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Test # 1

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Muslim belief in
prophethood. Reasons
prophets were sent by
Allah

1. Introduction:

To have firm belief in Tauheed and prophethood is the cornerstone of islam. An individual does not enters the sphere of islam untill he bears witness by prophethood. Muslims across the globe firmly believes in the prophethood and prophets descended towards mankind by Allah Almighty. Before the advent of islam, humanity was drowning in deep misery. To guide the humans, Allah Almighty bestowed them with His Prophets who thoroughly guided humanity about here and after.

2. Absolute belief of muslims in prophethood

Being an islamic community to belief in prophethood and finality of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) - is the core belief of muslims. around the world. A man's belief is incomplete unless he bears witness in prophethood alongside Touheed.

2.1 Meaning of belief in prophethood;

"To bear witness whole heartedly in the prophets descended by Allah for the guidance of mankind is meant as belief in prophethood".

Allah Almighty descended one lac and 24 thousand messengers towards mankind.

2.2 Inclination of muslims towards prophethood;

The essence of islam lies in the message revealed

by Allah through his messengers. Muslims are inclined towards prophethood because they believe prophets and messengers were the source of communication between them and Allah. Allah bestowed humanity by his divine guidance descended in the form of his messengers towards mankind.

2.3 Finality of prophethood;

The prophethood stands as the cornerstone of Islam, the essence of prophethood lies in the finality of prophethood and to believe that prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the last prophet of Allah and his message is everlasting. A man's belief is incomplete unless he testifies the finality of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)

لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله

There is no god except Allah and Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the prophet of Allah.

2.4 Prophethood as a residing base of islam;

Tauheed

and prophethood forms the residing base of islam as it deals with the teachings of Quran and sunnah. Whoever believes in prophethood, his iman is strengthened by the message of Allah.

2.5 Essence of prophethood;

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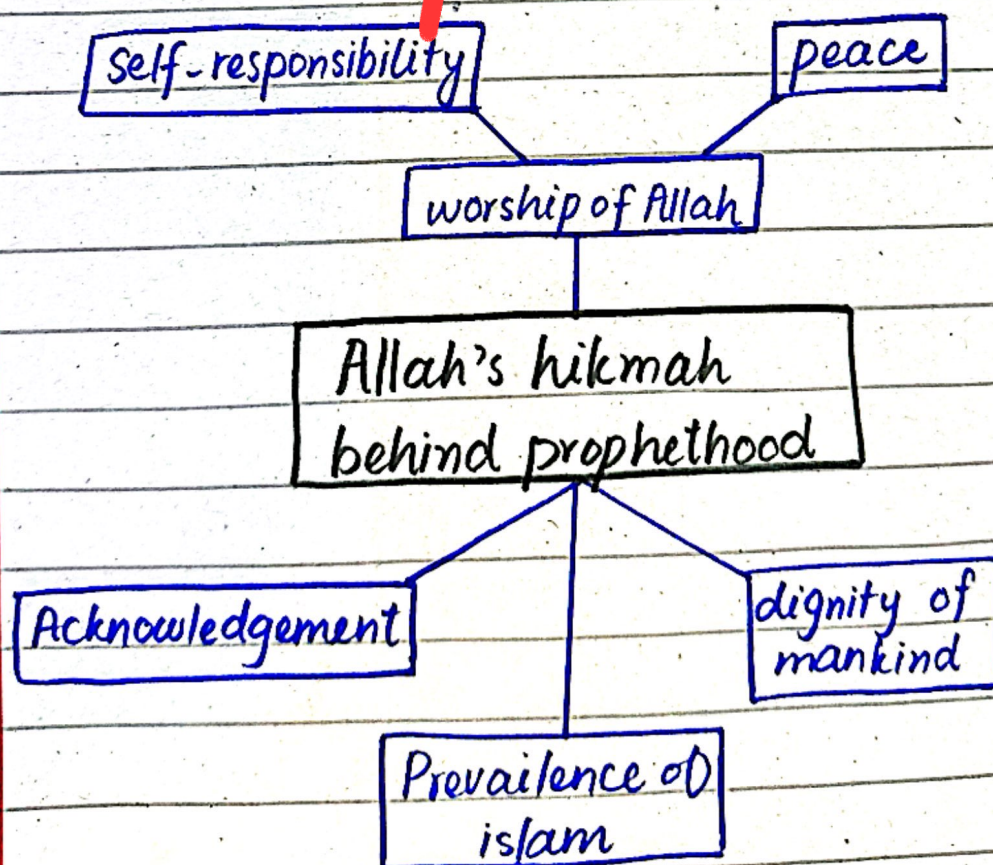
essence of prophethood lies in the fact that Allah Almighty revealed his message upon his prophets and his prophets conveyed that divine message towards mankind. These prophets were link of knowledge and connecting chain between Allah and his people. The core message of all the prophets was same,

