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Security Issues in Pakistan: Its Solution in the light of Seerah

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Abstract

Modern world is facing issues like poverty, starvation, pollution, exploitation of the poor, and the status of woman in society. However, the most prominent issue of the modern world is that of lawlessness and insecurity. It has become a kind of root cause for the rest of the allied issues, hence affecting the peace and prosperity across the globe. This paper discusses the said problems and gives a way forward for its solution in the light of the *Seerah*, the way, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) practiced his life. This is a qualitative and descriptive research in which the interpretations of Ahadith has been used as a tool for the analysis of this complex problem. At the end, suggestions have been given in the light of the analysis and discussion to conclude the study.

Keywords: Modern World, Lawlessness, Exploitation, Insecurity, Seerah, Peace, Conflict.

1. Introduction

Allah has created human beings for a particular purpose i.e. to worship Him. Allah has created every sort of anguish and suffering, and these agonies are an integral part of human existence. We believe, as Muslims, that either Allah elevates the rank of a human being or washes away his sins. The Holy Quran have categorically discussed the philosophy of distress and miseries. To be awarded or acquitted of sins is only possible when we live our lives in the light of the life of the Holy prophet (PBUH). The only right path, in this regard, is the path that has been shown by the king of Prophets, Hazrat Muhammad (SAW). The Quran is the code of conduct through which any person can elevate himself to the heights where Allah wants to see him. It is the only way forward till the day of resurrection. The Quran declares:

"O Muslims! The life of prophet (SAW) has the best example for you" (Al-Ahzab, 33/21).

Undoubtedly, the life of Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) is the practical demonstration of the Holy Quran. And if we want to follow the Holy Quran, we will have to follow the life of the holy Prophet SAW. It is a complete code of practical life where there is a solution for every issue and problem related to humanity. As a result, a true Muslim should not be afraid of hardships and problems, rather, he must face it in the light of the principals capsulated by the holy prophet

SAW. This essay is an attempt to find out a solution for the insecurity in Pakistan in the light of the life of Hazrat Muhammad (SAW).

There was utter darkness of ignorance and faithlessness in the Arab peninsula. Every tribe was living under its chief since there was no concept of centrality. They were fighting for petty matters. There was no religious, social, economic, ethical, and political system. Therefore, human being was not even considered to be a human being and they were living a life of animals or worse than animals. Lawlessness and cruelty were at peak. Majority of the people were suffering from poverty since there economic system was affected by the everyday killing and looting of the masses. Superstitions and racial discrimination were on the top. Suddenly, the time reached when Allah accepted the prayers of Hazrat Ibrahim, and there born in his offspring the great thinker, celestial light for the whole universe, great teacher, and the benefactor of humanity, Hazrat Muhammad (SAW). Allah has selected this embodiment of purity, honesty, and trust for addressing the troubles for all the creatures on this earth. Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) brought about a profound change in the religious, political, social, cultural, and ethical systems of the Arabs. Consequently, they became the torch bearers, guides, and leaders of their own times.

Now, we must look at how Islam helps in the solution to the contemporary problems in the modern world. Although it is possible sometimes that we cannot retrieve a categorical solution for a specific problem in the light of Quran and Hadith; however, Islam has no such limitations and gives a basic framework for any such issue. Human beings have faced contemporary issues in every age, and *Mujtahedin*, thinkers and Pious People have always tried to find out solution to those problems in the light of pure character and personality of Hazrat Muhammad (SAW). This research is a continuation of this series whereby problems and solution will be presented.

