



Cure for Disruptions of Present Culture & Society in the Guidelines of Islamic Teachings (A case of a developing country like Pakistan)

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Abstract: This paper presents a brief discussion of the societal problems of developing countries in a very brief manner. And cure for societal problems of developing countries in the light of Islamic teachings has been presented. In this paper, one common issue of most people has been pointed out more which is also the cause of the disruption that is neglecting personal responsibility, which means disturbing other rights also. The issue is that stress is placed on rights rather than correctly fulfilling their duties. In an Islamic society, fear of Allah almighty must be shown by every individual during fulfilling their duties but it is only a theme, but practice is quite different. Lack of education is also because of the presenter and the receiver. The teachers do not provide duties in a better way and the students also do not perform their duties in the right manner. Likewise, the educational sector and other sectors are much more disrupted than this sector. In short, it may be stated that by seeing the societal and economic values of Pakistan Islamic values are not in practice. Moreover, political instability and organizational corruption are spreading the disruptions more in the country which is pushing back the economic conditions of Pakistan.

Keywords: Disruptions; Societal; Guidelines; Islamic teachings; Responsibilities; Rights; developing countries.

1. Introduction

It is a fact that no country is free from societal and economic problems, but political disturbance and instability are anti-developmental, especially for such a country that is backward or underdeveloped. It is remarkable to note that societies of developing countries are not only backward, but the culture and religious values are also being neglected especially by those people who have low standards of living or financial problems and lead miserable lives. This is why, in societies of developing countries, there are many types of disruptions that are making the situation more complicated.

2. Objectives of Study

There are many objectives of this study from which some may be presented as under:

- i- To know about the causes of societal problems.
- ii- To know about the Islamic teachings for better societies.
- iii- To find the solution to societal problems.
- iv- To stress about fulfilling the individual responsibility for the removal of disruptions.
- v- To do accountability about actions and duties continuously.
- vi- To mold the culture and civilization according to the Islamic teachings.

3. Limitation of study

This research is confined to finding the cure & solutions to societal problems from Islamic teachings for developing countries so that individuals as well as society could develop in a real manner. In developing countries, the case of Pakistan regarding societal conditions has been considered in this research.

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4. Literature Review

Many books have been written and published in developing countries about societies and in developed countries also more than developing ones. Besides, many research theses have been written and are being written in universities. Research articles have been published regarding the cure of disruptions or about societal problems but as the data about societies is increasing, the problems are also increasing in the societies. Besides this, many videos on YouTube and other social media links/ channels are also available. But in this paper, only written material from books and articles has been utilized.

5. Presentation

We all know that society consists of individuals. Therefore, if people are safe from individual and personal shortcomings then collectively society will be pure from these shortcomings. Today when we investigate society then we find shirking, not fulfilling duties, cowardice, irregularities, and lack of good ethics. These shortcomings are harmful to personal life as well as to society. Therefore, our people should be hardworking rather than shirking, they should be courageous rather than cowardly, and they should be punctual and regular instead of irregular. And other personal and moral traits must be observed so that society can bear a high caliber of people who are famous in character and morals, in this way, society will become the model of sincere and hardworking people. (Arifur Rehman, 2014)

No doubt education is a social act that transforms cultural values from one generation to the other generation. Education plays an important role in the growth of society as well as in the economic development of society.

6. Social Taboos / Social Restrictions

In every society, to manage a society in a mannerly way, there are some taboos or restrictions imposed. These restrictions are called social taboos or social restrictions. A civilized society forbids its members from such things or works that are against noble deeds. These restrictions & taboos also have effects on education, e.g. without slaughtering, eating even halal animals is a social and economic taboo. No doubt, the fact is that civilized societies always have civilized manners in society which have long-lasting effects on the people also. Besides this, if most people are not civilized this thing will disrupt many other sectors also. Then the correction becomes tougher with time spent more and more. The reason is that remedy remains easy if cure should be adopted in less period but after the spending period, it will become more difficult.

