus, make him responsible for his actions: The Holy prophet (RBUH) said. "This life is the seed bed for <sup>the</sup> hereafter. whatever you sow here, will reap in Hereafter".

(iii) It makes Humble and modest:

Owing to Akhirat belief, a believer do not exaggerate his merits and be grateful for everything in life. All things are granted to him through Divine grace and this keeps his ego in check, making him humble and modest.

(iv) It provides Moral compass.

Belief in Akhirat provides moral compass, making believers to strictly follow the moral codes of Islam so as to succeed in the ever-lasting life.

(v) It promotes reward and punishment concept.

Those who does good in this life, will be awarded high reward of Jannah, while those who does bad deeds will be punished for their evil deeds, (Jah).

### (3) Impact of the Doctrine of Akhirat at society level:

Several impacts of the doctrine of Akhirat can be seen at society level. Some of them are as follows-

(i) It infuses sense of cooperation and brotherhood:

This belief brings people together, making them believe that all muslims are brothers and they should live in harmony. The Quran says: "Surely, all muslims are brothers".

(ii) It promotes social equality and social justice:

Akhirat belief makes believe that all humans are creation of Allah; therefore, he respects every person. The Holy prophet (PBUH) said:

The best among believers is one who neither hates muslim nor non-muslims". In this way, social equality and justice is promoted.

(iii) It increased welfare of people in society:

This doctrine clears the way for the overall welfare of people in society. Because believers know that Allah loves those who helps his creatures.

**Conclusion :**

The doctrine of Akhiraat is a revolutionary concept in Islam as it has significant impact at individual level, making people humble, modest, and responsible. Moreover, it also brings positive changes at societal level by making society more just and fair and more welfare of people is considered. Thus, the doctrine of Akhiraat is a amazing concept in Islam.

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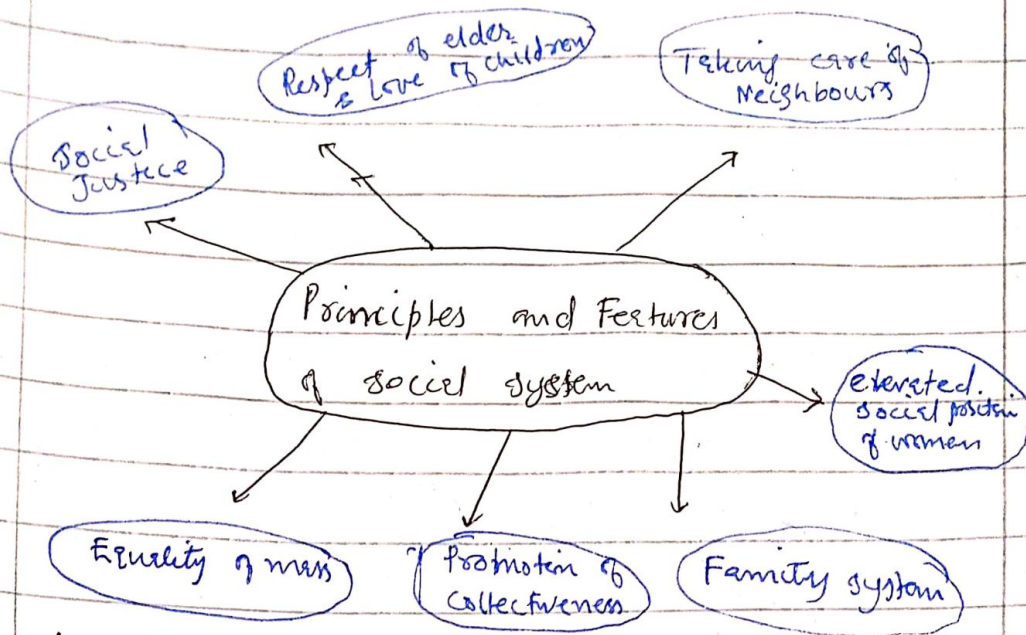
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### Introduction:

Islam is a complete code of life, providing guideline in every aspect of life, be it political, economic or social. In social life, Islam has provided a blue print to lead a life in proper way. Islamic social system is based on unique principles and <sup>the</sup> features that are distinguish from other religions. These <sup>unique</sup> features of Islamic social system can be the cure of prevailing problems in contemporary social order. Let us take a brief view of basic principles and feature of social order in Islam.

