Ethics of Social-Equality for a Sustainable Peaceful Society through Manifestation of Seerat Un Nabi

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Abstract

Global peace is an important and significant debate and objective to be attain. the problem of todays world is social conficts having multiple reasons, including political misbalance of power, social justice, economic disparity and so on. The disturbance and creation of chaos create conflicts in the society. Islamic Culture promotes harmony and justice in the society which takes its roots from Seerat un Nabi, which provides a way of dealing with these conflicts and promotion of peace in the society. The Prophet of Islam's life provides ways to solve social conflicts, which provides the best examples as mediator to, resolves a huge problem with intellectual power, great methodologies, approaches and principles that made society a peaceful and advanced society. The objective of this research work is to highlight the manifestation of Islamic culture of peace and social justice to promote peace in the society while discussing Prophetic dealing with conflicts, describing the important principles, excellent measures taken by him to resolve social conflict., the present article recommends the implementation of conflict resolutions from Seerat un Nabi SAW to recent day's problems for peaceful society. The research is qualitative in nature by analytical and descriptive study of the Seerah un Nabi.

Keywords: Global Peace and harmony, social justice, Seerah un Nabi, conflict resolution.

Introduction

Peace is the important condition for a peaceful, harmonious and successful society. Peace is defined as "freedom from war and violence, especially when people live and work together happily without disagreements". (Cambridge Dictionary)

Throughout from history, man is always busy in making enemies and involved in wars. According to the research in the field of psychology, philosophy and conflict resolution shows that before even learning any kind of history, from an early age, people feel the need to have an enemy of some sort. Always looking for an enemy, one is eliminated, then make another one their enemy. (Vehapi, 2013). There is phenomenon of human development that mankind's need to recognize some people as allies and some as enemies. (Volkan, 1985)The incident of September 9/11 drew a line between Muslims and West, declared Muslims as enemies of West. Muslims suffered, still suffering a lot of pain and discrimination due to this enmity. This act was done by some people who "hated American freedom" coming from Muslim lands causes this animosity, even Muslims also died in those attacks and many Muslims countries stood up in support of American people in sympathy but they ignored them and declared them as enemies.(Vehapi, 2013)Islamophobia took strong roots after this disastrous incidentand blames Islam as the religion of violence, spread through violence which becomes the reasons of many blasphemous acts. Westerns with other non-Muslim countries took advantage of this condition and make blasphemous movies, cartoons and speeches that effected badly Islam and Muslim's psychological condition. Recently in India did a blasphemous act that severely affected Muslims. The religion that have a peaceful, harmonious and moderate teachings can bear these blames and accusations? The Holy Prophet SAW bear a lot of difficulties in spreading Allah's message and didn't cause of hurting a single soul. Even non-Muslims and His enemies had full confidence on Him, as they gave Him the title of "*Sadiq and Ameen*". The Holy Prophet SAW didn't only resolve Muslims even non-Muslims conflict in a beautiful manner that have been a model for whole humanity till this day. Current research work discusses and explaining peaceful nature of Islam and conflict resolution in the light of Seerat un Nabi SAW. The objective of this research work is reviewing His peaceful nature and resolves nowadays conflicts, promotion of harmonious nature of Islam and its application in these timesthrough using historical and descriptive method of research through data analysis.

Islam The Religion of Peace

The literal meaning of word "Islam" is submission and surrender. Islam as a religion means total submission and surrender to the will of Allah, so that one can live in peace and tranquility. Arabic word "*salam*" means peace, is achieved through active and total obedience to the commandments revealed by Allah The Almighty. Islam is the universal religion not only for particular tribe or nation but for the whole humanity. Islam is a complete way of life to live peacefully. (Slideshare.net) The word "Islam" totally refutes the violence and turbulence. The Holy Qur'an always commands Muslims to make peace on earth. The very objective of Islam is to call people, to believe in the oneness of Allah Almighty, but in Allah also says in Qur'an, that there is no compulsion in religion (2:256), no one can force others to enter in the circle of Islam without one's desire. In the history of Islam, Muslims always fought defensive wars, but today this religion became threat to world peace because of great

misunderstanding and hatred.Allah Almighty clearly states in the Qur'an regarding peace and preventing violence and turbulence on earth as Allah Almighty loves the paths of peace (5:16), and invites humans for peace and guides them to straight path (10:25). Allah Almighty admires that the problem has to solve through reconciliation, this is the best way (4:128). The Holy Prophet SAW is the best example of resolving problems through peace and reconciliation.