In Nadvi 's (1992) point of view, history does not present a clear and accurate picture all the time, as sometimes, personal interest and tendency also affect the history of incidents. Real pictures of any time may not be thought of from the books of that era as writings also may not remain safe and sound from the effects of time and rulings. Sometimes, real pictures about culture and the people are visualized directly from the people or seeing the culture-related things. (Nadvi, 1992) (1) In developing countries, there is another problem that is presenting the wrong facts and figures. As the election results are changed by the powerful agencies of the country with the alignment of foreign agencies. Then, how can we expect fairness in other policies for the welfare of the people? Therefore, it may be stated that economic disruptions may create other societal disruptions in the country, the period of correction will depend upon the disruptions of sectors and the tendency to do corrections also.

There is a famous proverb, "Negativity may knock at your door but it does not mean you have to let it in." In this way, it may be stated that there are positive and negative things but it is up to us to avoid negative things and accept the good ones for good circumstances and good traits.

In Islamic society, individuals who are real Muslims prefer hereafter on worldly matters, they become worried about their duties rather than their rights. This thing increases their efficiency. (Waheed ud Din Khan Maulana, N/M) But in the present era, people have become conscious about their rights and neglected their duties or become lazy in performing their duties. The problems have emerged more in societies at the collective level and homes at the individual level as compared to the past.

In Islamic society, the surroundings of less speaking and doing work prevail. (Waheed ud Din Khan Maulana, N/M) It is a very strange thing that in the present era, the situation has changed that now speaking with people becomes more but doing practically becomes less or nothing. This is why Islamic teachings guide us to remain quiet but should talk if it is necessary to speak. And there is another proverb "Quietness is just like doing worship". Many verses of the Holy Quran arouse thinking about the universe. In this way, the Creation of Allah almighty and the reality of human life becomes clear. But unfortunately, the thinking about the universe or Allah's creation has been changed into using modern devices which has been creating many personal and collective problems in the societies.



The main trait of the Holy Prophet's (SAW) framed society was that in that society, people preferred to avoid sin and evil. (Siddique, 2012) Hatred from sin and the struggle to do good deeds is a commendable trait in every society and every country. In Islamic society, individuals are trained in that manner so that they struggle for the promotion of spirituality rather than materialism. In a society, where the promotion of material values is stressed, it may not be considered an Islamic society. The purpose of Islamic teachings was to establish such a noble society in which individuals perform their duties voluntarily just to gain Allah's pleasure. (Phulwari, 1999) While in a society where people do not perform their duties in the right manner or without getting bribe income, how the correction and development of such a society be imagined? And in backward and corrupt societies, individuals prefer to get personal income rather than perform duties in the right manner. This means individual benefits are preferred over collective benefits. In an Islamic society, boys and girls have different curricula and different educational organizations for getting an education. (Sajjad, 1996)

In the present era, the spread of non-Islamic values and customs is because of the role of media and social media. Furthermore, people who return from foreign tours after getting an education also prefer foreign culture to the local and Muslim culture.

7. Role of Education

Education is crucial for any society but it is a religious duty to gain knowledge for members of an Islamic society. It is sorrowful for the followers of Islam whose first revelation started with the word "Iqra, getting an education in Islam is not a matter of worldliness but it is also a matter of religion. But this Muslim nation is far behind other Non - Muslim nations. From this situation, it is easy to analyze whether Muslims are acting upon the teachings of Islam or not. This is shameful for present Muslims when they are called Muslims but actions are against the teachings of Islam.

7.1 Family System

The first institution that was set up based on religion & welfare, was a family system under divine commandments. From husband and wife, this relation is based on nikah while from this, children son, and daughter complete family. These rights and duties of one person increase with increasing their age and number of relations also. On the other side if marriage life discontinues then the clash and disruption between two families may start sometimes which ends with the death of some family member. But after death, revenge becomes a matter of honor or humiliation. This is why, the marriage ceremony should be done openly and with great care as it is a matter of life. A good marriage can change life into heaven on earth while a bad marriage or mismatched marriage can change worldly life into hell on earth.

7.2 Importance of State

No doubt, the importance of a state for the individual is crucial as without a state, a person is unable to perform his personal as well as collective duties might not be fulfilled. But for Muslims, the purpose of the state is to establish an Islamic system according to its teachings of Islam. But when an Islamic state is not implemented then it is not considered an Islamic state because of the absence of Islamic rules and regulations. In actuality, an Islamic state means a state of welfare without any discrimination between the rich and the poor, between the Muslim and the non-Muslim.