### (1) Main principles and Features of Islamic social system:

There are several features as well as principles of social system in Islam. Some of them are given below.



### (i) Equality of Masses:

Islam believes in true equality of masses because all humans are creations of Allah regardless of their race, colour and ethnicity. Alletma Sybel says, "The essence of Fawhid lies true equality and social solidarity."

### (ii) Taking care of neighbours

In Islamic social order, keeping good relations with neighbours is given a top-most priority. The Holy prophet (PBUH) said "He is not believer one who takes his full, while his neighbour starves".

(iii) Proper family system:

Islam has provided clear guidelines for family set-up in a society. In Islamic system, broader concept of family system is given in which father and mother are included.

(iv) Proper marriage system

Islam has rejected concept of celibacy (non-marriage). It has encourage muslim to get married. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said, "Marriage completes faith (Iman)."   
 (Iman)

(v) Respect for elders and love for children:

In Islamic social system, respect for elders and love of children is given utmost importance. The Holy prophet (PBUH) said, "He is not among us who does not respect elders, and love children."

(vi) Promotion of social justice:

Islam believes in the concept of social justice. Social justice



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is a lifeblood of Islamic social system. The Quran says, "Allah commands justice and fair deals".

## (a) How to address challenges and problems of contemporary social order.

Islamic social system can address the challenges and problems of contemporary social order in several ways. Some of them are given below.

(i) It can help to address growing inequality in the society.

The contemporary social order is replete with social inequalities on the basis of class, colour, ethnicity and wealth. Islamic social order believes in social equality of human beings can help to address it.

(ii) It can address the issues of individualism and promote collectivism.

Individualism, inspired from the west, has been the key feature of current social order. Islamic concept of collectivism can be of

great significance to address it-

(iii) It can solve the problem of nuclear family.

Nuclear family has seen dramatic rise in current social order. Islamic family system of living in large families can increase love and affection among family members.

(iv) It can tackle social injustice in society.

Social injustice is often seen in contemporary social order. Islamic doctrine of social justice can address this issue to a great extent.

### Conclusion:

No doubt, Islamic social system has outstanding features and striking characteristics like equality of masses, love for children, respect for elders, and taking care of neighbours. These principles can be helpful to address the problems of contemporary social order.

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### Introduction:

The Muslim Ummah is facing multiple challenges in contemporary world. Of them, Islamophobia and extremism are the daunting challenges. Extremism is the bigger challenge than Islamophobia because the latter is the product of the former. Extremism exists in almost every single muslim country, while Islamophobia only exists in the western countries and some other countries. Moreover, extremism is not only threat to Muslim Ummah, but it is a threat to Islam. Therefore it is safe to say that extremism is insurmountable challenge to Muslim Ummah.

### Q) How extremism is bigger <sup>challenge</sup> than Islamophobia-

The rise of extremism has affected almost every single muslim countries. Pakistan, Iran and

Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia are just few countries which are bearing the brunt of extremism - moreover, extremism is bigger threat to Muslim Ummah in following way -

(i) Extremism has tarnished image of Islam.

Owing to <sup>existing of</sup> extremist elements, Islam is being perceived as religion of violent elements, which use violence to promote their view point.

(ii) Extremism is the root cause of Islamophobia.

Islamophobia means the fear of Islam and Muslims or deep-rooted hatred of Islam. This hatred is developed due to violence caused by extremist in the society.

(iii) Extremists have killed more muslim than Islamophobia.

In the violent attacks of extremists, people are killed in a large number than Islamophobia related incidents. In extremist attack cases, the number will be in thousands.

whereas, in some other cases, the number will be in few hundreds.

(iv) Extremism has increased intolerance and created environment of fear.

The brutal attacks of extremists have increased intolerance in society and have created environment of fear and horror.

