

PART II

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Discusses the concept of Tawakkul (Contentment) and Taqwa (Piety) in the light of Islamic teachings.

TAWAKKUL (CONTENTMENT)

The word Tawakkul comes from the Arabic root word "wakaala", which means to entrust, rely or depend on someone. In Islamic context, it means to place one's full trust and reliance on Allah, acknowledging His sovereignty and control over all matters.

Tawakkul is an integral concept of Islam that refers to complete trust and reliance on Allah (SWT). It embodies the belief that while humans must exert effort, the ultimate outcome of any situation is in Allah's hands.

According to Quran, Allah says in Quran "Say, 'Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed for us. He is our protector,' and upon Allah let the believers rely." (Surah-Tawba)

This verse highlights the belief that everything that happens is by Allah's decree and that He is the ultimate protector. In this verse, believers are encouraged to rely on Allah in all circumstances. In another verse in Quran Allah says "And when you have decided, then rely upon Allah, indeed, Allah loves

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those who rely upon him" (surah imran).

Here in this verse, the emphasis is on making decisions and taking actions,

but with a heart full of trust in Allah.

In another verse Allah says "it is He who made the earth tame for you.

so walk among its slopes and eat

of his provision and to him is the resurrection" (surah mull).

In this verse it underlines that while humans are ~~always~~ urged to explore, work and make use of the provisions given by Allah, they may ultimately place their trust in him.

In hadith the prophet (PBUH) said "whoever wishes to be among the strongest of peoples let him place his trust in Allah.

Practical Application of Tawakkul:

- (1) Muslims are encouraged to make sincere effort in all endeavours, whether in their personal lives, careers or spiritual practices. However they must also have faith that the outcome is determined by Allah's wisdom.
- (2) Tawakkul helps Muslims maintain patience and composure in the face of challenges, knowing that Allah's plan is ultimately for their benefit.

Benefits of Tawakkul: (1) inner peace.

- (2) Strength in trials
- (3) Contentment.

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Taqwa - Taqwa comes from Arabic word "waga" which means to protect or shield. In Islamic context it means to protect oneself from the displeasure of Allah by being conscious of His presence and adhering to His commandments.

Taqwa is a central concept of Islam that encompasses piety, God consciousness, and righteousness. It is a state of being that reflects a Muslim's awareness of Allah in all aspects of life, driving them to act ethically and morally in accordance with Islamic teachings.

According to Quran: "And take provisions, but indeed the best provision is fear of Allah, and fear me, O you of understanding". (Surah Baqarah)

"O you who have believed fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims in submission to Him". (Surah Inuran)

Harraat Muhammad (SAW) said "I ^{counsel} you to fear Allah (have Taqwa) and listen and obey even if an Ethiopian slave is appointed as your leader.

Practical Application of Taqwa:-

- 1) Taqwa drives Muslims to adhere to ethical principles and avoid sinful behavior and perform good deeds.
- 2) It involves regular self-reflection, repentance and striving of spiritual and moral improvement.

- (1) Taqwa influences interactions with others, promoting justice, kindness and compassion in community and family life.

Benefits of Taqwa

- ① Those who possess Taqwa are promised divine guidance, protection and provision. They experience a closer relationship with Allah and His support in times of need.
- ② Taqwa provides a sense of peace and contentment as believers know they are living in accordance with divine guidance and striving for righteousness.
- ③ It fosters trust, respect, and love in relationships as individuals with Taqwa are mindful of their duties and responsibilities towards others.

Q:4:

Explain the doctrine of Risalat. Discuss its importance in human life?

Risalat - it comes from Arabic root word "rasala" means to send a message. In Islamic context it refers to divine message sent by Allah through His prophet (Rasul).

The doctrine of Risalat encompasses the belief in the messengers of Allah who were chosen to convey His guidance, laws, messages to humanity. This includes prophets like Adam (AS), Noah (AS), Ibrahim (AS), Hazrat Muhammad (SAW).

Risalat is the fundamental doctrine in Islam that refers to the concept of prophethood and the belief that Allah has

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sent prophets to guide humanity.

Importance of Risalat in Islam:

Risalat is very important in Islam because it gives guidance and instruction to humans. Prophets serve as intermediaries between Allah and humanity, conveying His instructions and laws. They guide people on how to worship Allah correctly and live righteous lives. In Quran Allah says "We have certainly sent to every nation a messenger, saying worship Allah and avoid Taghut" (Surah Nahl)

Prophets also provide a model for moral and ethical conduct. Their lives serve as exemplary patterns for Muslims to emulate in their own lives. The prophet Muhammad (SAW) has said "I have been sent to perfect good character" (Musnad Ahmad).

Through prophets Allah revealed scriptures that contain His words and commandments. These include Torah, Zabur, Injil and Quran.

Prophets clarify the correct beliefs about Allah, the afterlife, and the unseen. They correct misconceptions and guide people away from falsehood.