7.3 Importance of Modesty (Haya)

The Holy Prophet said, "Modesty (Haya) is a portion of belief. The importance of modesty may be visualized from the divine commandments that men and women should lower their eyes while they are walking. From the eyes, different imaginations, good or bad, also reflect on the mind and heart. By lowering your eyes, men and women become safe from negative thoughts.

7.4 Importance of Truth

According to the Holy Quran, there should be no difference between our sayings and our actions. And the Holy Quran states: "Why you say such as you do not do". The concept of deception or lying with the inhabitants of a state may be termed politics in the modern era but it is quite different from the concept of welfare state.

7.5 Correction of a Society for Development

For development and progress, the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) set up that society in the Arab world, this is the biggest incident in history and it is also the most important. In the world, it has been witnessed that no society has changed and progressed in a short period of span as the ignorant people of Arabs have made progress under the guidance of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.). In it, the feelings have been aroused to prefer the others over themselves. These feelings created the conditions of brotherhood and fraternity which promoted the cooperative and mutual system.

7.6 Lack of unity

It is sorrowful that in the present era, the lack of unity in Muslim Ummah has been creating disturbances in Islamic Societies. By creating mutual brotherhood and emotions of sacrifice, results of unity and its efforts may be gained. One secret trait of human beings is that all members of society must live under one leader or Quaid as the organs of the body live under one human's head. (F. Rehman, 1965)

7.7 Economic Cultural Values

In a society in which people have problems earning money, most people remain hand to mouth. In a society, if people neglect religious values & religious worship to earn a livelihood, this shows that people of this society have economic problems and the value of religion is not in practice. This means the difference in their lives is present between the theories not in practice. This type of person is unbelievable and un-trustful. This type of people may be used by opponents easily to gain monetary benefits. This is the case in mostly developing countries where they are deprived of the necessities of life.

7.8 Lack of Mutual Emotions

In the present era, the main issue among the Muslim Ummah is the lack of mutual emotions for one another. Due to this deficiency, one's pain is not considered the pain of the whole class. Until these emotions arise, the unity of the nation will remain just like the dream of an abnormal person.

For the promotion of the status of families and societies, emotions play an important role in creating mutual harmony. When in families and societies, emotions of mutual harmony disappear, this thing denotes that the society and the individual of this society are being downgraded. So it is the duty of authorities that they should take it seriously and think about a solution as soon as possible. In Shahid Hussain Razaqi's point of view in the present era, the downfall of Muslim Ummah is the attachment to old traditions which are against the requirements of the modern era. The biggest fault of Muslims in education is that they are confined to old knowledge and these have no linkages with modern knowledge & skills. This is why these are not useful for the present and modern era. (Razaqi, 2014)

In Hijazi's point of view, the disruptions of society, the earnings of worldly benefits of the religious section in the appearance of spirituality. This section gets benefits & money from simple people by using different tricks. The claimant people of spirituality take the society into slavery, downfall, and faithlessness. This section of society plays with religious beliefs and faiths. (Hijazi, 1992) In all the disruptions of societies, sexual disruption is a root evil and main disruption. Although every evil is harmful, vulgarity is much more harmful than the other evils which disturb the whole nation. As one non-Muslim historian Tien Bee stated, "I have studied the whole nation but reached this point which nation is safe from sexual vulgar emotions, he remained long-lasting and became the ruler also in the world. (Muavia, 2006)

7.9 Quran commandments & their violation

Holy Quran prohibits interest but it is being done in the business of Islamic countries with an organizational basis and with the support of Government authorities. In Surah Al-Baqarah, the biggest verse states to write matters and dealings to avoid any type of quarrel but in dealings and business most people ignore this. (Al-Quran, Al-Baqarah: 282) In chapter Ar-Rahman, it is stated, 'not to do less weigh and shorten the measurement', (Al-Quran, Ar-Rahman: 7-9) but it is done by some Muslim traders in their business. Mostly traders prefer worldly profit over the hereafter profit because these business transactions do not reflect the Islamic culture & civilization.



7.10 Holy Prophet's Sayings

"Allah does not see your faces but he sees your actions". Hadith narrated Sahih Bukhari has meaning just like that:

"Muslim is that from whom others Muslim remain safe from his tongue and his hand." (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith # 10) According to this cited Hadith, if people are reviewed keenly, it will become difficult to find the person, to whom a true Muslim would be declared. To torture the other with a tongue is not considered evil. Flattering behavior is liked by everyone.

