

## Islamic Studies

### Q-3 Introduction

The doctrine of Akhvat (Life after death) pertains to the belief that this world is a temporary place of residence and after that death, human beings would be woken up to another life, which would be never-ending. Based on the actions of the human beings in this world, they would be placed either in hell or heaven. Thus, the principle of Akhvat is of critical importance in Islam.

### The doctrine of Akhvat (Life hereafter) in Islam

i) understanding that this world is not the ultimate destiny

The Quran says  
"To Him we belong and to Him we shall return."

This is the essence of the doctrine of ~~Fa'at~~<sup>AKhvat</sup>. All Muslims must understand this world is a temporary abode and not their ultimate destiny. The ultimate destiny resides with their Creator Allah (S.W.T)

ii) one of the fundamental beliefs in Islam  
Belief in life after death, is  
one of the fundamental beliefs in  
Islam. There are in total six fund-  
amental beliefs in Islam, and belief  
in Akhrot is one of them. Without  
faith in the doctrine of Akhrot,  
a person cannot become a muslim  
in the truest sense of the word.

### Akhrot's impact on the life of an individual

i) Creates fear of Allah (S.W.T)  
Belief in Akhrot creates  
fear of Allah in the heart of an  
individual. The individual begins to  
realize that his ultimate place  
is with Allah (S.W.T), either in heaven  
or in hell. This makes the individual  
come closer to Allah (S.W.T) and ask for  
His forgiveness.

ii) Prevents individual from  
wrong doings  
An individual is prevented  
from committing illegal and sinful

activities as a result his or her belief in Akhrot. The individual stops him/herself from engaging in all kind of wrongdoings.

- iii) moves an individual closer to piety when a person has faith in life after death, he or she becomes pious and endeavours to lead a righteous life. The person has in his or her mind that he or she would have to return to Allah <sup>(SWT)</sup>. This makes the person perform prayers and fulfil his or her other religious obligations.

### Akharat's impact on society

- i) makes the society peace-loving. A society becomes peace-loving through its belief in Akharat. It refrains from unnecessary conflicts and disputes because it is aware that existence in this world is of lesser importance than existence in the hereafter.

- ii) Promotes unity in the Muslim Ummah. Unity is also promoted in

the muslim Ummah as a result of belief in the doctrine of Life After death. This results from a move towards solidarity due to this belief.

(iii) Protects against materialism and profanity

Faith in Akhvat (Life after death) protects the society against materialism and profanity. It makes the society come closer to spiritualism and reduce its interest in the material things in life. The human society is also kept away from lewd and profane practices, which helps it stay balanced and grounded.

### Conclusion

To conclude, the doctrine of Akhvat (Life hereafter) in Islam is an important doctrine. Its main objective is to prevent devotion towards life on earth and make an individual realize that there is going to be a life after death and he or she must prepare for it. Hence, the impact on life and on society of this belief is of paramount significance.

### 0.3 Introduction

The concept of character building through education in the light of <sup>their</sup> teachings of Islam is a multifaceted concept. Moreover, it has far-reaching implications in terms of transforming the society for good. Islam emphasizes on education as it plays an important role in not just the character building of a person, but also in improving every aspect of a person's life, whether it is social, economic, political, or financial.

#### The concept of character building through education in the light of teaching of Islam

1)

The importance of education in Islam

"Read" was the first word which Angel Jibrail said to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) when the first revelation was made to him. This demonstrates the importance of education, reading and learning in Islam. Without education, there is no possibility of a brighter and better future.

ii)

How education builds a person's character

Education builds a person's character by developing a sense of right and wrong within him or her. Through this sense, a person is able to build a better life for him or herself and also make beneficial decisions for his/her future.

iii)

The importance of education in the light of Quran

The importance of education in the light of Quran has been discussed on several occasions. Enlightenment and knowledge are exceedingly important based on the teachings of Islam and the Quran. The Quran itself is a book of education about life and existence, with its subject being the human being.

iv)

The importance of education in the light of Sunnah

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said, 'Acquire education even if you have to go to China for it.'  
On another occasion the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said,

'Acquiring knowledge is a duty of all Muslims, both men and women.'

The sayings above highlight the importance

of education for the Holy Prophet (pbuh)  
How education can transform  
the society

(i) making the society progressive  
Education transforms the  
Society by making it progressive  
and moving it closer to modernity. Educa-  
tion helps a society adopt the most  
advanced and best practices when  
conducting its affairs. This helps the  
Society move forward in a structured  
manner while optimizing its potential.  
Hence, education is imperative for the progress  
of a society.

(ii) Promoting peaceful co-existence  
in the society  
Education promotes peaceful  
co-existence within the society. As  
a result of acquiring an education, people  
become more tolerant of each other  
and are able to live with one another  
in a peaceful and harmonious manner.  
They conduct their affairs in a  
gracious and cordial manner and  
avoid all kinds of meaningless conflicts.  
They become patient and peace-loving  
and this makes their society peaceful.

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### Improving the image of the society

Education helps a society improve its image - An educated and enlightened society is able to project itself as a decent and balanced society. This society not only benefits the people living within it, but also serves as an example for the upcoming generations. Thus, the enhancement in a society's image as a result of education has ripple effects for generations to come.

### Conclusion

To conclude, education in the light of the teachings of Islam not only builds an individual's character, but also transforms the society by bringing positive changes within it. Thus is the reason why education has been at the centre stage in Islamic teachings and principles. Without education, there is no progress or prosperity and a nation is doomed to failure and ruft. Thus education builds character and character builds society.