2. Review on Fundamentalism and Lawlessness

Today, the most important problem that humanity faces is terrorism and lawlessness. Furthermore, it is conducted on the name of Islamization; however, Islam is the religion of peace and safety which is clear from its name as well. The reason for the misrepresentation of Islam is that a small group of Muslims has wrongly presented it for its vested interests. The concept of Jihad has been presented to brainwash people to carry out suicide attacks, on mosques, funerals, public gatherings, and security installation centres and to kidnap people whereby they have created an atmosphere of total chaos (Hassan, 2016). As a result, the peace has become only a matter of the past; however, the Quran says, 'not to kill any individual without any reason' (Bani-Israel, 17/33). Similarly, "evil has been regarded worse than murder" (Al-Baqarah, 2/191). There are two groups now: the first is doing every kind of activity on the name of Islam, and the second is to be doing it to eliminate this evil and, subsequently, to make their masters happy. Consequently, the world is marching towards destruction and annihilation. The holy prophet, however, has categorically said, "a Muslim is person from whose hands and tongue nobody will be feeling hurt" (Bukhari, 1422-H, p. 102) Iii How can be a system called a terrorist or can allow killing of innocent people which itself believes "that the killing of one person is the murder of all humanity" (Al-Maida, 5/32).

Today, Muslims everywhere in the world are being targeted. Their women are raped, and their children are killed by different nations. Their villages have been destroyed; their income looted and plundered. They have been killed irrespective of their sex, age, and place. The worst thing is that they have been labelled as terrorists so that they cannot defend themselves. In this

perspective, it is the responsibility of the Muslim scholars to unfold these trappings and to spread the basic postulate of Islam that is peace. In fact, they are evil spreaders, and the Quran addresses it by saying:

"What has been sent down to you from your Lord shall certainly increase many of them in rebellion and disbelief. We have put enmity and hatred amongst them lasting to the Day of Doom. Whenever they lit the flame of war, Allah puts it out. They run about on the Earth spreading mischief, and Allah does not like the mischief-makers" (Al-Maida, 5/64).

3. Research Methodology

It is a qualitative research and interpretation has been as an analytical instrument to cope with the issue of lawlessness and anarchy in the modern world in general and in Pakistan in particular. Quran and Hadith have been used as primary sources and other literature quoted in the text has been used as Secondary. The data has been interpreted in the light of the primary sources that is the Holy Quran and the Ahadith by the Prophet SAW. After a detailed discussion and comprehensive analysis, the researcher has proposed suggestions to end the curses of insecurity and lawlessness from the society and the entire world.

4. Discussion

4.1. Averting Insecurity

It needs explanation since this is both a national and international issue. Before the advent of Islam, religion was only an aspect of life, among others. Religion, in other words, was considered as an adjunct, and its ultimate relation was only that of a creator and created. There was a wide gap between a person religious and cultural life. There was no coordination between the two, and neither there felt a need for it. Such a narrow concept could give a comprehensive structure on which can stand human civilization. This is the sole reason there is a categorical demarcation line between religion and human civilization. Due to this reason, no religion in the world could give a peaceful and secure environment internationally.

4.2. Practiced *Azkar* (By the Holy Prophet SAW)

If we want to sort this issue, we must adopt the way of life of the Holy Prophet SAW. His life is a complete code of life and he has given important *azkar* to overcome such problems. The Prophet SAW used to humbly practice the *dua*:

"We have entered the day; and the whole universe is for Allah, who sustained the universe. Oh Lord! I ask Your goodness for this day. I ask your help in the success of this day and I pray for guidance and blessing of this day; and I take shelter from the evil of those things which are there in this day and those which are coming after this day." (*Al-Tibrani*, 1983, p. 477).

In the evening, he (SAW) used the following *dua*:

"We have entered in the evening, and we and all the universe are for Allah who is the creator of the worlds. Oh Lord! I ask Your goodness for this day. I ask

your help in the success of this day and I pray for guidance and blessing of this day; and I take shelter from the evil of those things which are there in this day and those which are coming after this day" (*Al-Tibrani*, 1983, p. 477; Abu-Dawood, p. 477).

Since human mind is incapable of solving all the problems of humanity through the sheer power of intellect and logic only, it is, therefore, imperative to sought help from someone who is above human beings. in this regard, it is only Allah and his messenger who can help humanity in the solution for their predicament. Unfortunately, the world is searching for the solution somewhere else.