قل هو الله هو احدى

Say, He is Allah the one

3. Reasons prophets were sent by Allah

The core reason behind the revelation of prophets was to deliver the message of Allah to his creation. Allah created humans for his worship. To make them aware of their life and their purpose Allah, Almighty revealed his prophets:-



3.1 Realisation of self-responsibility;

To make humans aware of their responsibilities towards Allah and his creation, Allah Almighty sent down his prophets who conveyed the true message of Allah without any fabrication. As Allah mentions in Quran;

"And we have sent you
a messenger within you"

3.2 Worship of Allah;

Allah Almighty is al-azem and al-akbar. He is great of Allah and nothing begets him. Allah created the entire universe and filled it with his numerous and unanimous creation with some purpose. Allah wanted humans to worship him so he revealed his purpose to humans through his prophets. As one of his Quranic verse can be summarized as;

"There is a great reward for
those who worship Allah"

3.3 To maintain peace on earth;

Before the advent of prophets, humanity was inclining towards sin and chaos. So to guide humans towards true path of peace Allah revealed his prophets who morally and spiritually guided the human beings. As Allah says in Quran;

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

"And we have made you (prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H) mercy for the entire universe"

3.4 Acknowledgement of purpose;

To make humans aware of their living and doings on earth, Allah Almighty revealed one lac and twenty-four thousand messengers. These messengers guided humans about their true purpose and essence of life.

3.5 Prevalance of islam;

To prevail islam as the true and divine religion of Allah, one lac and twenty four thousand messengers were sent to different lands on earth. These messengers promoted islam as the message of Allah.

4. Conclusion;

Muslims belief in prophethood is the part of their imaan and true mo'mins of Allah firmly believes in the finality of prophethood. In a nutshell, to believe in prophethood is the corner stone of islam and building block of an individual's imaan. Because muslims believe that these messengers conveyed Allah's message to them without any fabrication. Allah guided his people through his prophets and to believe in them is the integral part of imaan.

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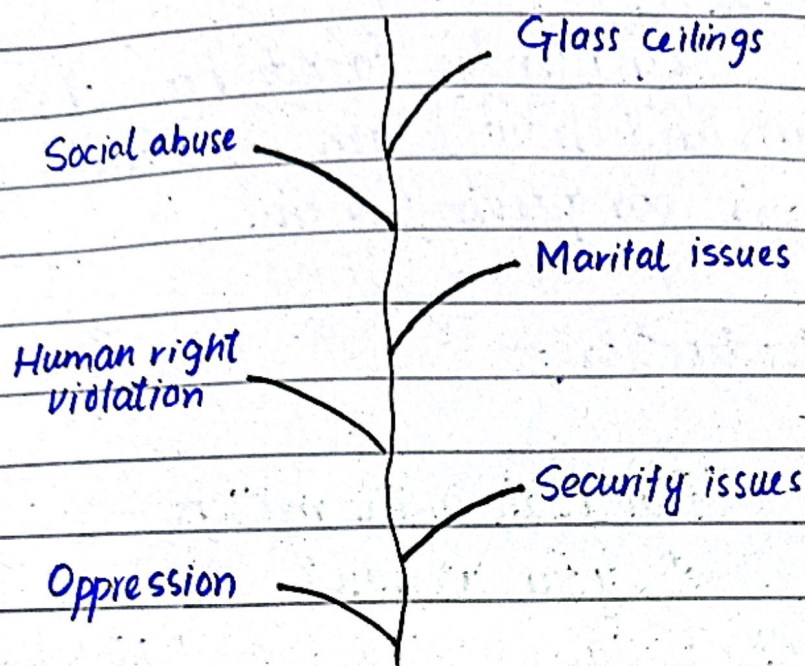
Challenges faced by women today and how islam encourages them in conquering them.

1. Introduction:

"Fear Allah in the matters
of your women"

Khutba Hujjat-ul-wida, Prophet Muhammad^ﷺ

The given statement in the last sermon of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) reflects the significance of women in islam. In contemporary era, women are encashed to multidimensional issues encompassing personal, social, professional and cultural domains. While islam being a complete code of life empowered women with all their due rights in all their relationships. Islam allows women to overcome all the glass ceilings of contemporary era.



challenges faced by women in contemporary era

Although the world has been revolutionized with the development of science but irony is in this developed and globalized world, women are still struggling with equality;

2. Violence and oppression:

In 21st century, women are still exposed to violence, abuse and oppression. Women are oppressed by males and considered as weak gender in

society. A report by world bank shows that

"Developing countries have highest rate of gender-based violence and honour killings." World bank.

3- Women are exposed to security issues;

Safety and survival are the basic necessities of human life.

Sustenance of life is impossible without security. Contrarily, women are unsafe in 21st century. Thousands of cases of rapes, kidnappings, acid attacks and women trafficking are reported on daily basis across the world. Third world countries are leading in women security issues.

4. Deprived of their due rights;

Women are deprived of their rights in most parts of the world. They are denied of rights of education, career, independence and dignity.

"Pakistan marks 148th position out of 148 countries in global gender equality report."

5. Marital issues;

Marital issues like consent in marriage, right of abortion, marital rape, marital abuse and blackmailing is common all over the world. Women are not considered a source in family family planning. For example,

"In African countries, women have no right of abortion."

6. Social and sexual abuse of women;

The social and sexual objectification of women is common. Challenge faced by women around the world. Women are socially abused for standing up for their rights and are sexually abused in their professional lives as well.

7. Persisting glass ceilings;

Another common challenge faced by majority of women is persisting glass ceilings. Despite of equality, women are still exposed to unseen glass ceilings that hinder their progress and development.

8. Islam as a rebuttal to all persisting challenges to women in contemporary era;

Islam is a divine deen and complete code of life. It has a solution to all the worldly affairs. In case of women, islam does not only empowers them but also provides them a way out to fight against all these persisting issues. Islam supports feminism and allows women to stand against all odds for their rights, dignity and honour. Islam empowered women

1400 years ago, and it still empowers them against all the contemporary challenges;

(a) Woman as "Rabbat-ul-Bait"

When women are oppressed and abuse as house wives around the world, islam empowers them by honouring them as rabbat-ul-bait meaning "Queen of house". This highlights how islam honours women against marital abuse.

(b) Shackles the chains of cultural norms;

Islam encourages the women in all the fields of life, shackling the chains of cultural norms and narrative. Islam encourages women to gain education and choose career of their choice. The first lady of islam, Hazrat Khadija R.A was a pious woman and a successful business lady.

(c) Right of honour, dignity and life;

Islam teaches women to stand for their rights and against for what is wrong. Islam is a peaceful religion and resist the use of force against all individuals. No one can force a women in marriage, career or in any unlawful act. As Allah mentions in Quran;

لا إكراه في الدين

"There is no compulsion in Islam"

(d) Right of inheritance and economic independence,

It is the right of women in islam to be economically independent. Islam allows a women to inherit property from father and husband as male figures in islam are Qwaam (protectors) of women. So, it is lawful right of women to inherit property.

9. Conclusion:

In a nutshell, when women are exposed to multifaceted challenges questioning their self-worth and dignity, Islam encourages women to stand for their rights and live a dignified life. Islam in contemporary era shields women against sexual abuse, abolition of rights, glass ceilings, marital abuse and women trafficking. Indeed, even after 1400 years Islam is a complete code of life encompassing all the domains even in the modern world.