In another Hadith, it is narrated, "Noble words are also charity." (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith # 2989) This is useful for the person who has not wealth to do charity therefore by speaking noble words; the concerned person may attain virtues and the pleasure of Allah almighty.

7.11 Prophetic Framed Society

In this ancient society, people had a fear of Allah. This is why, if someone had sinned, he used to present himself for punishment.

In this society, people had no snobbery but they were simple. But in modern times, the ethical values that may be imagined in the books and practices of the educated and the uneducated people do not show ethics. Now the definitions of bravery and deception have been changed. Now to deceive the other in business or talking is considered as the politics or the techniques of business. Now no person will be seen who has committed a crime and presented himself for punishment after affirming his sin but in the days of early Islam, there are many examples quoted in the history and Hadith books where someone presented himself for punishing doing crime or sin.

7.12 Islamic Ideology

Pakistan was set up in the name of Islam. We will have to ensure the implementation of the Islamic system in this country. And practical Islamic values can solve the problems of this country. Consistency in Islamic ideology is the only single path to our eternity. For this, it is necessary that such Govt. Should be established which could implement Islamic ideology with power and strictly. (Hashmi, 2014)

Khalid argued that ethics, education & law are such powers that promote the tendency of societies. In society, to establish society at a certain level, besides faith & belief that powers are crucial, these are powers of education, law, and ethics. If these are interconnected with one another and have linkages with belief and faith, then nothing can be in front of that power. (Khalid, 2009) As, if the law is obeyed by the inhabitants and justice is spread by the courts of the country. This thing will have a good impact courts on and the people of the country. Otherwise, if the justice is sold by the judges and purchased by the wealthy persons then the poor will defeat all cases whether they will be right and true in the case.

7.13 Reforms of Education Sector

It has been observed that there are no such criteria for teachers for appointing board or university exam duties. In some institutions, mostly teachers are deputed for board or university exams while in other educational institutions, no one is deputed for exam duties. In such schools where teachers are mostly deputed for exam duties of boards and universities, the system of school administration as well as education is disturbed during the exam days. The students of that school remain all day quarreling or playing or shouting in the classes in the absence of teachers and a shortage of school staff. Besides this, there is another thing practically observed as some teachers do board exam duties at their center of choice or with the pre-planning of concerned school administration whose students are being taken the exam. This planning for exam duty is done by the school administration to create good results by cheating and for doing kindness by the examining body. During exam duty, cheating permission and consent are assured by the teachers against getting financial gifts. In this way, these teachers who are doing exam duty with pre-planning and center of choice, are earning third times more income than those who are not doing exam duty i.e. firstly, on exam duty deputed teachers get full income while they are doing exam duties, secondly, on exam duty, these teachers get specific income against performed, thirdly these deputed teachers get some money from students against the reward of cheating during exam duties. This means students give money to the invigilators for providing their services of cheating. In this way, the position holders and exam duties become suspect. Therefore, it is suggested for better exams every year, one or a maximum of two teachers must be deployed so that all the teachers can do exam duties fairly and

cheating-free duties. And in this way, pre-planning and center-of-choice exam duties will be removed. In this way, the shortage of school staff during board or university exams will be solved to some extent.

7.14 Need for ideal Government

The need for an ideal government requires poorer and more developing countries than the developed ones. The philosophical thoughts of Suqrat point out about justice and ideal government. Suqrat points out that if someone performs his work or duty in the right manner, this means this is justice. And similarly, if the government performs its duties in the right manner, it may be said an ideal government because of the right work. Otherwise, the government will be creating disturbances for the people and people will play its role in spreading disturbance. Its impacts will not appear in the long run but it will appear in the short run. It is the duty of the ideal government they provide job opportunities to all eligible and needy persons. In the provision of jobs, ruling authorities should prefer the needy persons over the eligible rich candidates so that they could run their families while earning a haram income. But in developing countries, the case in appointing the candidates becomes reversed as the needy and poor eligible candidates are neglected while the rich ineligible candidates are appointed against the income of bribes. This is why the persons who do not need work how can perform duties in good better way.