The finality of prophethood in Islam:

Muslims believe that Muhammad (SAW) is the last and final prophet completing the line of prophethood. His message is universal and eternal, applicable to all of the humanity until the day of judgement. According to Quran "Muhammad is not the father of any one of you men, but he is the messenger of Allah and last of the prophets and ever is Allah

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of All Things, knowing" (Surah Ahzab)

Importance of Risalat in human life:

- ① prophets provides essential spiritual guidance, helping individuals understand their purpose in life and their relationship with Allah.
- ② The teachings of prophets serve as moral compass, guiding people towards ethical behaviour and social justice. This helps in creating a harmonious society.
- ③ The messages brought by the prophet include comprehensive social and legal framework that regulate human interactions and ensure justice and equity.
- ④ The chain of prophethood ensures the continuity of Allah's message throughout human history, adapting to different contexts and times while maintaining the core principles of monotheism and righteousness.

Q.8: write a short note on

(a) Ijma

(b) concept of ijtihad in Islam.

- ① Ijma: Ijma is an Arabic word "جمع" which means to determine, to agree on something unanimously. In terminology Ijma refers to unanimous agreement of the Muslim jurists of any period following the demise of prophet (SAW) on a sharia ruling.

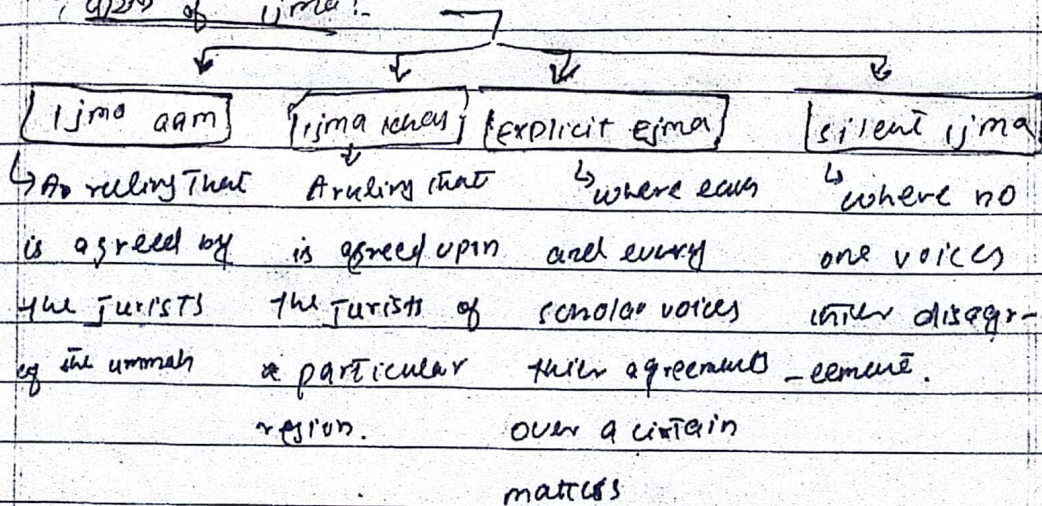
According to Quran "And whoever defies the messenger after guidance has become clear to them and follows a path other than that of the

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believers. we will let them pursue what they have chosen, then burn them in Hell - what an evil end". (Al nisa).

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah and do not be divided". (Al imran).

Types of ijma:



Evolution of ijma: ijma was first practiced by the companions. The first ever ijma was electing Abu bakr R.A as the prophet's caliph. They need to provide a rule on new issue during the companions period. Later on different muslims jurists viewed ijma differently.

According to imam malik, the only authoritative form of ijma is the ijma of the people of madinah.

According to imam shafi' ijma does not mean merely the agreement of a few scholars of certain locality like an ijma of the people of madinah. rather it refers to the ijma of the entire muslim community at large.

According to imam ahmad bin hanbal and dawud al zahirijma is the exclusive jurisdiction of the companions.

(b) Concept of veil in Islam: The concept of veil or hijab in Islam is multifaceted and deeply rooted aspect of Islamic culture and

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religious practice. The term "hijab" literally means a barrier or partition in the context of Islamic teachings. It primarily refers to the modest dress code prescribed by Muslim women.

The Quran instructs both men and women to dress modestly and lower their gaze. For women, this modesty extends to covering their beauty and adornments except what is necessarily apparent.

According to Quran "And tell the believing women to lower to lower their gaze and guard their private parts and not expose their adornment except that which (necessarily) appears. They should and to wrap their head covers over their chests"

(Surah Al Nur). In another verse Allah says in Quran "O prophet, tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to bring down over themselves (part) of their outer garments. That is more suitable that they will be known and not be abused" (Surah Ahzab).

The hijab serves several purposes in Islam. It is a manifestation of faith and obedience to Allah's commands, symbolizing a commitment to Islamic principles. It also functions as a means of protection, preserving women's dignity and preventing objectification based on physical appearance. By wearing hijab, Muslim women signal their identity and adherence to Islamic values.