### (5) Main culprit Factors behind Extremism:

Several culprit factors are behind growing extremism in the society.

Some of them are as follows:

(i) Misinterpretation of religious doctrine.

Misinterpretation has been at the heart of extremism. They (extremist) believed their version of the Quran and Sunnah right attack those who are against it.

(ii) Illiteracy: a root cause.

Most of extremists are either illiterate or poorly educated. Therefore, they accept every things they are taught at the face value and do not acquire more about it.

### (4) Recommendations to address Extremism in society:

Extremism can be uprooted in multiple ways. Some of them are given below.

(i) <sup>Promotion of</sup> Proper

Teaching of Islam:

True teachings of social harmony, peace and co-existence must be imparted among masses to address the curse.

(ii) Ban on the speeches of violent elements.

Those who are fanning the flames of violence and extremism should be banned from public speaking.

(iii) Proper education of masses:

Another way to address extremism is to properly educate young, but eager minds. The elements of creativity, innovation and inquiry are imparted in education system.

### Conclusion:

Extremism is the daunting challenge confronting muslim ummah as it distorts image of Islam, causes Islamophobia, kills innocent people and create atmosphere of horror and chaos. Therefore, it has to be address at a ever-footing in contemporary world.

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## Women: Their Right, Role & Status.

Ans

### Introduction:

Islam has provided remarkable rights and unique status to women. Before Islam, Arabs used to kill their daughters and considered women as chattels - things to be transferred from one man to other. However, Islam abolished these practices of Jahiliya era and granted women a complete personhood and honourable status in the society. Let's take a brief view of rights of women in Islam, their role and status in the society.

### (1) Rights of Women in Islam:

Islam provides significant rights to women. Some of these rights are given below -

#### (1) Right to Education:

Islam provides equal education opportunities for women. The Holy prophet (PBUH) said, "Education is mandatory for every muslim male & female."



## (iii) Right to divorce

Islam grants women to divorce their husband, provided they do not fulfill their needs. Hazrat Abbas reports, once a girl came to the Holy prophet (PBUH) told him that his father has married her forcefully. The Holy prophet (PBUH) gave her choices either to accept it or reject it."

## (iii) Right to inheritance:

Islam has given the right of inheritance for women. In the case of daughter, it is half of brother. As a wife, it is  $\frac{1}{8}$  if has children, and  $\frac{1}{6}$  if no children.

## (iv) Right to freedom of expression:

Women are given freedom to voice their grievances in Islam. Khurshid Ahmed, in his book "Islam: Its Meaning and Message" write that once Hazrat Umar was confronted by women, women proved her point and asked Hazrat Umar (R.H) to acknowledge that women is right."

(V) Right to private property.

They can hold private property -

(VI) Right to khulu -

They have full freedom to khulu, in case their husband are gone for too long -

(3) Role of women in Islam

Islam has granted special role to women. Their role is to take care of family and love her husband and love her children - On the absence of her husband, she took charges of the household in Islam. Therefore, it is right to say that Islam has provided unique role to women in their every aspect of life. They are not just reproductive machines rather they are human beings -

## Status of women in Islam:

① As a mother -

Islam has granted mother great significance. The Holy prophet (PBUH) said, "Heaven is under the feet of mother".

② As a Daughter -

Daughters are given special status. The Holy prophet (PBUH) said, "Who has a daughter and he do not kill her or give his sons preference over her, will enter in paradise".

③ As a wife:

As a wife, women are granted special status as well. Husbands are asked to be kind to their wives and take care of their needs.

How Muslim women are more empowered than the Western - society:

- ① They are given equal education opportunities than western women.
- ② They are given more financial freedom than western women.
- ③ They have more say in family affairs than western women.
- ④ They are given unique social position than western women.
- ⑤ They are granted complete personhood regardless of their race, colour and caste.

### Conclusion :

True, Islam grants women with special rights, role and status. Owing to that muslim women are more empowered than western women because they are granted financial independence, right to education and many more. Thus, Islam has liberated women from the clutches of jahiliya period.