
Peaceful Environment is needed in Current Scenario Under Islamic Context

Dr. Naseem Akhter*

Dr. Aijaz Ali Khoso**

Abstract

Since Islam is a religion of peace and security, its teachings are founded on principles of peace, justice, equality, and harmony. It is important to obey the teachings of Islam to bring peace and order to society. Many events involving peace and order can be found in history. The age of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and the Caliphs was one of peace and order, everybody lived in harmony, peace, and equality, whether Muslim or non-Muslim. All was safe and secure. History bears witness to the creation of a culture where peace and order reigned supreme. Islam preaches peace and opposes coercion. It is committed to promoting justice and equality. However, the present state of affairs in society is due to the forgetting of Islamic principles, resulting in a lack of law and order, as well as a lack of equality, justice, and fairness. Ignorance and unfair attitudes are at their peaks. Islam is the only religion that recognizes human rights and despises unjust actions. Not only must Islamic teachings be disseminated in society, but they must also be followed. So that the society's unbalanced environment is removed and a balanced environment is preserved. Because of its particular field, this article can be useful and helpful to new researchers.

Keywords: Peace, Environment, Need of Time, Islamic Teachings, Contemporary Society

1. Introduction

Peace has many definitions, including harmony, contentment, tranquility, and calmness, as well as reconciliation and prosperity. Similarly, the word "peace" is used in the word "Islam," which means "the religion of enduring peace and stability. In Islam, the virtues of peace and tranquility are stated, and so many specific instructions are provided to free this earth from the injustice that other world religions are unable to provide an example. For the first time, Islam provided the world with systematic teaching of peace and love, as well as a long-lasting code of conduct known as "Islam," the religion of everlasting peace and protection.¹ On solid foundations, Islam began a new chapter of peace and tranquility, which it tried to extend with absolute intellectual and moral power and intellectual height. The pattern of peace and order in the world today, and the desire for deep peace among all groups, can be attributed to Islamic teachings.² In any conditions and under any name or word, Islam does not accept injustice. It instructs its adherents to protect others' lives, property, and religion, faith, homeland, religious sanctities, religious rituals, mosques, and shrines, among other things, and to defend them against all forms of violence and conspiracies. It makes them obligated to thwart any attempt made against them or humanity.³ The need for peace in society is critical. There is no distinction between man and beast if it is not present. The creation of a community needs peace. As a consequence, it has always been a significant problem, and it has only become more so in these turbulent times. From Hazrat Adam (Alaih Salaam) to Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH), all of the prophets who have come to this world have emphasized

* Assistant Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, Pakistan.

Email: khtr_nsm@yahoo.com

** Assistant Professor, University of Sufism and Modern Sciences, Bhitshah, Sindh.

the restoration of law and order, the abolition of tyranny and inequality. In today's world, bigotry, and sectarianism have developed an atmosphere in which injustice is no longer considered oppression. During the day, settlements are burnt. Worship centers are being destroyed. Innocent people are found guilty of crimes they did not commit, and they are subjected to inhumane treatment. Some have died and gone to the land of the dead in the hope of seeking justice. Human life wants harmony and tranquility, so peace, justice, and peace hold a prominent role in all religions. The "religion of Islam," which has been misrepresented by critics in the general public and has been labeled as fear and horror, is the religion of peace that conveys the message of peace. However, history bears witness to this, and those who are familiar with it, regardless of faith, that Islam simply sends a message of peace and security to humans. It is built based on mutual love and equality.⁴ This research work consists of some parts such as in first part, the introduction, basic question of the research, statement of the problem, hypotheses of the research, objectives of the research and significance of the research were explained, whereas, in the second part, a literature review was elucidated, in the third part, research methodology was explicated, same in the fourth part, analysis of the problem was highlighted, in the part fifth and sixth, conclusion of this research work, suggestions and recommendations were explained. This study aimed to understand why a peaceful atmosphere is so important in today's world, as well as how it is reflected in Islamic teachings and current events.

1.1. Basic Question of the Research

❖ The basic question of this research is “peaceful environment is the need of time and its analytical overview of Islam and current scenario”. This investigation work can be enlightening concurring to its particular field.

1.2. Statement of the Problem

A few articulations of the issue are depicted underneath to illustrate the most points of this investigation work;

- What is the meaning of peace?
- What is the concept of a tranquil environment?
- Is peace a fundament to equalize the environment of society?
- Is it genuine that a peaceful environment is the requirement of time?
- Are individuals overlooking the Islamic teachings?
- Did individuals end up successful in keeping up peace in the environment of society?

1.3. Hypotheses of the Research

- Few hypotheses are generated in this research work as follow;
- There are many unpleasant circumstances are producing in society.
- The environment of society is not satisfactory because Islamic teachings are not being followed.
- The inequality is creating an unbalanced environment in society.

1.4. Objectives of the Research

Few objectives are generated for this research work as follows;

- ✓ To explain the meanings of peace.
- ✓ To elucidate the concept of a peaceful environment.
- ✓ To explicate the teachings of Islam about maintaining a peaceful environment in society.
- ✓ To describe the review of peace in a historical context.
- ✓ To highlight the situation of the current scenario.
- ✓ To explain that a peaceful environment is the need of time.

1.5. Significance of the Research

This research work can be useful and interesting due to its specific subject. Because the meanings of peace, the concept of a peaceful environment, the teachings of Islam about maintaining a peaceful environment in society, the review of peace in a historical context, the situation of the current scenario, and a peaceful environment is the need of time are explained in this research work.

2. Literature Review

In preparing this research work various sources have been accessed such as books, articles, websites, newspapers, magazines, and dissertations. In which, some are described below.

A book entitled “Our Morals (Quran and Sunnah)” is on Islamic morals. It’s the writer is Hazrat Muolana Alhaaj Abdul Qayyum. In this book, writer has explained very thing regarding moral and immoral activities. This is a useful book.⁵ An article was found on “Ethics and Ethical Theories from an Islamic Perspective”, this is a very important topic and it proved very useful article concerning our research work. We got benefit from this article.⁶ Another article was gotten entitled is “Islamic values: a distinctive framework for moral education?” its author is J. Mark Halstead. This is a valuable article and we collected a lot of information through this article and used them in our research work.⁷

3. Research Methodology

This is library-based research work. The information was gathered from a variety of sources, including books, journals, newspapers, websites, and dissertations. The primary and secondary sources were used in this research work.

4. Analysis of the Problem

This research work has the potential to be significant because of its particular area, namely, peace is clarified in light of Islamic teachings, the review of peace is elucidated in historical context, the current scenario is highlighted, and it is stated that a peaceful atmosphere is a necessity of the time. The following are detailed explanations of the above-mentioned points;

4.1. Peace and Islamic Teachings

"Islam" is a religion of peace and quietness, which conjures up compassion and gentleness not only with people however moreover with animals. Islam is an excellent religion Which is a name of "safety" and faith is "peace" and its name is a smooth indication to teach us peace and safety and admire for humanity. The life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is full of patience, forbearance, forgiveness, and tolerance. Islam has given such a lot of significance to the

sacredness of human existence that it has compared the killing of one individual with the murdering of all humankind. If a non-Muslim minority lives in a Muslim country, the protection of life, property, and honor have been considered about and they have been given the opportunity to freedom their religion in their private lives.⁸ Islam advises to human beings that "And Allah does not like corruption".⁹ Further, it is advised to human beings that, "whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or corruption [done] in the land - it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one- it is as if he had saved mankind entirely".¹⁰ Islam forbids oppression and aggression, but even in response to oppression, it dislikes exceeding the limits of justice for the other enemies. Islam has also laid down rules and regulations for revenge. Islam is derived from "Salam", its literal meanings are peace and security, peace and harmony, peace and tranquility, and submission and consent.¹¹

4.2. The Review of Peace in Historical Context

When we examine history in terms of reconciliation, several events emerge, such as the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) excellent care of the prisoners of Badr. He forgave all his rivals and competitors on the occasion of the conquest of Makkah. The people of Taif harmed the Holy Prophet (PBUH), but he forgave them and prayed for them.¹² When Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (RA) was sending Hazrat Osama (RA) with his army, he gave him wonderful advice, the words of which were as follows: Stop, I advise you to remember ten things. Do not betray, do not hide wealth, avoid disloyalty, do not cut off anyone's organs, do not kill the elderly, children, and women, do not cut down palm and fruit trees, do not slaughter animals for any purpose other than eating. You will find people who have left the world and are sitting in monasteries for worship. Leave them alone. You will also find people who will bring you different foods in different pots. Eat by name of Allah (SWT). You will also find a group of people who will be Satan's nature. Punish them. Take the name of Allah (SWT). May Allah (SWT) protect you from the spears and plagues of your enemies.¹³ If we look at the reign of Hazrat Omar (RA), there was peace and order and for the establishment of peace, he used to walk in the streets of the city at night so that he could know the condition of the people. Justice and peace were established. Everyone could get justice easily. The lives, property, and honor of Muslims and non-Muslims were protected. An atmosphere of peace and order prevailed throughout the empire. Non-Muslims were given complete religious freedom. If a Muslim killed a non-Muslim, he was questioned and sentenced to death.¹⁴ Similarly, if we look at the time of Hazrat Uthman (RA) Muslims and non-Muslims were treated equally. Everyone's life, property, and honor were protected. All non-Muslims had religious freedom. There was an era of justice and peace.¹⁵ If we look at the Umayyad era, the era of Umar bin Abdul Aziz and Hisham bin Abdul Malik is considered to be a good era for patronage. In their era, Muslims and non-Muslims were treated equally. Peace and order were established in the kingdom. All the decisions were done according to justice.¹⁶