Islamophobia and its impact on ethnic societies

Today, Islam and Muslims related to anything except good. Books, articles, movies and documentaries are made against Islam and Muslims. Media also play its role in spreading hatred. In U.S and European countries bans on hijab, construction of mosques, least participation in politics shows how much Islamophobia reached to this day. Islamophobia became a disease in Western countries. In Pew Research Center held a survey in 2005 in which 36% and according to a Washington Post-ABS News Poll document showed 2006 that 46% of Americans have a negative view about Islam. This percentage is becoming higher day by day after the incident of 9/11. Iranian revolution, hostage takings, hijackings and many other terrorist acts happened in 1980-1990 and then attacks on Pentagon and World Trade Center becoming the major of starting of Islamophobia.There is not any particular event which states the start of Islamophobia and hatred against Islam.(Vehapi, 2013)

It roots back on the early ages of flourishing of Islam, when Muslim empire becoming wide and conquering the world. When the conquest of Roman empire took place, Byzantine Empire takeover by Muslims and then crusades took place then their relations becoming worse and worse. (Omer, 2020)

Islamophobia becoming a biggest challenge for Muslims as it causes great harm to the real essence of Islam that is peace.

Conflict Resolution

Conflict is something that has negative effect breaks harmony and should be avoided. Conflict resolution means a third party that restores and reestablishes the order. It revolves around elders, family members and leaders who put the pressure on parties to guarantee the implementation of peace agreement. (Maffettone, 2016) Nowadays Muslims faces many challenges that rises conflicts in our society. Islamophobia is the biggest challenge that creates conflicts between Muslims and non-Muslims especially from West. Resolving this conflict and presenting the peaceful nature of Islam to the Western countries through Seerat un Nabi SAW. The Holy Prophet SAW made the scattered Arabian Peninsula into a strong and systemize government system in a very short period of time. How can He have resolved their conflicts?

Seerat un Nabi SAW

The personality and character of The Holy Prophet SAW is ideal for every practicing Muslim. After the Holy Qur'an, Sunnah of the Holy Prophet SAW is guidance for every human. In Qur'an Allah reminds people that they have no faith on Him until they make Prophet SAW a judge amongst themselves and find no objections in His rulings and accept His ruling wholeheartedly (4:65). His teachings

always taught love and respect human beings and to be honest with everyone in your life. His merciful nature is also a big source of conflict resolution.Seerat un Nabi SAW is witness so many incidents that plays a vital role in conflict resolution e.g. treaty of *Mithaq e Madina, Hudaybiyyah,* victory of Makkah etc.

Principles of Conflict Resolution from Seerat un Nabi SAW

Seerat un Nabi SAW is witness a lot of events that He was a reliable person to resolves conflicts. There are many principles uses by the Holy Prophet SAW that is the part of His *seerah*.

The Holy Prophet SAW has a very strong character, that even before the revelation He resolves many conflicts. He always trusted by people in matters regarding conflict resolution. He handled a challenging and delicate situation with great intellectual power. On the occasion of the renovation of *Kabah,* when the renovation became completed there was a conflict arose that which one of the clan should have honor to place *Hajr-e-Aswad* on its place. Clans that took part in the renovation with wholeheartedly and worked hard, now became enemies of each other even threatened each other to fight. Somehow they decided to wait for next morning when the first person enters into the city, he will decide this matter. Next morning the person who enters the gate was the Holy Prophet SAW. They became relief as they trusted Him for His honesty and trustworthiness, So Prophet SAW decided to resolve this challenging conflict as slightest mistake would have turned Makkah into bloodshed. He asked them to bring a piece of cloth then He put the *Hajr-e-Aswad* into the bottom of the cloth and asked the clan leaders to hold the one corner of cloth and carry *Hajr-e-Aswad* to the right spot and then He Himself put the *Hajr-e-aswad* on it's right place and nobody objected. He resolves this challenging conflict through His strong character and great intellectual power. (Vehapi, 2013)

The Holy Prophet SAW endure many hardships during His mission. The people who respects Him and never had enough courage to speak in front of Him, slandered, teased and even wanted to kill Him but He always shows patient in order to avoid conflicts. In order to avoid conflicts He ordered believers to migrate to Abyssinia and Madinah. He was forced to left from His homeland to avoid wars and conflicts. Patient became His way for long term success. Patience is one of the principle in conflict resolution that leads to success.(Vehapi, 2013)

Tolerance is also one of important characteristic of the Holy Prophet SAW in conflict resolution. Tolerant behavior He achieves victories that no one can achieve in their whole life. At the victory of Makkah, He tolerated all enemies that plotted against Him for many years but He forgives them and His tolerance made people saw the true nature of Islam, conquer the hearts in Arabian Peninsula, bring people together and establishes lasting rule.

