



ISLAMIC STUDIES

QUESTION 2

Explain the doctrine of Akhrot (Life hereafter) in Islam. Describe its impact on the life of an individual or society.

ANSWER

Introduction

Believe in Akhrot is the 4th faith one should have while entering Islam. It refers to the eternal life that awaits all humans after death, where they will be judged for their deeds in this world and receive their ultimate reward and punishment. The belief in Akhrot plays a profound role in shaping the lives of Muslims, influencing their actions, beliefs, and motivation.



In Surah Al-Imran - 185 Allah states:-

"Every soul will taste death. And we test you with evil and with good as a trial; as to us you will be returned"

"Impact on Individual Life"

Motivation to do good:-

The motivation to do good comes from the accountability one have to face on the day of they do good and avoid bad as they know their action will have external consequences

Quran 14:52 +

"Verily the recompense of hereafter is better for those who believe and (constantly) fear Allah, (though) you may not perceive it."

Fear of divine Punishment :-

The fear of divine punishment works as a deterrent from committing sins. One thinks

of the punishment of sin before committing it and holds back.

Quran 62:8:

"Who fears the Day when heart and eyes will be over turned"

In this verse Allah says that one can not commit any sin if he is afraid of Allah and believe on day of Judgment.

Hope for eternal rewards

The hope for eternal reward motivates Muslim to strive for righteousness and live a virtuous life. Individual one have the ~~fe~~ deep belief that Allah will reward good for good did he will only perform better.

Quran 42:22:

"And those who believe and do righteous deeds, we will admit them to Gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they shall abide eternally. A goodly reward is for those who do good"

Allah have promised reward for those who perform well in this world. It motivate individual.

Gratitude for blessings

This belief in Akhirah fosters gratitude for the blessing of this as a life. As Muslims recognize that they are temporary and fleeting

In Quran Allah says (14:7)

"So give thanks to Allah for his favours, if you are truly believers"

Patience in adversity:-

The belief in Akhirah ~~fosters~~ ~~gratitude~~ ~~for this~~ helps Muslims to endure trials and tribulations with patience and perseverance, knowing that they are part of Allah's plan. A Muslim believes that Allah can never decide wrong.

Quran surah Al Imran Ayat 142 Allah states:-

"And we have certainly tested those before you, and will surely make you know about the disbelievers"

Embrace of death:-

The belief in Akhirat helps Muslims

to accept death as natural part of life and to prepare for it accordingly. Muslims are always prepared for death and are brought up listening that this life is just a temporary place of living.

In Surah Bakrah verse 156 Allah states:-

"And indeed you will die and indeed they will die"

Social Impacts

Promote moral uprightnes:-

The belief in Akhirat contribute to a society where people are more likely to act morally and ethically. Akhirah helps people not to commit sins which lead to a healthy environment for living.

Quran 5:51

"O you who believed, do not consume one another's wealth unjustly except in trade by mutual consent"



Reduce crime rate :-

The fear of divine punishment can deter people from committing crime, which ultimately lead to low crime rate and a safe society to live.

In Quran 19:68 Allah says:-

"And whoever does evil, then shall be requited with the like of it and there will not be for him a protector"

Promotes Justice :-

The belief in Akhirah uploads the principle of Justice, as people believe that they will be held accountable for their actions and there is no way of hiding.

In Quran 5:8 States :-

"O you who believed, be steadfast for Allah, as witness in Justice"

Conclusion:-

The doctrine of Akhirah plays a profound role and multifaceted role in the lives of both

individuals and society in Islam. It serves as a motivator for good deeds, fosters hope and patience in the face of adversity and encourage social responsibility and Justice. By reminding muslim the ultimate consequences of their actions.

QUESTION 6

Explain the concept of Good Governance?

ANSWER

Introduction

The concept of good governance finds profound resonance in Islamic teaching, emphasizing Justice, fairness and accountability. These principles enshrined the Quran and Sunnah, offers valuable guidance for building modern states that are prosperous, stable and serve the need of citizen.

Key Principles of Good Governance in Islam

Oneness of Allah

The core principle says the foundation of equality and justice. All citizens regardless of their background are Allah's creation and deserve equal right and respect.

"O humanity! we have created you from a single male and female, and made you into nations and tribes so that you may get to know one another." [49:13]

AL-ADAL (Justice)

Justice in all aspects of Islam emphasizes governance by ethical leaders are entrusted by upholding the law fairly and impartially, protecting the rights of the vulnerable and eliminating discrimination.

