

Test #02

Q: Effects of Western Civilization on Muslim World.

Introduction

Western civilization emerging from enlightenment and industrial revolution has significantly influenced Muslim societies through colonialism, globalization, education, political systems and cultural exchange. These effects are multidimensional producing both constructive transformation and serious challenges to Islamic identity, values and social cohesion.

Positive Effects on Muslim Society

i. Advancement in Science and Technology

Western progress in science, medicine, engineering and information technology has benefited Muslim societies through

- * Improved healthcare
- * Modern infrastructure
- * Access to digital knowledge and communication

Islam encourages acquisition of knowledge.

"Seek knowledge even if you have to go to China."

Ibn-Majah

ii. Modern Education System

Introduction of universities, research institutions and structured curricula. Emphasis on empirical research and critical thinking. Literacy growth and professional skill development. However, detachment from Islamic epistemology remains a concern.

(iii) Political awareness and Governance Model

Concept of constitutionalism, rule of law and accountability. Also provided the exposure to democratic practices and human right discourse.

In Quran Allah also mentioned

"And conduct their affairs by mutual consultation"

- 92:38

iv. Economic Development and Industrialization

Improvement in banking system, industrial growth, global trade.

Working on Urban development and producing employment opportunities

Negative Effects on Muslim Societies

1. Cultural and Moral Erosion

Spread of materialism, individualism and moral relativism. Also caused decline in family structure, modesty and spiritual values. That is not acceptable as a muslim because Allah has clearly mentioned in Quran

"Indeed, the life of this world is but amusement and diversion"

ii) Secularization and Religious Marginalization

Even though Islam and Islamic teachings are complete code of life still separating it from public life is one of the worst impact of Western society. Islam confined to personal rituals

Rather than a complete code of life, Iqbal also warned

"The West has lost God, but kept the Universe."

Allama Iqbal

iii) Identity Crisis Among Muslim Youth

Muslim youth of now-a-days are facing confusion between Western modernity and Islamic tradition. Due to this early influence of West they are facing inferiority complex and cultural imitation.

In other words

"Colonizability of Muslim minds."

iv. Political Imperialism

Western interference in Muslim states had led to political imperialism and Neo-colonialism that shaped into the exploitation of resources, proxy wars and imposed leaderships. But one must understand as a muslim how much it is important to follow the path of Islam.

"Allah never will Allah grant to the disbeliever a way over believer"

v. Economic Dependency

Islamic teachings clearly prohibit interest or interest based finance management strategies but due to poor economic management and establishment, Pakistan fell into economic dependency on West that led

to interest based financial system (Riba)
and debt traps via IMF and World
Bank.

"Allah has permitted trade and
forbidden interest."

Critical Analysis

Western civilization is not inherently evil but
its unethical and uncritical adaption without
Islamic filters has caused serious damage.
The problem lies not in Modernization, but
in Westernization without Islamization.

Way Forward to this

To overcome this problem some steps should
be taken

- * Selective adaption of Western Science
- * Revival of Islamic Values
- * Integration of Deen with modern disciplines
- * Educational reforms

Conclusion

The impact of Western civilization on Muslim
societies is a blending of progress and peril.
Muslim must get benefits from Western
advancement while preserving Islamic identity,
morality and sovereignty. The survival lies
in modernity guided by Islam.

Q: Measure to Improve Public Administrative System of Pakistan

Introduction

Pakistan's public administrative system suffers from corruption, inefficiency, political interference and lack of accountability. The Islamic system of public administration practiced during the era of Prophet (SAW) and guided caliph provides practical and ethical solution for administrative reforms.

MEASURES to Improve System

i. Restoration of Accountability

Islam emphasise on strict accountability of public officials also known as Hibah system.

In Quran Allah said

"Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due."

Measures

To overcome this problem we should work on

- Strengthen accountability institutions
- Asset declaration for civil servants
- Zero tolerance for corruption

Hazrat Umar (RZ) used to audit governors wealth.

ii. Merit Based Recruitment

There should be merit based recruitment

and promotion in all departments and there should be strict restriction on Nepotism as that is also strictly forbidden in Islam.

As prophet (SAW) said

~~"Whoever appoints a person out of favoritism has betrayed Allah and his messengers (SAW)." "~~

Measures

To deal Nepotism the following measures should be taken

- Transparent and Clear reforms
- Performance based promotions.
- End political appointments.

iii. Public office as Amanah

Public office should be considered as Amanah (Trust) of public. Civil Servants must view authority as responsibility not a privilege. As Allah has also mentioned in Quran that everybody will be questioned on day of judgment regarding for which he is responsible

Measures

The one who fears the day of judgement will consider it as Trust

- Ethical training for officers
- Lifestyle accountability
- Simple living Culture

A massive change can come if every individual adapts these habits and start working on itself.

IV. Justice Oriented Governance

Islamic administration prioritize justice over other procedures. Allah commanded his servants to be just in any case even though the decision is against its loved ones. In Quran Allah said

"Do not let hatred of people prevent you from being just"

Measures

In order to bring justice in society or institutions state should

- Promote Speedy Justice
- Administrative fairness
- Citizen grievance redressal.

V. Welfare Oriented Administration

Prophet (SAW) and pious caliph always practiced the welfare state or preferred the system and state that is welfare oriented and it should take the responsibility of citizens.

"Fear Allah regarding the poor who have no protectors"

Measures

Hazrat Ali

State that prioritize its poor or make policies for their betterment also prospers

- Pro-poor policies
- Develop Efficient Social Safety nets.
- Reforms that deliver service.

vi. Decentralization and Shura

Islam always encourages consultative governance that always go for consultation of whole panel before taking any decision. Instead of giving absolute power to single individual Allah said in Quran.

"Their affairs are conducted by consultation."

Measures

The following measures should be taken

- Empower local governments
- Community participation
- Stake holder Consultation

vii. Anti-Corruption

Making departments or institutions corruption free through moral training. Laws alone are not sufficient without morality.

~~"Laws are nothing unless supported by moral force"~~

Measures

Allama Iqbal

- Islamic Ethics in training academies
- Character building module
- Role-model leadership

Critical Analysis

Pakistan's administrative failure is not institutional based alone but moral and leadership based. Western model without ethical grounding have proven ineffective.

Conclusion

The Islamic System of Public administration offers a holistic reform model for Pakistan. By integrating accountability, justice, merit and moral leadership, Pakistan can build an efficient transparent and people centered administrative system.