Peace is the fundamental pillar of prosperity. We can only excel in education, science, and technology if we have a peaceful society. Islam, therefore, stresses on peace and security. The holy Quran mentions Hazrat Ibrahim AS by saying:

'(Recall) when Ibrahim said, "My Lord; May this city of peace, and provide its people with fruits- those of them who believe in Allah and the Last Day" (Al-Bagarah, 2/126).

Allah has mentioned, here, peace first and then the economy. Similarly, Allah conditionally promises by saying:

"Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good deeds that he will certainly make them (His) vicegerents in the land, as he made those before them, and will certainly establish for them their religion which he has chosen for them, and will certainly give them peace in place of fear in which they were before" (Al-Noor, 24/55).

4.3. Practicing the Teachings of the Prophet SAW

Now as it is proved that peace is imperative for the prosperity and progress of both an individual as well as a society, we do have an exemplary character who has no contradiction in whatever he said or did. His life is a perfect example of this kind of peace and prosperity. Examples from aha'adith are mentioned here:

A Muslim is that person from whose tongue and hands all other Muslims are secured (Bukhari, 1422-H, p. 102).

By God! He is not a Momin (a true believer in Allah); By God! He is not a Momin (a true believer in Allah); By God! He is not a Momin (a true believer in Allah); His companion asked, "O Messenger of Allah, who is not a Momin? He said, "the person whose neighbour is not feeling safe from his evil (Bukhari, 1422-H, p. 889).

The messenger of Allah asked whether He should tell you who is best and worst among you. All the people remained silent; the narrator narrates. The messenger of Allah thrice asked this question, and then one of the Sahaba (RA) said:

'Surely O Messenger of Allah. Do tell us who is nest and who is worst among

us. The prophet said, 'the best among is the person from whom people can expect good and who does not harm people; the worst among you is the person from who no one can expect any good and people are insecure of his evil (Tirmazi, 1998, p. 98).

'Any person who takes any piece of land from another person unjustly, he will be buried below the seven earths' (Tirmizi, 1998, p. 332).

He (SAW) issued a strict order on one occasion by saying, 'Don't become non-believers so that you start killing each other" (Bukhari, 1422-H, p. 2). Hazrat Zaid (RA) quotes Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as follows:

"Whosoever kills a person without any reason, he could not be able to smell even the fragrance of paradise which can be smelt from forty years distance" (Bukhari, 1422-H, p. 12).

All this discussion proves that Islam is a religion of brotherhood, love, peace, security, and prosperity. The people who are criticizing Islam for extremism and terrorism should think beyond their prejudices against Islam. They will come to know the validity and significance of this religion. The first job that Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) did after migration was to write a pact of and security by the name of *Meesaq-e-Madina*h with the people of Madinah majority of whom were Jews. The prisoners of war of *Badr* were nominally fined and the others were released to educate the people of Madinah. It was his love for humanity irrespective of their religion and creed. Similarly, the pact of Khudaybiah is another tremendous example to create peace and harmony among the people. On the day of conquering Makkah, he (SAW) declared a general forgiveness for all by saying, 'today there is no compulsion on anyone; today, nobody will be avenged, and I forgive all of you" (Al-Nisa'e, 2001, p. 154).

4.4. Suggestions for Establishing Peace

Since peace is the backbone of all other issues, it has therefore been discussed in a bit detail:

4.4.1. Political, Regional, and Linguistic Hypocrisy

The Muslim Ummah, today, is suffering from very fundamental issues like the hypocrisy of the Muslims. Sometimes it has been divided based on groups and that is the sole reason for the Arab world to split into too many parts. Similarly, sometimes it has been divided based on language like Pathans, Punjabi, Sindhi, and Balochi in our country. In the rest of the countries, for example, they have been divided based on Kurd and Turk, while others are suffering from sectarian hypocrisy like Shia and sunny. All this disunity among Muslims is presenting a very pathetic condition for Ummah and it has become a laughingstock in world.

