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Islamic Studies

— Q.2 —

Explain the doctrine of Akhirat. Discuss its importance in human life

The doctrine of Akhirat (the Hereafter) is the fundamental belief of Islam in eternal life after death. Where this worldly life is ephemeral and is a test for mankind and after death they will be rewarded according to their deeds leading to eternal reward in Paradise or punishment in Jannat. It is the core belief in Islamic teachings that shapes and moulds morality by emphasizing divine justice, purpose of life, righteousness, Islamic living standards and worship for eternal salvation. According to Quranic verse

‘ اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رَاٰجِعُونَ ’

“Indeed, to Allah we belong and to Him we shall return”

The importance of doctrine of Akhirat in human life is as follows:

- Realization of the temporariness of the world

The belief in hereafter ~~strongly~~ provokes the Muslims that this world is ephemeral it is soon going to end and after it, the

eternal life will begin when all mankind will either be rewarded or punished.

- **Life is a test:** It ensures that this temporary life is a test and whoever passes this test shall be rewarded Jannah, and whosoever fails to live life according to the principles of Islam, shall be put in Jahannam (Hell).
- **Morality and Virtue:** Belief in Allah and His Messenger compels a true Muslim to perform good deeds and morals so that he shall be rewarded Paradise according to a life spent on the way of Islamic principles.
- **Deliverance of Justice:** The concept and belief in Allah promotes a sense of deliverance of Justice. That whosoever will perform wrongdoings or hurt someone shall be punished hereafter.
- 'As in the last moments of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) life where He requested His fellow companions and people to take revenge on Him if He had done any wrong to either so that He could not face any punishment in the life hereafter.'

• Resurrection and Judgement: It makes the belief of judgement and the day of resurrection more staunch. And the one who follows the Quran shall be successful on the day of judgement.

These are some of the points that illustrate the importance of (adaniah) in the human life and how it transforms the morality, deeds and actions of a person.

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Describe the status and rights of women in Islamic society. How Quran and Sunnah emphasized those. Explain

Islam has given all the rights to women. Reviewing the pages of history, Islam was the first to prohibit burying live daughters in Arabia. Not any other religion in the world has prescribed the rights of women in depth and detail.

On khutba-e-Hajj Tul Vida, Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) warned men about the rights of women and advised men to take care of women and to be gentle with them in all matters.

"The best of you are those who are best to their women"

~ Prophet Muhammad (P.E)

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Status and rights of Women in Islamic society

- Women: dignified and Respected in society
Islam has given a dignified and respectable status to women. They must be respected.
'A woman is a flower and not a servant'
~ Imam Ali (R.A)

- Provision of Rights: Islam is strict regarding the provision of rights to women. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) also laid emphasis on the rights of women.
'He commanded men to fear Allah regarding your women', ~ Al-Quran

- Right to Inheritance: Islam also provided the inheritance rights to women. Women has half the share of her brother in parental inheritance.

- Independent in decision-making
Islam made women independent to take decisions about her life such as education, job, career and marriage. No one can force her.

- Equality of genders: Islam made men to protect women and the rights

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of men and women are justified no one is superior.

"Treat your women well, and be kind to them, for they are your partners and committed helpers"

~Prophet Muhammad (P.O.U.H)

This is the status of women in Islam providing all the rights and privileges and elevating the status of women as a daughter, sister, wife and mother.

— Q1 —

Asses the causes of decay of the status of Muslim Ummah. Suggest the ways to address these causes.

Before the Mughal Empire the Muslims ruled for centuries and the during the reign of Mughal Empire Subcontinent had the highest GDP growth ratio in the entire world which is still marked on the pages of history. After Mughal empire rule came to an end it marked the downfall of the Muslim Ummah. There are certain political, social, economic, moral causes that led towards the downfall of Muslims.

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Political Causes:

Some of the political causes include lack of true leadership. After Quada-Deem no strong leadership came to elevate the status of Muslims even in the entire world. Muslim leaders are under the world leader and are unable to regain the glorious era.

Social Causes:

The social causes of downfall of Muslim Ummah include lack of unity. For instance to raise voice for Palestine issue, Muslim Ummah across the globe are united and only seek their own terms and benefits.

'Muslim Ummah is like a body, and disease (hardship) of one part of body affects the entire body.'
~ Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)

Economic Causes:

The economically independent Muslims are not sufficiently helping their brother Muslims who are in need of their help. This is also one of the causes of economic decay of Muslim Ummah.

Moral Causes:

The Muslim Ummah has left the Islamic principles and codes of life in order to adapt themselves to the latest western ethics and morals of life.

This is one of the leading causes of decay. The one who leaves his roots becomes astray for the rest of the life.

These are possibly the causes of decay of Muslim Ummah and it can be addressed in the following ways.

- Revive Islamic principles and teachings in daily life.
- Unity among Muslim Ummah is the leading factor to regain lost glory.
- Strong leadership is required.
- Developed Muslim countries must help economically and give financial aid to the underdeveloped Muslim countries.
- Strategic alliance with hegemonic powers to depict the representation of Muslims in all dynamics.

The main purpose of Islamic Political system is to establish a just state and society. Elucidate

The core aim / purpose of Islamic Political system is to establish a fair and just society that fulfills all the requirements of justice and ensures the observance of justice to each and every human being.

It constitutes such laws that promote equity, protect rights, and curb the exploitation. Ensure fair distribution of resources and wealth (Zakat and Ushr) which means transparent decision making and accountability, check and balance in every matter, social equity for the poor and marginalised, judicial systems that apply justice impartially.

'Our Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) said that if my own daughter Fatima (C.A) stole anything, I would also cut her hands according to Islamic laws.'

These are the standards set by Islam that justice is for all, for poor as well as for wealthy and on powerful positions.