"You who believed Allah, be steadfast for Allah, as a witness of Justice even if it is against yourselves or parents and relatives"

[5:8]

Consultation

Good governance relies on consultation and collective wisdom. Leaders are encouraged to seek advice from experts and the representatives of people, ensuring decisions are well informed and reflective of the community need.

"And consult them in the matters."

[3:159]

Trustworthiness

Leaders are entrusted with a significant responsibility and must uphold the highest standards of integrity and accountability. They should manage public resources wisely, avoid corruption and be transparent in their decisions.

"Indeed we offered the trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they refused to bear it and were afraid of it; but man, and indeed he was unjust and ignorant."

[23:8]

Excellence

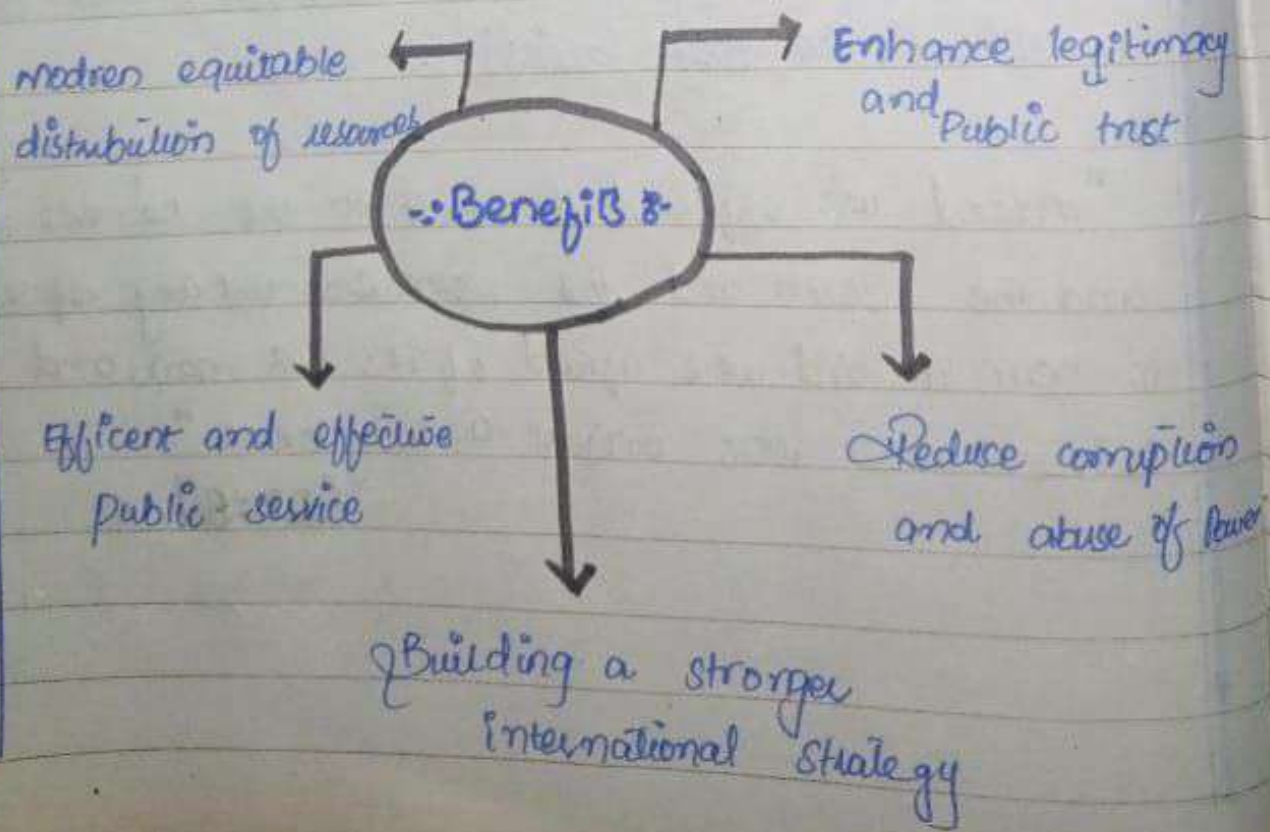
Islam encourages striving for excellence in all endeavors, including governance. Leaders should continuously seek to improve system, uphold high standards of service delivery and promote innovation and progress.

"And compete in raising to your load in good deeds."

[3:134]

Benefits for modern States

By incorporating these Islamic principles, modern states can reap numerous benefits such as:



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Conclusion

Islamic principles of good governance offer valuable insight of modern states seeking to build a just, prosperous and sustainable future. By embracing these principles such as consultation, justice states can be empower their citizen, enhance their global standing and create more harmonious and equitable society for all.