4.4.2. Justice and Human Equality

Islam has given the concept of human equality which helps in eliminating the concept of colour and race. The life of the Prophet is a role model for the whole Ummah who has declared Laillaha-Illallah as the foundation for being a Muslim. The concept of Islamic Ummah is based on the singularity of Allah, and therefore, the prophet said, 'there is no supremacy of an Arab over a non-Arab, a no-Arab over an Arab, a black over white, or a white over black except that

of piousness" (*Al-Tibrani*, 1983, p. 360). If we apply this golden Islamic principle to the world, the humanity will be no more facing any trouble as for as discrimination and killing based on colour, race. This will certainly result in a society based on equal distribution of wealth and resources and thereby creating a peaceful world. If all the people believe in one God irrespective of colour, and race, it will create a civilization which can be ideal for the entire world. We can find the example of the State of Madinah which had successfully merged all those tribes who were previously killing each other on petty matters. We have seen that so many Muslims from various parts of the world like Iran, Rome, Yamen, from Abyssinia became just one nation and that is Muslim.

4.4.3. Political Crisis

Islam has its own political system which is different from the modern form of democracy which is suffering from so many ills. It is a complete code of life and establishes principles and guidance not only in economy but also in all other aspects of life anywhere in the world. The problem of the Muslim Ummah today is that it is suffering from political crisis in every part of the world. The primary reasons for this crisis are the greedy and incompetent rulers and the uneducated masses. Since the Sixteenth century, the Muslim Ummah could not find such a leader who could guide them and gather them under the umbrella of Islam. That is why the Muslim Ummah is unable to revive its lost glory since hundreds of years. Hazrat Ali (RA) is of the opinion that an Imam whether good or bad is inevitable for the Muslim Ummah. When asked about why a bad Imam is inevitable, he replied that at least the law will be enforced, and the passages would be secured. However, today, there is no Imam, hence, there is no enforcement of the Islamic law, which is a serious question for the whole Ummah" (Ghazi, 2009, p. 286).

4.4.4. Solution to Political Hypocrisy

To hold any political office is a big challenge and any sane person will neither wish for nor accept any. Looking at the Seerah, we cannot find any person who had wished for obtaining any office otherwise it would have not without any personal interest. Such a person cannot ensure justice in the society. Allah says:

"As for that Ultimate Abode (The Hereafter), we assign it to those who do not intend haughtiness on earth nor mischief. And the (best) end is for the Godfearing" (Al-Qasas, 28/83).

On the contrary, today every individual is running after a key position. Therefore, it is impossible to create a welfare state in the modern world. The Prophet SAW highlights this fact by saying, 'don't ask to rule, and if you get kingship on your request, you will be left alone; if you get it without any request, you will be assisted" (Muslim, 1376, p. 120). Since the requirement of bearing any public office is not based on personal likes and dislikes, rather, on the capabilities of an individual.

4.4.5. Backwardness in Science and Technology

Science and technology are the backbone for the progress and prosperity of any nation in the world. The Europeans have tremendously progressed in this field; however, the Muslim Ummah is lagging in science and technology. Our Holy Prophet SAW has given the foremost

significance to the acquisition of knowledge. The primary reason for this backwardness of the Ummah is that it has forgotten the golden principles of Islam, and the whole Ummah is looking towards the non-Muslims for help. Still, we can the solution of this issue in the teachings of Islam where the very first revelation is based on '*Iqra*' i.e. to read. Since the day one, Islam stresses on the acquisition of knowledge from 'cradle to tomb.' The Prophet (SAW)says, 'acquisition of knowledge is compulsory for every individual"(*Al-Tibrani*, 1983, p. 12). Briefly, when the Muslims were practicing their true religion, they ruled the world for centuries. Today we need an Islamic renaissance to lift the Ummah in every field of life including science and technology.

