

QUESTION: 01

Contemporary Challenges to Muslim Ummah and their Solutions

Introduction

History has witnessed the powerful rule of muslims in Al-andalus and ottoman Empire. This was possible because muslims had pure faith in Allah and maintained unity. Unfortunately, the muslim ummah is now facing numerous challenges, despite being most populated and resourceful states. The challenges includes social, political, economical and ideological issues faced by muslims ummah. To deal with these issues, muslim ummah should be united first, and then try to attain veto power, of UN. Moreover, the role of OIC should be enhanced and islamic banking system and common currency of muslim ummah should be introduced.

As Allah in the Quran says,

"The believers are but brothers,
So, make settlement with your
brothers and fear that you
may seek meeqat." ~ 49:10

Contemporary challenges faced by Muslim Ummah

Political challenges

- crisis in Middle east / Territorial disputes
- weak democracy / Autocratic rule
- No unity between muslim ummah

Economical challenges

- Dependency on west (IMF)
- Increased Poverty
- Interest based systems

Ideological challenges

- Pan Islamism has increased.
- Blasphemy related misconcepts
- Sectarianism conflicts

Intellectual challenges

- Lack of education
- backwardness in technological advancement, - Brain drain

Social and cultural challenges

- cultural emulgamation with west leads to disintegration of society.
- rise of liberalism, westernization

Political challenges faced by Muslim Ummah

There are total 57 muslim countries out of total 193 countries in the world. But, the most disturbance found among muslim states especially Middle east. The whole tenure from arab spring in 2011, to Bashar al-Asad downfall, and Israel's genocidal attacks on Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, marked with devastating political issues. Moreover, presence of weak democracy and strong autocratic rule presents challenges to muslim world. The recognition of Israel by Saudi Arabia, UAE and Oman further escalating the tensions in the region, and results in division of muslim Ummah.

Economical challenges

Despite control of muslim world on world's 76% natural resources, they are dependent on west for aids resulting into various crisis related to economic. For instance

Rise of inflation causes severe poverty in the region. Moreover presence of interest based system is also a main hurdle in progress of Muslim ummah, as Allah in Quran says,
"Allah has forbidden interest." (2:275)

Ideological challenges

Along with political and economical issues, muslim ummah are facing ideological issues too. Ideological issues includes, rise in Pan Islamism, extremism and sectarianism conflicts. The increasing islamophobia due to orientalism from west against muslim serves as a biggest threat for muslim ummah. Saudi-Iran rivalry on basis of sects is also posing a bigger threat. Allah has mentioned in Quran,

"Those who have divided their religion and becomes sects. You (Mohammad) are not associated with them in anything. ~ (6:159)

Intellectual challenges

The backwardness in education and technology pose a big threat to muslim ummah. As they are unable to compete with Israel and external powers. Mohammad

(ﷺ)

said;

"Education is obligatory

On every man and woman."

This shows importance of education, in Islam. In contrast muslim ummah is far behind in education and technology.

Social and Cultural Challenges

It is seen in muslim world, that liberalism has been increased due to emulgamation of muslim culture with the west. It causes disintegration in society. This westernization leads to erosion of Islam identity and causes cultural imperialism of west over muslim culture. Allah has mentioned

in the Qur'an

"Hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

SOLUTIONS TO the Challenges faced by Muslim Ummah

- Implementation of Shariah
- Understand the value of Unity
- Veto power attainment
- Development of Islamic Bank
- Introduction of Common Currency
- Introduction of Common trade market
- Introduction of Common Code of justice
- Role of OIC
- Role of Media for building positive image

Implementation of Shariah

Islam is complete code of life. Shariah means sum of all commandments revealed upon Mohammad (ﷺ) by Allah.

Until and unless muslim world will not implement shariah, it will remain diverted. As Allah Says,

"Indeed - the ruling is not but for Allah..." (12:40)

Professor "Khurshid Ahmed", a great scholar said that,

"The purpose of shariah to to develop difference between permissible and prohibited actions according to Islamic teachings."

Understanding value of Unity:-

Muslims ummah should remain unite in order to compete external powers who want to erase Islam from the world.

It is essential for muslims to

get united. As Iqbal said;

ایک یوں مسلم حرم کی پاسبانی کے لیے
نیل کے ساحل سے لیکر تاخوات کا سفر
(~ اقبال)

Veto power attainment

It was observed that Palestine - Israel resolution for ceasefire was vetoed by US many times. This happened because none of permanent members of Security Council of UN belongs to muslim state. So, Attainment of veto is dire need of time.

