

Test # 2 Islamiat

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Introduction

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Islam has given equal rights to Muslims and non-Muslims. Non-Muslims in an Islamic state are called "Zimmis" or the most protected citizens. Non-Muslims have the right to practice their religion in an Islamic state.

Hazrat Muhammad S.A.W once said that let the non-Muslims practice their religious rituals even if which are totally opposite of Islam. Islam is the religion of peace, love and mercy. Thus, Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran that "There is no compulsion in Deen."

لا إكراه في الدين -

AL-Baqara, 2:256

2 Rights of Minorities in Islam

2.1 Islam has given equal rights to Muslims and non-Muslims.

Muslims and non-Muslims are equal in an Islamic State. Non-Muslims are equal citizens as that of Muslims in an Islamic State. Non-Muslims are free to practice their religion in Islamic State.

When Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) came to Madina, he signed a treaty with Jews with a view to living peaceful co-existence.

And, the concept of Madina was signed between Jews and Muslims. Thus, Jews and Muslims were equal, as per the Treaty of Madina.

2.2 Islam advocates just and kind treatment with non-muslims.

Islam supports fair treatment of non-muslims. Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) said to have reported that "whoever becomes cruel to non-muslims, burdens them more than they can bear or takes anything from them against their will, I will complain about those to Allah on the Day of Judgement." Therefore, Islam teaches the lessons of kind and benign treatment of non-muslims.

2.3 Respecting the religion of minorities.

Islam teaches to respect other religions. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) has given practical examples of respect of other religions. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W), after the battle of Khayber, when Prophet (S.A.W) saw Old Testament, He picked it in a respectful way and placed it at a protected place.

2.4 Non-muslims are the most protected citizens in an Islamic State.

Non-muslims are called Zimmis in an Islamic state. Zimmis means the most protected citizens.

Islam safeguards their life and livelihood. Islamic State is responsible of

protection of honour of non-muslims. Hazrat Ali R.A says, "Their blood is like our blood".

3 Rights of Minorities in Christianity

Unlike Islam, Christians segregate other Christians on the basis of race and ethnicity. They are double-exiled. They are separated from secularism and religion by majority Christians. In the America, for instance, black people were denied of their political, social and economic rights for more than a century.

4) Status of Minorities in Pakistan

In Pakistan, minorities enjoy equal constitutional rights. And, they also face problems such as violence, discrimination and forced conversions.

Government of Pakistan has made Special Force Unit for the protection of minorities.

4.1 Minorities have equal constitutional rights in Pakistan

State of Pakistan has given equal constitutional rights to non-muslims at that of Muslims. They are as equal citizens as that of others.

4.2 Pakistan has made special force for safeguarding minorities

Minorities face many problems in Pakistan such as violence, discrimination and forced conversions. Thus, for safeguarding minorities from these issues, Pakistan has made Special Force.

5 Key Issues Faced by Minorities in Pakistan.

5.1 Violence.

Minorities are easily targeted in Pakistan. Especially, Hindus and Christians are targeted.

5.2 Discrimination

Minorities are discriminated in education and employment opportunities.

5.3 Forced Conversions

Hindu and Christian girls are ^{prey} ~~forcefully~~ of forced conversions.

6) Conclusion

In a nutshell, Islam has given equal rights to non-muslims, kind and just treatment, respecting their religion and protection of their life and livelihood. In Pakistan, minorities have equal constitutional representation. Also, minorities face problems in Pakistan such as violence, discrimination and forced conversion.