Forgiveness is one of the biggest quality of the Holy Prophet SAW that made Him prominent. The Holy Prophet SAW forgives His biggest enemies on the day when He came back to His homeland with victory. He entered into the city of Makkah with bowing His head even His head touches His camel's saddle. He forgives all those people who oppressed Him and His followers even forgives the murderer of

His uncle "Hinda". The incident of *Ta'if* is also His biggest example of conflict resolving through forgiveness. Forgiveness is one of the most important principle of conflict resolution and peace building.(Vehapi, 2013)

The Holy Prophet SAW gave the lesson of brotherhood in resolving conflicts and becoming strength of each other's. After the migration to Madinah Muslims of Makkah left their houses, wealth, properties, businesses even relatives. The Holy Prophet SAW made them brothers with the Muslims of Madinah and introduced them with the concept of brotherhood. Brotherhood made them even more to real brothers. This example never seen in the history of world.

The Holy Prophet SAW has always good intension. He never did fight until there was not left any other choice except war. He only fight in defense e.g. battle of Badr, Uhud and Trench. In those wars He was forced to defend himself. He even tried to avoid wars just like in the battle of trench making trenches so that enemy could not have crossed the line. Good intentions are always important principles in conflict resolution.

Methodologies and Approaches of Conflict Resolution in the Light of Seerat un Nabi SAW

The Holy Prophet SAW adopts many methodologies and approaches resolves conflicts and made Muslim governance system as unique system in which non-Muslims can easily live and performs their religious duties freely. He never imposes the religion to non-believers that is the main reason of conflict resolution. He even made peace treaties with them to live under Islamic government protection and performs their religious duties e.g. *Mithaq-e-Madinah*.

The Holy Prophet SAW resolves many conflict through withdrawing as He made treaty of *Hudaibiyyah* to step back from performing *Umrah* only for peace agreement and conflict resolution. He came next year to perform *Umrah*. (Nomani and Nudvi, 2002)

Dialogue is one of the effective methodology of resolving conflicts. While the writing of the treaty of *Hudaibiyyah*both, Prophet SAW and *Qura'ish* came to the agreement through dialogue. Prophet SAW accepts their conditions and agreed upon this treaty.(Nomani and Nudvi, 2002)

After the migration to the Madinah, The Holy Prophet SAW unites the two big clans of Yathrab i.e. *Aws* and *Khazraj* for peace. After the short period of time all the clan of Yathrab took pledges to alliance with the Holy Prophet SAW. After the first Muslim community and Islamic governance took roots there. *Mithaq-e-Madinah* is the charter that made only for securing peace with other religions people to avoid conflicts. Diplomacy is one of the best methodology in peace building and conflict resolution.(Vehapi, 2013)

Reconciliation is one of the method of resolving conflicts between two parties and came to an agreement. Prophet SAW uses this methodology while resolving conflicts with the non-believers and the biggest example is the treaty of *Mithaq-e-Madinah* and treaty of *Hudaibiyah*. Both parties agreed on an agreement and peace builds. (Nomani and Nudvi, 2002)

The Holy Prophet SAW made a number of peace treaties to for resolving conflicts. He made peace treaties with Makkanpagans, Jews of Madinah, Arab tribes and neighboring Christian empires. He never broke these treaties and always stick upon their conditions. The main two important treaties that Prophet SAW made i.e. *Mithaq-e-Madinah*and *Sulh-e-Hudaibiyyah* both were important in securing peace. As these two treaties are made to avoid wars and their peace agreement important for religious affairs and diplomatically strengthening Islamic governance.(Vehapi, 2013)

Mediation is one of the method of resolving conflicts as Prophet SAW uses this method to resolves the conflict between two clans of Madinah i.e. *Aws* and *Khazraj*. These clans become friends and helped the migrants of Makkah and set the example of brotherhood.

Implementation of Seerat un Nabi SAW in Resolving Recent Conflicts

Michael Hart in his book, ranks The Holy Prophet SAW number one. As he says, "My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the religious and the secular levels." (Hart, 1978)The teachings of the Holy Prophet SAW are so complete that no one can deny them. The misunderstanding between Muslims and West only resolve by the efforts of today's Muslim and following the footsteps of the Holy Prophet SAW.

Conclusion

Peace is the necessary tool for a peaceful, harmonious and advance society. When conflict arises it disturbs the system of society, friends becomes strange. One of the biggest challenge these days is Islamophobia. It creates conflicts and damaged the true nature of Islam. Islam is the religion of peace and Qur'an and Sunnah both denies this challenge. Overcoming this challenge Muslims have to review the real Islamic nature through living example i.e. Seerat un Nabi SAW. The Holy Prophet SAW uses many methodologies and principles to resolve conflicts. The methodologies and approaches becomes models for resolving recent times conflictsbetween Muslims and West.

Recommendation

To resolve conflicts through deep understanding with great intellectual power.

Adopting important traits of The Holy Prophet SAW e.g. forgiveness, tolerance, patience and brotherhood.

To use methodologies from Seerat un Nabi SAW e.g. dialogue, mediation, reconciliation, withdrawing from bias approach and strong diplomacy policies for conflict resolution.

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