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Characteristics of Military Strategist

1. Introduction:

بیشتر ایسے، نظیر ایسے، ایسے سب سراج منیر کیسے،
جو سر نہ سرے ملام زنی، وہ میرے آقا کی زندگی

Indeed, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) was a great military strategist. A military strategist must be brave, courageous, tolerant and in the battlefields moreover, he should have the ability to reconcile and compromise through treaties and agreements as the Holy Prophet (SAW) did in his life. All the battlefields in which the Holy Prophet (SAW) participated, reflected His exemplary strategy and His vision.

1. Characteristics of Military Strategist:

A military strategist must possess the following characteristics.

a) Espionage and Surveillance:

A great military strategist always keeps himself abreast of enemies' strategies. This can only be done through espionage and surveillance. The Holy Prophet (SAW) kept His eyes on the activities of enemies in all the battles.

Therefore, a military strategist must stay vigilant about the tactics and techniques of enemies to advance further.

b) Innovative war strategies:

A military strategist has to adopt innovative war strategies for its victory in the battlefields. The Holy Prophet (SAW)'s in the battlefield, reflected this commendable quality.

i) Battle of Trench

Battle of Trench is the manifestation of the Holy Prophet (SAW) innovative war strategy. It was a great surprise for the two thousands pagans of Makkah. Therefore, in the noble paradigm of the Holy Prophet (SAW), are the lessons for the military strategists.

c) Mercy: A distinctive quality of a military strategist.

The Holy Prophet (SAW) remained calm, kind and poised not only in daily life but also in the battlefields. It demonstrates that how kind and merciful he was towards those who were in the war with him.

And Surely you are a man of
an outstanding character.
(Al-Quran)

i) mercy on the occasion of
Macca victory:

On the occasion of Macca
victory, the Holy Prophet (SAW) announced
to forgive all people, even those
who were disbelievers. He (SAW) announced
the forgiveness of Abu Sufyan, one of
the main opponent of the Holy Prophet
(SAW). This reflects his mercy
encompasses all human beings even those
who are disbelievers.

وما أرسلناك إلا رحمة للعالمين

And we have sent you as a
mercy to all mankind.

(Al-Quran)

d) Bravery and Courageous :-

A military strategist has to brave
and courageous enough to stand firm,
steadfast and just in the battlefields.
In this regard, the Holy Prophet (SAW)
explicitly demonstrated through his action.

In Battle of Ohad, the Holy Prophet
(SAW) stood steadfast and courageous

despite getting struck or facing trials.
He (SAW) ordered all the war participants to stay locked in their positions and not to advance further.

e) Patience in the battlefields

An impatient person cannot advance and guide well in the battlefields. This requires patience and ~~see~~ critical thinking. The Holy Prophet (SAW) demonstrated in the battlefields that one has to be patient in the war zones.

For instance, Treaty of Hudaibiyyah, the Holy Prophet (SAW) entered into an agreement with the Jews without fighting to keep peace and to resolve conflicts. As Allah says in the Quran;

Indeed, Allah is with those who are patient.

(Al-Quran)

f) Forgiveness and Kindness for all

A military strategist has to set noble characteristics for establishing peace. In the Sirah of the Holy Prophet (SAW), are the lessons for future military strategist.

The announcement of forgiveness for all on the occasion of Mecca victory followed by setting standards in war manifest His great military strategist techniques. He (SAW) ordered not to kill children, women and old age people in war zones.

Conclusion :-

In the Sirah of the Holy Prophet (SAW), one can clearly get lessons how to present ^{and} inspire in the battlefields. The Holy Prophet (SAW) demonstrated bravery, patience, forgiveness and critical thinking in war zone areas. Indeed, in His life are the examples of his noble paradigm.

Question no: 01

Tauheed: The bedrock of Islam

Introduction:

Tauheed, one of the major pillar of Islam. It is a proclamation through which a man enters into the fold of Islam. Being a fundamental pillar of Islam, Tauheed embodies oneness of Allah Almighty in actions, names, attributes and worship. Solely His Supreme and divine self deserves all our worship. Having faith in Tauheed, has far reaching consequences on social and individual life.

وہی ہستی و ہستیوں کی افلاقی ہستی
وہی ذات و ذاتوں کی نفاذی ذات
وہی ذات و ذاتوں کی نفاذی ذات

1. Significance of Tauheed:

Tauheed, being derived from a word "Wahad" signifies that there is no other god except Allah. He alone is the supreme authority of this universe. He is omnipresent, merciful and kind to all irrespective of religious beliefs.

الحمد لله رب العالمين

"And praise is for who is the God of all."

i) Oneness in existence :-

Allah Almighty is the only one who created this universe all one. He is the one who has created everything present between skies and Earth. No other god shares this quality. As Allah says in the Quran;

Do the disbelievers not see that heavens and earths were once a mass and We split them apart.
(Al-Quran)

ii) Oneness in names and attributes:

Allah is the one who is unique in His names and attributes. Through His 99 names, He presented Himself as Al-Whaliqu, Al-Basi, Al-Mussawir, Al-Ghaffar, Al-Qahar, Al-Wahab, Al-Razzaq, Al-Aleem. It states that He is the only creator, The forgiver, the provider and the All knowing one. No other deity in this world has these characteristics.

iii) Oneness in actions:

يقول له كن فيكون

'and He says "Be" and it happens.'

Indeed, Allah alone is powerful. He is Al-Qadir. Whenever He wants a thing to happen, he says 'Be' and it happens. This unique feature is only attributed to Allah.

in Oneness in Worship:

All the forms of worship, prayers and praise is associated to His divine existence. By remembering Him in our daily life, instil in ourselves unity of thought, modesty and self-respect. It relieves us from anxiety and depression.

And surely in the remembrance of Allah, do our hearts find peace.
(Al-Quran)

2. Impacts on individual life:

- a) Self-respect
- b) Modesty and Courage
- c) Unity of thought
- d) Open mind and Optimism
- e) Source of hope

3. Impacts on Social life:

- a) Equality of mankind
- b) Unity and brotherhood
- c) Dignity of mankind
- d) Eternal salvation of man
- e) peaceful coexistence of society

4. Conclusion: