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Islamic Studies

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(i) Introduction

"Indeed there is no God but One (Allah), and Muhammad (PBUH) is His last Messenger."

(First Kalima)

The concept of Tawheed, oneness of God, stands as a cornerstone of Islamic belief. This is the concept that differentiates the true deen from others. Tawheed in its actual understanding and implementation creates a lasting impact on individual and collective life of the believers. It not only creates the sense of responsibility, but also promotes unity, discipline and justice.

(ii) Meaning of Tawheed

The word 'Tawheed' is taken from Arabic root word 'Wahhada' which means 'to unite' or 'to make one'. The concept of Tawheed is an essential pillar of Islam without which no person can be called a Muslim. Tawheed means believing in Oneness of Almighty Allah and believing that He has no partners, sons or any parents and He is

creator and sustainer of this entire universe.

(iii) Influence of Tawheed on Individual and Collective Life of the Believers

a. Influence of Tawheed on individual life

• Solidifies Iman/belief

• Creates sense of responsibility

• Restrains from evil acts

• Purpose of life, clarity

• Solidifies Iman

The concept of Tawheed solidifies a person's Iman. It creates clarity that no one is worthy of praise and worship except Allah alone. This concept restrains individual from egoism and such practices and inspires him to only strive in the cause of Allah.

• Creates sense of responsibility

The concept of Tawheed makes a person understand that Allah Almighty is the

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sole creator of this entire universe and He sees every act performed by a person. This notion creates a sense of responsibility. As Allah states in Al-Quran

"So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, And who ever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."

• Restraints from evil acts

The concept of Tawheed gives understanding that the purpose for which our only Lord created us is not to spread evil. This restrains a person from committing evils and heinous acts. As Allah Almighty states in Al-Quran

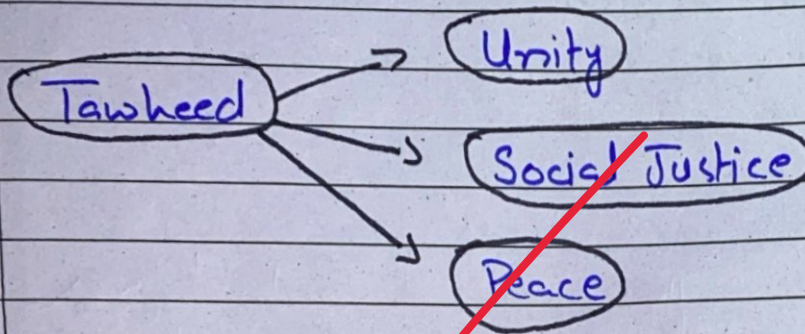
"They conceal [their evil intentions and deeds] from the people, but they cannot conceal [them] from Allah."

• Purpose of life, clarity

Tawheed helps better understand the actual purpose for which humanity is created therefore people who truly and wholeheartedly believe in Tawheed never go astray. As stated in Al-Quran

"And I do not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

b-Tawheed's influence on collective life



◦ Tawheed promotes unity

✓ In a society where people collectively believe in Tawheed, they make sure that they don't hurt anyone and there establishes a feeling of brotherhood as Allah has commanded in Al-Quran

"All believers are but brothers."

◦ Tawheed ensures social justice

Belief of Tawheed creates a sense in whole society that there is their sole creator watching their acts. This ensures transparency and truthfulness in all of their dealing and make sure that each person's right is protect. As Allah commands in Al-Quran

- "Indeed, Allah commands you to return trusts to their rightful owners, and when you judge between people, judge with fairness."

◦ Tawheed Promotes peace

The belief of Tawheed creates sense of brotherhood and justice which resultantly creates peace in the society. The importance of peace can be understood from the life of Prophet (PBUH) that He always promoted peace and forgave every person. The best example of this is His treatment by people of Ta'if who hurted Prophet (PBUH) but He when asked by Jibreel to destroy whole city replied that, 'maybe someone of them will accept Islam someday'. This underscores the importance of Tawheed in promoting peace.

(IV) Conclusion

Tawheed plays an essential part in person's life. Belief in oneness of Allah not only shapes a person's individual but also shapes the whole society. Tawheed ensures safeguard from evils, guides the actual purpose of life, promotes unity and establishes peace in the society.

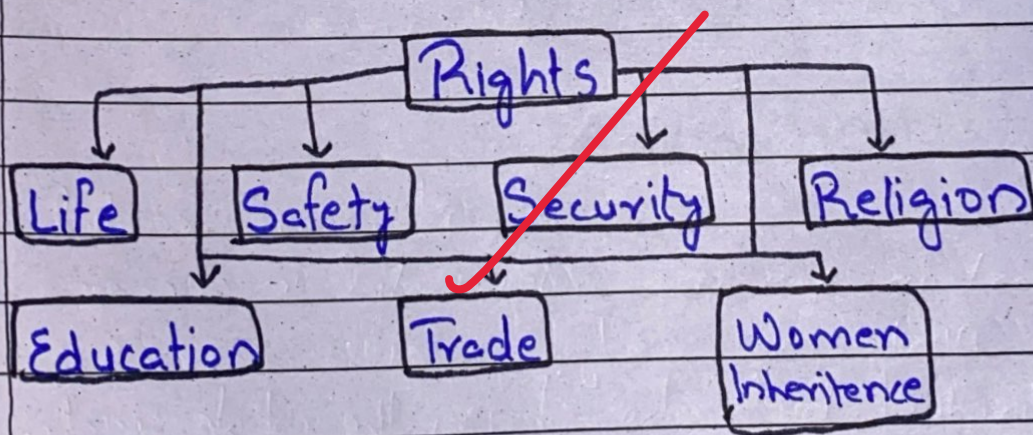
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(1) Introduction

Islam is a religion of peace. The religion of Islam came into world during the era when people did not had the sense of right and wrong. The teachings which came with earlier prophets had diminished. Islam emerged as a ray of hope for oppressed and weak. It gave rights to not only arab men but also to women who were considered a curse when born as daughter, slaves were freed and the era of human rights and peace came with Islam.

(ii) Basic Human Rights Granted By Islama) Right to life

Islam emerged as the first religion to protect right of life. It ensured that no person or even insect is killed without a reason or cause. It moreover in the age of ignorance as discussed by Saif-ur-Rehman

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Mubarki in 'The sealed Nectar' gave the right of life to women as during arabs period before Islam, women were seen as a curse, daughters were buried alive. It was Islam that gave right to life.

b. Right of safety

Prior to Islam in sacred religious wars, there was no concept of safety for anyone. Islam came with principles that no harm should be caused to those who do not engage in war. As ~~mentioned~~ ^{commanded} by Holy Prophet (PBUH), no women, children, sick, and old people be killed in battles. This gave the right of safety to those who want peace.

c. Right of Security

The concept of security was first time ensured by Islam. The best instance of this is Charter of Medina which established that the Jews and other tribes living in Medina should be provided security and safety. This established peace in Medina and gave the right of security.

d. Right to profess religion

Islam promotes tolerance, the right of religion is also given by Islam. Islam establishes that no person should be forced to change his religion neither any religious place should be demolished. This

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right is clearly stated in Al-Quran

"There is no compulsion in Religion."

e) Right to education

The right to receive education is ensured and came with arriving of Islam. The best example can be taken by the instance when Prophet (PBUH) commanded Hazrat Zayd ibn Thabit (RA) to learn Persian. This established the essence of learning and gave the concept of right to education.

f) Right to trade

Islam provided principles of right to trade. Islam established that no person's trade should be disturbed and there should be protection of payments. The best instance of this is when a Yemeni person came to trade in Makkah and Quraysh refused to pay him his money. Holy Prophet (PBUH) intervened in the matter and ensured that the person got his money. This establishes the right of trade.

g) Right of women inheritance

Islam along with many other rights gave dignity to women. The status of women that was seen as disgrace before Islam improved. This was because of rights

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guaranteed by Islam. Islam was the first religion to guarantee the right of inheritance of women in its Holy Book in Surah Nisa. This provided right for women to own and inherit property.

(iii) Comparison of Islamic Rights with Modern International Humanitarian Rights

<u>Islam</u>	<u>International</u>
Right to life	
Islamic right to life mandates that no innocent person be killed.	Allows for killing on context of right to pre-emptive self-defense.
Women	
Right to inheritance, education, security, dignity, trade, equality	Right to life, education, security, trade, dignity.
Religion	
Islam guarantees right to profess religion.	International humanitarian rights also ensure this right.
Education	
Islam ensures and promotes right to education.	The right is protected

(iv) Critical Analysis

The rights which are internationally provided after a long period of history after the second world war in shape of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) were provided and guaranteed by Islam since its emergence. Islam is a religion of principles, even if these rights guaranteed by UDHR or any conventions did not exist, Islamic teachings and principles would have protected them. It is therefore important for all nations specially for Pakistan to ensure protection of human rights as they are not only constitutional guarantees but are guarantees set by Islam.

(v) Conclusion

Islam, the religion of peace emerged in the dark ages with concepts that were unknown to the people. Islam ensured rights of all and provided rights and principles for all aspects and matters ranging from education, trade, religion, inheritance and life. The laws that west and international community claims to give to world are gifted by Islam to everyone from its inception.

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(i) Introduction

The message from the last sermon of Holy Prophet (PBUH) stands as a guide to ensure peace, tolerance and moderation. The world today faces extremism from all sides and it is observed that most of the extremism arises from muslim states. There are certain reasons which fuel this extreme practice and deteriorate peace in society. Muslims globally because of being astrayed from Islamic teachings and by having tilt towards unislamic teachings and nationalism face the rising extremism.

(ii) Causes of Extremism in Muslim World

1) Un-Islamic Practices

The first and foremost reason for extremism is swaying away from Islamic teachings. Muslims globally have been seen following the western style of life. They follow same laws, same routines and want the same wealth that those nations have. Therefore, leading to promotion of extremism in Muslim world.

b) Rising nationalism

Islam establishes that all muslims are brothers to one another however, there is a recent rise in nationalism which fuels extremism. This is widely seen in Arab countries that they do not treat well to immigrants who are Muslims despite being ordered by Holy Prophet (PBUH) in His Last sermon. This leads to rising extremism in muslim world.

c) Thirst for power

Having a glance at current international order, it can be observed that weak muslim nations are being pressurized and influenced by their own muslim brother countries. The best example can be taken of Syria where regime change is a norm. This is influenced by rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran. This also results in rising extremism.

d) Sectarian divide

Another important factor for rising extremism is sectarian divide among muslims. It is found that Shi's muslims and Sunni muslims do not tolerate one another. This leads to many conflicts between them and is the reason of extremism in muslim world.

(III) Application of Islamic Teachings To Promote Peace, Tolerance and Moderation of Islamic Society

a) Promoting concept of Ummat

To get rid of extremism from Muslim world, the concept of Ummat should be restored as enunciated by Islam that all Muslims are brothers to one another. This will help in curbing differences and reduce extremism.

b) Abiding by Islamic Laws

Islamic laws and rules are equal for everyone. If a person commits wrong, instead of being violent towards him there should be application of Islamic law as it will not create enmity between different sections and sects.

c) Peaceful dialogue promotion

The concept of peaceful dialogue should be promoted to ensure peace in society. Scholars and religious priests should engage in peaceful negotiations and instead of dividing people on sectarian differences, they should strive to unite them on mutual grounds.

d) Mandating Quranic Education

All Islamic nations should

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make it mandatory to get knowledge of Quran. This will ensure that everyone knows what Quran states and they can spend life on the principles of Islam by themselves rather than by following their own fancies.

(iv) Critical Analysis

The rising extremism in Muslim world is a result of many factors combinedly contributing to this ill practice. Islam is a complete code of life and it provides guidance on all the aspects of society. It should be made sure that each and every individual should have sound Quranic knowledge because this is the way extremism can be eliminated. Moreover, instead of lobbying with one Muslim country against another, Pakistan should try to establish mutual relationship based on brotherhood with all.

(v) Conclusion

Islam is clear on the worldly affairs however, despite the teachings of Quran and Islamic Prophet (PBUH), Muslims are on rise of extremism. The result is unIslamic teachings being incorporated, rising nationalism, sectarian divide and thirst for power. It is therefore of utmost importance that Quranic education should be made compulsory concept of ummah should

be applied and promotion of dialogue should be made sure as only by this way extremism can be eliminated.

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9- Amr bil Ma'ruf wa Nahy 'anil Munkar

It is an important Islamic principle meaning 'enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong'. It refers to the moral and social responsibility of Muslims to encourage virtuous behavior and discourage sinful or harmful actions within society.

- Quranic Foundations

"Let there arise from you a group inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong. It is they who will be successful."
(Al-Quran)

- Importance in Islam

It is a collective duty on the Muslim community. If some members fulfill it, the obligation is lifted from others. However, in case of clear wrong doing, it may become a personal obligation. It ensures the moral well being and spiritual health of Muslim Ummah.

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- Methods of enjoining good and forbidding bad

- 1- By hand:- Taking direct action
- 2- By tongue:- Advising or speaking out against wrong
- 3- By heart:- Feeling disapproval inwardly when one can not act otherwise.

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