Development of Islamic Bank

To reduce reliance on US debt trap "IMF", muslim ummah should introduce Islamic bank for support of developing muslim states, as the concept of Bai-ul-mal already exists.

Common Currency adoption

Muslim Ummah, should collectively adopt common currency in order to minimize reliance on US dollars, - this will not only uplift the the economy of countries but also reduce reliance on US dollars.

Common trade Market

76% resources are under control of Muslim ummah, should introduce Common trade market which should be interest free. This will raise their importance and counter other powers.

Common Code of justice

There should be common code of justice of all muslim states like ICJ of United nations.

Role of OIC

The OIC should be operationalized in order to resolve issues faced by Muslims especially the ongoing wars in Middle east.

Role of Media

Media should be used to change the fake perception developed by western. Al Jazeera, is performing well, by giving coverage to all atrocities done by Israel in Middle east. So, Role of Media

Should be increased.

Conclusion :-

Muslim world is facing numerous challenges such as, pan Islamism, sectarianism, conflicts, destruction of culture, islamophobia, lack of education and others. However by taking proper measures, these issues can be tackled. And muslims can get -the same power as they got while ruling on spain for about 700 years.

QUESTION NO:

Islamic Judicial System
ensures peace and
Prosperity in Society:

Introduction::

Hazrat Ali "R.A" said
"Justice is foundation of the kingdom".
This shows the importance of
Justice for a society. Islamic
judicial system ensures peace
and prosperity in the society
by ensuring rule of law, speedy
dispensation of justice, ensuring
basic human rights, balancing
between wife, children, relatives
, and, accountability of rulers
and individuals. Islamic judicial
System is based on shariah.
Allah has mentioned in the
Quran

"The purpose of Man's life
is do justice and fairness."

(26: UP)

Islamic Judicial System:

(An Overview)

Justice is core pillar and central theme of Islam. Islamic judicial system is based on two purposes.

Islamic Justice System = Islamic Judicial System + Islamic System of Social Justice and Relative Justice

The decisions are made on sharia which has two sources, Primary and Secondary. Primary includes Quran and Sunnah and secondary includes Ijma and Ijtihad.

There are three types of courts concepts in Islamic judicial system.

- Oppressive courts
- Qazi Courts
- Ombudsman Courts

How Islamic justice system ensures peace and prosperity?

Islam gives a lot of importance to the justice as it promotes peace and prosperity in many ways. Few are discussed below.

Islamic Justice System ensures Peace and Prosperity

- By promoting Rule of Law
- Speedy justice Dispensation
- Concept of Hu dood-Allah
- Protecting Human Rights
- Balancing Relations
- fostering Accountability

Promotion of Rule of Law

Islam ensures equality before law. Islamic judicial system is based on promotion of Law to everyone with fairness. As Mohammad ^(ﷺ) said,

"If my own daughter 'Fatima' did stealing, I would cut off her hand too."

This shows the importance of justice for every one. It results into peace in society and ultimately a society prosper and foster.

Speedy justice dispensation

Hazrat Umar (R.A) said
 "There should be no delay in dispensation of justice." So, Islamic justice system provide speedy justice, this resist in any state of law and order situation.

Concept of Hudood Allah :-

Islam has defined punishments for fixed crimes. These punishments are by Allah, Qazi can not reduce or increase these punishments for example Theft: Hands cut is the punishment. It creates fear against crimes.

Human Rights protection

Islamic justice system protects human rights by giving justice and equality. It gives security of life, property and honor.

"Do not kill the soul which Allah has forbidden,"

Balance in All Relations

Islam fosters sense of balancing relations. For example, justice among wives, children, relatives even with nations.

fostering Accountability

Islamic judicial system holds leaders accountable, preventing corruption and ensuring justice of all. This results in to peace and prosperity in the society.

Conclusion :-

Islamic justice system is based on principles that creates a environment of peace and security in the society. It ensures peace by protecting human rights, accountability, concept of Hudood Allah, speed justice, rule of law and implementing restorative justice. Thus Islam promotes justice. As Allah in Quran says.

"Allah commands justice the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin; he forbids all shameful deeds, injustice and rebellion.

~ 16:90