4.3. The Situation of Current Scenario

Many units come together to form a peaceful community. Only the cohesion and organization of these units will ensure the society's survival and stability, and the first prerequisite for this is harmony, which necessitates tolerance of each other's viewpoints. It is through endurance that an individual becomes civilized and learns the ability to progress in all areas of life.

Today, our society's tolerance culture is fading, and this is where the sequence of riots begins. The outburst of these protests causes unrest, which leads to unsettling circumstances. In my opinion, there are two key reasons for society's decline: a lack of unity among nations and a lack of tolerance, both of which are major impediments to society's growth. As well, we are ignoring the teachings of Islam and do not follow the principles of Islam. Due to which we are moving towards destruction.¹⁷ Sadly, bigotry is on the rise in today's world, and the troubling situation is getting worse by the day. Today, every human being is caught in a tangled situation that is causing them to lose their endurance, and as a result, no one is willing to listen to one another. Even when discussing any topic, every human being is intent on demonstrating that his or her point of view is right and that he or she believes that his or her point is correct. The bottom line is that if someone's expression is offensive or contrary to someone's mood, people fight, and if this is the case among family members, even those living under one roof do not dare to tolerate each other.¹⁸ To avoid this, realistic measures must be taken. The media and charitable organizations must raise public awareness. Furthermore, to enhance the educational environment, the curriculum can be modified in such a way that the younger generation is introduced to good values and thereby improves. If today's society is unbalanced and unstable, it means that Islamic ideals and teachings such as brotherhood, fraternity, respect, tolerance, and peace are not being followed anywhere, which is causing Muslims to become estranged from one another.¹⁹ Peace is the only way to progress in society, so everyone should play their full role so that a healthy society can be formed. This will happen when we have a spirit of sacrifice for each other. Only the teachings of Islam can bring peace, equality, justice, and harmony in society. Therefore, we should follow Islamic teachings and should spend our lives accordingly.²⁰

4.4. Peaceful Environment is the Need of Time

Today, there is a severe moral decrease in our society. Individuals are falling into misinformed perspectives. Individuals have lost the comprehension of good and evil, *halaal* and *haraam*.²¹ This is a question that what is the cause of this social evil? We need to consider whether we are playing out our obligation as Muslims well, are we thinking about ourselves capable of this, are we on the right way, are we transforming into a technique for changing our subordinates and families. Is it genuine that we are playing out our advantages and commitments well? Now in our society, instead of hatred and prejudice, we need to promote tolerance, harmony, and forgiveness. We can foster an atmosphere of tolerance, peace, religious harmony only when we will connect people through love, peace, and harmony.²² The main necessity of the present society is that we share our delights with other individuals and share the distresses of others. Play a positive part in carrying bliss to other people and taking care of others' social issues. Embrace the goodwill of each other, and resolve the issues we face in society. Without a doubt, solidarity and fortitude is the best strength of individuals and we notice it at each phase of life. The social arrangement of human existence is one of the ways to accomplish this solidarity and fortitude. This is how human advancements appear and new friendly frameworks develop. There is a critical requirement for human fortitude in our society and friend network, there is a dire need to stir the soul of altruism with others. We should be strong and accommodating to one another, sharing the torment of others, relinquishing contempt and aloofness. Perhaps the main requirement of society is the change

of society on which we don't make any reasonable strides. We are the best adjudicator for other people and we are the best legal counsel or by our own doing. On others, we immediately decide to be infidels, miscreants and try our best to defend ourselves by presenting thousands of interpretations, arguments for every small and big mistake. The only thing we do for the betterment of society admonish to others. We advise others for good deeds only and we realize that we have fulfilled our duty. Whereas, we forget to follow the same advice ourselves. Action is more effective than words. Reform of society begins with our caste. The correction will come from your actions, not your words. People don't see what you are saying. People pay more attention to what you are doing. We must first try to improve ourselves. Unless we improve ourselves, we cannot improve others. If each of us is only engaged in improving our caste, then our whole society will be better. In a society where justice becomes expensive, then crime and unrest become common in that society. Justice is needed by every individual which should be given to him without distinction.²³ Only through peace and justice can a society become a completely peaceful society. For the establishment of an ideal society, a person must establish justice in his morals and character. As long as a person does not establish justice in his character and morals, justice cannot be established. The Holy Quran says that; "And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation".²⁴ Justice and peace are the greatest sources of prosperity and survival for humanity.²⁵ The religion of Islam has the special distinction that one of its basic and first teachings is the establishment of justice in society and the end of oppression and tyranny. Injustice brings unrest in society. Whereas justice spreads peace, harmony, brotherhood, and equality in the environment.²⁶

5. Conclusion

Islam is a religion that teaches equality, harmony, peace, justice, and tolerance which is a religion of peace and order not only for human beings but also for animals, birds, beasts, plants, and all creatures. It does not like any kind of oppression. It is a religion of peace. Therefore, the teachings of Islam teach about ethics, justice and equality, tolerance, etc. The Holy Quran instructs human beings that "Do good and kindness to others as Allah does good to you".²⁷ In order to preserve peace in society, we must be patient, develop resilience within ourselves, and encourage Islamic teachings in order for peace and order to be restored. If each of us strives to be morally decent and builds empathy within ourselves, society can be greatly improved. Islam advises Muslims to follow the principles of peace and order, equality, and justice so that all in society, Muslim or non-Muslim, can live in peace and tranquility. Since this is an Islamic necessity and the foundation of its teachings.

6. Suggestions and Recommendations

Some suggestions and recommendations are given below about this research work such as;

1. We should follow Islamic teachings if we want to bring calm in our lives.
2. We should teach Islamic teachings to our family and especially our new generation and we should advise our family to follow up the boundaries of Islamic teachings, which have been specified for Muslims by Allah (SWT).
3. We should live with peace and harmony in society.
4. We should produce the qualities of tolerance in our temperament, then we shall able to

- live with peace and calm in society.
5. This is the responsibility of religious scholars that they try to spread the preach of Islamic teachings among people, when people will aware of Islamic teachings then they will be able to create a peaceful environment in society.
 6. The government should conduct seminars, conferences, and workshops on Islamic teachings to be aware of the public.
 7. The government should play its role to add Islamic moral ethics in the educational curriculum at schools, colleges, and universities level, then the new generation would be able to aware of good morals.

References

- ¹ [اسلام اور امن عالم \(darululoom-deoband.com\)](http://darululoom-deoband.com). Accessed date: 2/4/2021.
- ² MAHnama Darul Uloom, Daive Band, December 2008-January 2009, P:7.
- ³ Islahi, Hakeem Safaat, Kiya Islam Dehshat Gardi Ki Taleem Daita Hai, Maarif Azam Gharh, 2002, Pp: 441-452.
- ⁴ <https://mazameen.com/religio>. Accessed date: 3/4/2021.
- ⁵ Hazrat Muolana Alhaaj Abdul Qayyum, Our Morals (Quran and Sunnah), Super Art English Press, Karachi, Pp: 5-429.
- ⁶ AL-Hasan AL-Aidaros, Faridahwati Mohd, Shamsudin & Kamil MD, Idris, "Ethics and Ethical Theories from an Islamic Perspective", International Journal of Islamic Thought, Vol. 4: (Dec.) 2013, Pp: 1-13.
- ⁷ J. Mark Halstead, "Islamic values: a distinctive framework for moral education?", Journal of Moral Education, Vol. 36, No. 3, September 2007, pp. 283–296.
- ⁸ [اسلام... دین امن و سلامتی \(jang.com.pk\)](http://jang.com.pk). Accessed date: 4/4/2021.
- ⁹ Al-Qurʾān, 2:205.
- ¹⁰ Al-Qurʾān, 5:32.
- ¹¹ Ibid.
- ¹² Sahibzada Abdur Rasol, Tareek-e-Islam, Educational Publishers and Book Sellers, Lahore, Pp,45,46,80-81
- ¹³ Ibid, P: 105.
- ¹⁴ Ibid, Pp: 142-151.
- ¹⁵ Ibid, Pp:152-166.
- ¹⁶ Ibid, Pp: 288-299, 304-321.
- ¹⁷ <http://www.jasarat.com/blog/2019/02/21/pirah-ejaz-6/>. Accessed date 16/5/2021.
- ¹⁸ Ibid.
- ¹⁹ <http://pamirtimes.net/2012/04/04/>. Accessed date 17/5/2021.
- ²⁰ Ibid.
- ²¹ <http://www.mukaalma.com/58718>. Accessed date 14/05/2021.
- ²² Ibid
- ²³ Ibid
- ²⁴ Al-Qurʾān, 7:56.
- ²⁵ <http://www.minhajsisters.com/urdu/tid>. Accessed date 14/05/2021.
- ²⁶ <http://www.express.pk/story/379415/>. Accessed date 14/05/2021.
- ²⁷ Al-Qurʾān, 28:77.