

Part - II

Question - No. 2

4 Explain the Doctrine of Akhirat. Discuss its importance in human life.

1 Introduction

Doctrine of Akhirat or belief in here after is a very important part of Islamic beliefs. A person cannot enter into the fold of Islam, if he does not believe in Akhirat. This doctrine is included in the basic description of a believer by Prophet which is called "Iman-e-muffasal"

..... اٰمَنَّا بِاللّٰهِ وَمَا تَكَلَّمَ وَاَكْبَرُ لَكَ وَرَسُولِهِ

This is called Iman-e-muffasal which belief on Allah, on his angels, on his book, on his messenger, on the good and bad i.e. by Allah, and on day of Akhirat (life here after) is mandatory to enter into the fold of Islam.

2 What is Doctrine of Akhirat in Islam ?

It is a fundamental belief, which means after death there will be another life and that will be the eternal one. According to this belief after burzakh, there will be day of judgement and Allah Almighty will judge the actions of mankind. As Allah says in Quran that we have created man to test as who do good and who bad. Similarly in hadith Prophet (PBUH) says, "you have to wake up after death like you wake up after sleep." In short, believing the life after death and on the day of judgement is called the doctrine of Akhirat in Islam.

3 Importance of the belief of Akhirat in human life.

Belief in Akhirat has a great importance in human life. The individual and collective life both become righteous the belief

in Akhirat.

A. Importance of ~~life~~ belief on Akhirat in Individual level.

i) Honesty

A man become honest if he believes in Akhirat because he know that everyone has to be answerable to Allah. Allah says in Quran that a tiny particle of good ~~and~~ ^{or} bad will be measured on the day of judgement.

ii- Responsible:

Belief on life hereafter makes one responsible. As prophet (PBUH) said, "Everyone of you is shephere of your flock and is responsible for it ----".)

iii- Truthful:

When one believes that he will be responsible to Allah on the day of judgement, such a man never lies. Thus, the

an individual become truthful and such society becomes an ideal one.

iv- Generous:

An individual becomes generous when he believes that his generosity will pay on life after here. Allah will reward such an individual. Prophet (PBUH) said, "give in the name of Allah, and Allah will fulfill your seventy two needs, some in this world and others here after." Thus, due to belief in Akhirat one becomes a generous.

v- Kindhearted:

An individual take care of poor and downtrodden people because of the belief of life hereafter. This makes a society beautiful.

B. Importance of doctrine of Akhirat on collective human life.

The collective human life that is

a society becomes an ideal one because of the belief on Akhirat.

i- Welfare Society:

When the citizens belief on Akhirat, they became generous to the poor peoples. Such a society focus welfare works because they hope that Allah reward them on the day of judgement. Thus a welfare society emerges due to belief in hereafter.

ii- Peaceful Society:

No body will do crimes. They all will have a fear of Allah. As on the day of judgement every deed will be counted. Thus there will be no robbery and killings. Thus a peaceful society will formed due to the doctrine of Akhirat.

iii- A just Society will emerge
 The ruler and judges
 will never do injustice because
 they have faith in Akhirat
 and the justice of Almighty
 Allah. Thus where there is a
 justice the society will be
 prosper. As Hazrat Umar (R.A)
 said, a society can run
 through unbelief but cannot run
 smoothly with out justice.

iv Ideal Society.

When the belief
 on Akhirat is strong, the
 people in such a society
 will not do any crime nor
 do any deception. They will
 take care of each other.
 Such a society become
 an ideal society

4 Conclusion

The doctrine of Akhirat
 or belief on the life hereafter
 and the day of judgement plays

significant role in human life. Man becomes honest, responsible and truthful. Similarly, such a society becomes, just, peaceful and ideal. Therefore, true a Islamic society is a beautiful and prosper society due to the doctrine of Akhiraat in Islam.



Question No. 4

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

1 Introduction

"Let your hatred do not prevent you from being just, be Just".

Al Quran

Similarly, Prophet PBUH said that the nations before you destroyed because when a big influential

would do crime, he would be forgiven but ordinary people would be punished. In simple words they were unjust, and Prophet (PBUH) said unjust matters don't stand tall. In fact, the purpose of Islamic Political system is to establish a peaceful state and a society.

2. Features of Islam's Political System

Islam gives a holistic political system. Salient features are given below.