## 0.4 Introduction

The main features and principles of Islamic social system consist of belief in the oneness of Allah, social justice, promotion of community life and social cohesion. Furthermore, the challenges and problems being faced by the contemporary social order can be addressed through the process of making the human society pious and God-fearing, accommodating people from all walks of life within it, promoting social equality and several other measures.

### The main features and principles of the Islamic social system

#### (i) Sovereignty of Allah (S.W.T)

One of the main features and principles of the Islamic social system is belief in the oneness of Allah (S.W.T) and His sovereignty over all matters. The Islamic social system is established by maintaining the Allah (S.W.T) is the sovereign and that He is the main decider of everything. No decision can be successful if Allah (S.W.T) doesn't wish it to be successful. Allah

(S.W.T) says 'Be' and a thing happens

ii)

### Social justice

The Islamic social system lays great emphasis on social justice - The concept of justice is integral to the Islamic social system and serves as its foundation. Without social justice, the Islamic social system cannot sustain itself.

iii)

### Community life and interaction

Community life, social interaction and social cohesion are important aspects of the Islamic social system. There is a great value of community based activities in an Islamic social system and it depends on them considerably.

Ways to address the challenges and problems being faced by the contemporary social order

i)

moving the society closer to piety

The challenges and problems of the contemporary social order can be addressed by moving the society closer to piety and fear of Allah (S.W.T) - This can help revive the contours of a dying society.

(ii) Accomodating people from all walks of life

By accomodating people from all walks of life and becoming all-inclusive, the contemporary social order can address its challenges and problems in an effective, as unity helps tackle a lot of ~~more~~ issues.

(iii) Promoting social equality

Through the promotion of social equality, the problems of the contemporary social order can be holistically tackled. A more equal society would entail less infightings and peaceful co-existence. In an equal society, there would also be fewer haves and have-nots.

(iv) Collaborating on various issues

The contemporary social order can be improved by collaborating with each other on various issues. Through collaborations and understandings many issues and challenges could be addressed in a meaningful and fruitful manner. Thus, collaboration is an effective way of tackling challenges.

and problems surrounding the contemporary social order.

(v) Bringing the society closer to religion and moral values

By bringing the society closer to religion and moral values, the contemporary social order can be restored. Religion and moral values give a society a sense of direction and makes it holistic and complete.

(vi) Creating respect and tolerance for each other

Through the creation of respect and tolerance for each other, the contemporary social order could grow and flourish. It could thrive under critical situations, as there would be a mutual understanding of one another.

## Conclusion

To conclude, the Islamic social system is an admirable system which offers a useful mechanism through which life could be led. It also offers ways through which social life could be made fruitful, useful and productive. Hence, the Islamic social system must be looked upto

## Q. 6 Introduction

The concept and principles of Good governance in the light of teachings of Islam entail sovereignty of Allah (S.W.T), the vicegerency of Allah, significance of consultation, and promotion of democracy along with several other principles. A modern state can benefit from these principles by applying them to improve governance and manage its responsibility effectively.

The concept and principles of good governance in the light of Islamic teaching

- i) Sovereignty of Allah (S.W.T)  
The concept of good governance in the light of Islamic teaching expands on the sovereignty of Allah (S.W.T) and HIS control over everything. This sovereignty entails that without Allah (S.W.T) <sup>will nothing can</sup> ~~happen~~.
- ii) Vicegerency of Allah (S.W.T)  
God's governance in Islam entails vicegerency of Allah (S.W.T). The person appointed as the head

of a government in Islamic state  
is a vicegerent or a representative  
of Allah (S.W.T). His duty is to exercise  
the will of Allah (S.W.T) and govern according  
to His teachings.

iii)

Importance of consultation  
Consultation or presence  
of a majlis-e-Shura is an important  
aspect of good governance  
in Islam. The Holy Prophet (pbuh)  
and the Caliphs, all would make  
use of consultation in order to  
make important decisions.

iv)

Establishment of democracy  
The establishment of  
democracy is an essential  
aspect of good governance in  
Islam. Islam enjoins a  
democratic system of governance  
through the voices of all the  
concerned parties are heard and taken note  
of.

v)

Promotion of rule of law  
Under good governance  
in Islam, rule of law is promoted.  
There is great emphasis on following  
the rules and adhering to the  
laws and legal provisions. Hence,  
rule of law is an important aspect  
of good governance in Islam.

vi) Principle of Accountability  
Accountability is an exceedingly critical aspect of good governance in Islam. Without accountability, public office holders could not be held answerable for their actions and initiatives. Hence, the principle of accountability is critical in good governance in Islam.  
How a modern state can get benefits from these principles

i) Benefits from the promotion of democracy  
A modern state can benefit from the promotion of democracy through the inclusivity and empowerment which democracy promotes.

ii) Benefits from the promotion of rule of law  
When rule of law would prevail, a modern state would be able to establish itself in a comprehensive manner. There would be minimum anomalies and frictions in the governing of a nation.

state, if rules are followed.

iii)

Benefits from transparency

A modern state would be able to ~~the~~ benefit from transparency as the citizens <sup>who</sup> ~~which~~ make up the state would be able to gain access to knowledge about whether their issues are being channeled to the concerned authorities or not.

iv)

Benefits from accountability

The benefits which a modern state is likely to reap from accountability are multifarious. The modern state would be able to conduct its affairs through a system of checks and balances via enforcement of accountability.

### Conclusion

To conclude, the concept and principles of good governance within Islam are multidimensional and all-encompassing. They are also critical in ensuring that the best possible governance is put in place within an Islamic State. Moreover, a modern state can benefit profusely by adopting the concept and principles of good governance in an Islamic State.