7.15 Share your wealth with near ones

In society, those people are prosperous; they should try to involve their dear ones in their prosperity. And it will be possible when the prosperous people will not waste their wealth on unnecessary things and work. Every prosperous person and a well-to-do person should be involved to improve the educational condition of their village and region. And they should help the orphans, widows, and the poor. And they should bear the expenses of the education of intelligent students of their near ones. And they should not waste their wealth on professional beggars and professional organizations. And Allah commanded us to spend wealth on their relatives. The Holy Quran commands us to be beneficial, to do justice, and to give money to poor relatives. The Holy Quran prohibits wasting money on vulgarity, spendthrift, nakedness, and unnecessary spending. (Arif-ur-Rehman, 2014)

It is a fact that if all the wealthy people give their due share to all nearby ones, the problem of poverty can be solved in a shorter period. In present circumstances, Muslims should spend one portion of their earnings on human service and education of the Muslims and help the poor. And every person can fix his sum of money according to his financial status.

It is an undeniable fact that Allah is not needy but we are needy for his everything. And on all the things, we have no possessions on anything. Even so, we are not masters & owners of our lives. The breaths of life are fixed. And in these breaths, there is no possibility of increase or decrease. Similarly, the livelihood is also fixed. This is why life will have to be spent according to the divine commandments. And livelihood will have to be gained in a permitted and wholesome way. Allah S.W.T. has gifted the blessings and taught us, the ways of gaining and spending these things. And worldly wealth that a person has in actual this is not his possession but considering such things is a self-deception. (Arif-ur-Rehman, 2014) It is sorrowful that in this temporary world, as all know all have to die sooner or later but besides this, mostly try to collect wealth and money ignoring its status as prohibited or permitted. Struggling to deceive the other with his actions or saying is also not a good thing, but it is practiced and creates disruption also. And Islamic teachings discourage these actions, as Hadith Sciences has a commandment; (meaning) "whoever deceives the other, he is not from us". But deception is considered as the trick or extra ability of earning in the modern era which must be discouraged at all levels.

The reason for poverty in modern times is not the scarce resources but the actual reason is the unsuitable division of resources. For example, if wealthy people pay zakat and usher and other squats in villages and urban areas of Muslim countries, how can the poor remain without resources and without meeting their needs? It is empirical evidence of the son of a landlord who informed them they did not pay the user for the last twenty years to poor people. He also affirmed that if we pay the required ushr then with their ushr more than twenty people can survive on wheat of ushr and similarly many other people also did not pay the ushr to the poor people. This is why poverty is increasing day by day and some poor people have to do illegal and prohibited things to survival.



8. Concluding Remarks

In a nutshell, it may be stated that economic development is crucial for cultural and societal development. With this, self-dependence is also necessary for gaining real long-term development. For individual satisfaction, individual accountability regarding their duties must be considered practically. For this purpose, fear of Allah Almighty regarding answerability must be present. In this way, when all will perform their duties in the correct way and manner. The problem of demanding rights will be solved automatically. A matter of demanding rights emerges when someone neglects his duty. All must think about their duties rather than think about rights. For a better future, snobbery & fashions must be left. And for constructive life, a collective basis must be searched. In the world, all great and ambitious human leaders lead simple lives. And they all have given a lot of things to serve humanity. And we should try to follow these great men. And we should not follow the path of those who became notorious as they have left bad examples for humanity. Therefore, we should not be spendthrift. We should always adopt a moderate attitude in spending so that we can reasonably survive our lives and succeed in the mundane as well as hereafter life.

9. Recommendation

- 1- To promote Islamic values, the media should play a pivotal role while such advertisements which are against Islamic values, must be controlled.
- 2- In developing countries, such policies must be framed which are beneficial for the country.
- 3- Policy makers and policy institutes must consider the research of researchers for the application and development of the country.
- 4- To increase the literacy rate in developing countries, the issue of unemployment must be solved. Teaching staff must not be deployed in other duties of other departments, especially on examination days.
- 5- In developing countries, for societal development, peace, and political system must be assured for everyone.
- 6- For promotion of literature, research, and debates, events and seminars must be arranged so that everyone can present his point of view without hesitation.
- 7- For living in a peaceful and tolerant manner, it is better to spend life according to following religious teachings.

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