1. Consultation

Consultation is one the most important feature of Islam's political system, Quran says

وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ

"Consult your companion in state matters"

Thus Islam gives the concept

legislation. The philosophy of consultation is the true representation of people in state matters. So that, a just society and ~~good~~ state can be established.

ii- Man is a naib (representative) of Allah on the Earth.

In Islam sovereignty belongs to Allah. Man is a vicegerent of Allah on earth. The power or authority given to man by Allah is conditional i.e. the following of commandment of Allah is essential. So, a ruler cannot be unjust.

iii- Accountability:

Accountability is another important characteristics of Islamic political system. The Khalifa was also accountable.

The famous incident of Hazrat Umar (R.A.) testify this when a person stood up and asked Hazrat Umar (R.A.) about his dress. He (R.A.) make satisfy that person that his dress was completed after mixing his son

Umar bin Abdul's share. This shows that even head of state in Islamic system is accountable to public.

V. Choosing of Khalifa:

The head of state can be directly chosen by the ongoing Imam or a "shura" legislative assembly may select the new head.

For example, Hazrat Umar was chosen by ongoing Khalifa i.e. Hazrat Abu Bakr while Hazrat Abu Bakr was appointed by common selection method in which every pledged on his hand in a Bano saqit, the place of his pledge."

VI- Establishment of a just society.

Islam's entire political philosophy is about having a just society. That's why accountability, selection and consultation in state matters are part of the

Islam's political system.

vii. Zakat, Circulation of wealth

This is another important feature of an Islamic state. Through Zakat, circulation of wealth is ensured. This reduce is poverty level, ~~the~~ which is an important work / responsibility of a modern state.

3 How Islamic Political System

establish a just state and society

As discussed above the features of Islamic political system are designed in a way which establishes a just society and a state.

Firstly, a strict accountability system under a Qazi (chief judge) hold accountable the rulers.

Secondly, consultation is a necessary and important factor of Islam's political system. This ensures justice, and give representation to everyone in state matters directly or indirectly.

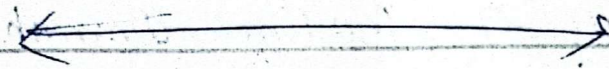
Thirdly, man is vicegerent of Allah on Earth and the sovereignty is with Allah. The limited power is vested to rulers and they should act according to commandment of Allah.

Finally, Islam gives a moderate way of governance ~~not~~ ^{neither} secular ~~capitalism~~ nor theocracy but a midway concept in which fundamental rights of people are preserved, where rule of law and accountability are top pillar. Thus, a just and prosperous society emerges due to Islamic political system.

5 Conclusion

Islam being a complete code of life gives a political system which establish a just society and state by holding the rulers accountable and preserving fundamental rights of citizens. Beautiful characteristics of Islam's political system

ensure justice in a society and state. The modern world can also get a just society by adopting the fundamental principles of Islamic political system in true spirit.



Question No 7

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

I Introduction

There are numerous causes of decay of ^{status} Muslim Ummah. Internal disunity, leaving teachings of Islam and the influence of non-Muslim powers are the major causes of Muslims downfall today. Nonetheless, following teachings of Quran and Sunnah, bringing unity inside ummah and adopting modern

technology, the muslims can rise. They must remember their past achievements and way to Zenith and adopt those strategies to rise once again.

2 Major Causes of Decay of the status of Muslim Ummah.

2.1 Disunity of Muslim Ummah

Disunity is one of the biggest reasons of muslim's decay. Allah says.

وَالَا تَفَرَّقُوا

"Do not be divided"

Unfortunately Muslims despite being 57 countries cannot stand together.

Non believers, attacking them one by one but none brings Allah's commandment and

Islam's teaching to help each other. Prophet (P.B.U.H) said,

All muslims are like a

body, when pain one part, the whole body feels that pain.

- ii- Escaping from Islam's teachings
Muslim today are far from
Islam's teachings, Allah says

إِذَا تَوَلَّى سَوِىً فَإِذَا تَوَلَّى كَيْفَ يَكُونُ

"Hold Allah's rope firmly and
do not be disconnected."

Similarly, prophet PBUH said, "I am leaving two things among you i.e the holy book and my sunnah, you will not be ~~dis~~ divided or misguided unless you firmly hold these two things." Therefore this is another reason why Muslim Ummah's status is on decay today.

- iii- Luxurious life of Muslim leaders.