4.4.6. Defence and the Life of the Holy Prophet SAW

Muslims cannot remain unaware in terms of its defence. In this regard, the Islamic concept is that of being offensive and not defensive so that no nation could bother to them. This will result in a high morale of the Muslim Ummah. The Quran also instructs us by saying:

"Prepare against them whatever force you can, and the trained horses whereby you frighten Allah's enemy and your old enemy and others besides them whom you do not know" (Al-Anfal, 8/60).

Therefore, the Ummah cannot ignore this aspect of life to compete the threats from the non-Muslim world.

5. Findings and Conclusion

The finding of the above discussion and conclusion are given below in two different sections.

5.1. Findings

a) Islamic Concept of Peace

Currently, whatever is going on in the name of peace in the world is the result of military invention and imperialism which is a short-term solution to this issue. However, the world, today, needs to be enlightened about the Islamic concept of peace which is eternal and positive. Islam is not a religion of extremism because extremism negates logical and rational thinking while Islam is all logical and rational. Islam gives concepts of peace and balance.

b) Respect for Humanity

Self-respect is fundamental for ensuring peace and security. Today, if the world is lacking in peace, it is because that government, nationality and language is more important than humanity. Unless and until, we show self-respect for humanity, the world would be unable to see peace and will be acing terrorism.

c) Religious Liberty and Respect for Differences of Opinion

These are pivotal for ensuring peace in the world. The director Human Rights Watch

expresses his vies in context of US attack on Afghanistan after September 11 by saying, 'If the US war on terror is aligned with positive differences of opinion and religious liberty, their claims for whatever the US is trying to achieve will be become hollow.'

d) Integrated Communities and Healthy Dialogue

Differences in religion and civilization are inevitable in the world which cannot be subdued through war and confrontation. For peace and security, there should be consistent negotiation and understanding. Allah created human beings in such away if oppressed, he would resist against this oppression.

e) Causes of Violence and its Prevention

Terrorist activities are altogether condemnable; it destroys peace and security. so, to avoid it is a greater help to humanity; however, if there is no legal and ethical way left out for resolving issues faced by a certain group of people, there will be a reaction to this policy where the right goes to only those who are powerful. No nation can deprive any other nation just because of their wealth, military power, and its imperialistic policies. There would be a definite reaction to such injustices. The actual issue is to find out the causes of terrorism and not by bombarding the towns and cities; otherwise, it would give rise to more violent reaction.

5.2. Conclusion

Based on the above findings, human mind has a limit to reach although it varies individual to individual. That is why a person cannot exceed a certain limit in terms of his reason and rationality. Therefore, after certain limit, guidance from someone above the level of a human being becomes imperative for the mental satisfaction of humankind. Now such a person can only be the messenger of Allah who is directly guided by Him. Where all human knowledge, thinking, reason, and rationality come to a standstill, there starts the authority of the messenger. Therefore, Allah sent Prophet Muhammad SAW whose life is a complete code of life and gives the most acceptable solution to every human problem. Every nation is following a certain code of conduct and, therefore, as a nation, it has touched the zenith of human prosperity and value. Today, the developed countries, they have followed a certain system and collectively they did wonders. Similarly, if the Muslim Ummah also decides and follows the code of conduct given and practiced by the Prophet himself, certainly, the Muslims can do wonders in this world in every aspect of life. The reason being that he (SAW) himself laid the foundations of the Madinah State which is an ideal form human existence.

The modern world is suffering from evils. They include, for example, terrorism, the first and most important issue of the modern world, lawlessness, insecurity, racial discrimination, erroneous financial system, economic exploitation of the poor, poverty and starvation, bribery and nepotism including some other social evils like woman social status, environmental pollution etc. Now, all these are basic human issues and Islam gives a pertinent solution to all of them including those which are not mentioned here. Briefly, today, the solution to all human miseries is only present in Islamic teachings. The need of the hour is to implement these principles at individual, national, and international levels so that the present and the newly emerging issue of humanity could be properly sorted out. Since, Islam is a religion of kindness and peace, the entire world should take benefit from its blessings.

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