Muslim leaders are having a very luxurious life. This is another important reason of Muslim down fall. The people of Muslim are suffering while their leaders are doing nothing because of their

luxurious life.

iii. ~~Secret~~ Sectarian hatred

One of the biggest reasons of Muslim decay is Sectarian hatreds. Even being Shia is dislike by Saudis and Turkey. This is just an example. Similarly, this sectarian crime keep Muslim states in internal fights.

iv. Influence of Non-Muslim big powers

Another major reason, the big powers have a strong influence on Muslim leaders. These leaders cannot do anything. The military might and technological feat is already with non Muslims. These things make Muslim humiliated in the world stage. That's why, the decay of status of Muslim Ummah is imminent.

V Role of Rabble Rousers

The inciteful speeches of so-called scholars and Imam masjids also causes the decay of status of ~~an~~ Muslim Ummah. The entire social fabric of Ummah have been divided by these rabble rousers.

3 Ways to address the causes of decay of status of Muslim Ummah

3.1 Unity

Rasool ul Ullah (S.A) said

انما المؤمنون اخوة

* "All Muslims are brother"

Similarly, Quran says,

والا تفرقو

In short, the way out of the current downfall of Muslim Ummah lies in unity as commanded by Allah and his messenger.

ii Following the teachings of Islam

This is the most vital way to return the glorious Islamic period. Muslims must follow the teaching of Allah Almighty and his messengers; so that, they could regain their lost status.

The glorious period of ~~the~~ Khulfa-i-Rashidin (pious ~~caliphs~~ caliphs) remind us that by following teaching of Islam, the crown of Kaisaro-Kisra can be subdued.

iii- Accountability of Rulers:

The rulers as illustrated in Islamic political principle should be completely held accountable. This will bring a good change. As the corrupt, luxurious life of current rulers will not bring glory to the status of Muslim Ummah.

IV Extremism and sectarianism should be contained

These are the biggest menace of decay of status of Muslim Ummah. Allah consider internal division a torment for a nation. So, the rabble rouser and Pseudoscholars must be contained.

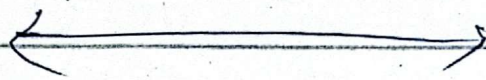
V Hateful literature should be contained

Elimination of hateful literature is a must. One must try to eradicate this. The hateful literature is curse and it poisons hate to the mind of Muslims against each other.

4. Conclusion

Muslim Ummah has been facing a status decay for many centuries. There are various causes for this such as disunity, not following Islamic

Islamic teachings and much more. This decay of status can be reversed by following teaching of Islam and bringing unity among Muslim Ummah.



Question-No 5

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

1 Introduction

Women have equal status and complete rights in Islamic Society. Allah says

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ فِي النِّسَاءِ

"Fear Allah regarding Women"

Prophet (PBUH) said, "The better from you is the one who is

better with his wife". This shows that Islam gives equal status of and all right to women.

2 Status of Women in Islam in the light of Quran and Sunnah

Allah created all human i.e. man and women equal. During pre-Islamic Arabs would used to buried women (girls) alive. Allah called this a heinous crime

"And when the little soul ^{be} asked why she was buried"

Al-Quran.

Similarly, Hadith elaborate the status of women as.

"Heaven is under the feet of mothers"

Similarly, once a person asked prophet, which one (Father or mothers) rights are more, Thrice said Prophet replied your "mother" three time, and only fourth time said your father. This shows

This show that women have a great status in Islamic society. As mother, as sister as wife and as a daughter in every role women got a prestigious status.

3 Rights of Women in Islamic society in the light of Quran and Sunnah

Women have equal rights in Islamic society. They can trade, -Hazrat Khadija wife of prophet (PBUH) is an example.

Moreover, women can get inheritance, illustrated in Quran in detail. Similarly, women can attain education. Hadith say,

طَلِبُ الْحِلْمِ فَزِيَّةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ وَمُسْلِمَةٍ

Attaining education is compulsory for all muslim men and women.

In the same manner, women can be do politics, A debate of woman in a masjid with Hazrat

Umar is an example for this.
 Not only this but Muslim
 women equally participated in
 wars, attain knowledge, narrated
 hadiths and much more.

4. Conclusion

Muslims got various
 equal rights and status in an
 Islamic society. The women
 have a great status as a
 mother, sister, wife or a
 daughter. Similarly, economic,
 political, social and
 religious rights were given
 to women by Islam. The
 complete personhood of women
 was accepted by Islam. Before
 Islam women were a downgraded
 strata. Islam is a beautiful religion
 and a complete code of life
 which gives women equal
 status and rights which no other
 religion could.