

MEGNITUDE OF PLANNING IN ISLAM

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This research paper transpires the importance of planning from the Islamic viewpoint. Planning was also kept in view when this universe was being created. Planning is of unique importance even today. In order to pass/lead a successful life, an attempt has been made to show how planning is important.

FINDINGS:

This research paper sheds light according to the spirit of the holy Quran & Sunnah. Besides this standpoints of Shabas & Prophets (P.B) have been delineated. Planning respecting fate has also been shown in this research paper.

ABSTRACT:

Whatever man does, he naturally does it under a planning. Without a proper planning one cannot accomplish his task in a befitting manner. It is therefore, imperative to act upon and execute a sound planning, because without it the attainment of goal remains incomplete & insatiable. All those nations which attach supreme importance to planning doing progress marvelously. Settlement of more or less of all the issues is dependent on planning of sound & pragmatic nature; otherwise bottlenecks, impediments grimace us.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Under the Islamic preview planning reigns supreme. In this modern era every thing is attributed to fate. This is erroneous concept. It is quite palpable that this universe was created under a definite planning. All the apostles of Allah fought against the rivals of Islam from time to time under the sound framework of planning & vanquished them. Hence, planning plays a vital role for obtaining success in any field, without proper planning, it seems to be a realized dream.

Hectic effort has been launched to dig out answers of the following questions:

- 1: What is the conceptual & literary meaning and significance of planning? Its aspect according to the verdict of holy Quran.
- 2: Creation of this universe/ Cosmos. What an unambiguous role does planning play in it.
- 3: Comparison and contrast of planning regarding the creation of universe.
- 4: Harmony existing between the planning of Allah and man's nature.

It is customary to determine and ascertain, the resources and methodology for initiating certain work and it is equally important to know pre-hand the advantages and the disadvantages as the net outcome of that work. These are all the preliminaries must be met before starting a particular work. This is a sane thing to do. Prior to the taking of an issue, planning is a must whether the issue is of pol. nature or economical or of literary religious or administrative one.

This modern era has placed planning at a high place giving it the status of education. All the international countries have set up regular institutes of planning. Planning assists in making human life meaningful. All the developed countries adopt planning as a mode of their living. All over the world, nations which adhere to purposeful planning, govern the world.

LITERARY DEFINITION OF PLANNING:

Mojadidin says 1983 that planning in Arabic signifies "Takhtite" which means planning for rendering certain work & preparing some sketch of work. (1)

CONCEPTUAL DEFINITION OF PLANNING:

(1974) Venturing to determine the pace of development of a certain society and to chalk out prehand some tools of planning regarding the attainment of targets and resources, these all processes are called planning. Planning can be classified as partial and compendious. (2)

PLANNING IN THE LIGHT OF HOLY QURAN:

The holy Quran provides a complete and concise code of life. Planning, in the teachings of holy Quran is explicitly seen. If the whole system of this universe is brought under study we come to know that a foresaid system is functioning under a specific decorum. Allah Almighty has created every thing under the

special role & code of coordination. Nowhere any loop whole is seen. Allah says in the holy Quran (Al-Mulk 3, 4) Oye people; “you would not find any difference worth the name in the creation of God”. You try to find out if you can find any flaw. Yeo, people will not find any defect. You will ultimately fail to find any defect.

PLANNING OF GOD ALMIGHTY:

God prior to the creation of man prepared a plan. This plan was successfully completed. Reference to Quran (Al-Quran) God created things according to a planning and a correct estimate. This signifies that each and every thing of this universe has been created under the rule of a specific planning. Doing anything without planning means to learn by trial and errors. Without planning anything made, is learning from flaws. That is the very reason that everything created by God is flawless. God says (Al-Ahzab: 38) that any decision taken by Allah is definite. It is not deficient nor flawed. The Creator has created everything in its superior mould. That is why every thing created by God is superb and free of faults.

God regarding the creation of universe clearly says in (Al-Qmar 49, 50). That He created everything according to prehand set planning and every thing He (Creator) in the twinkling of an eye.

Fixed planning and fat have been brought into being in a trice. It is therefore, comes to lime-light that every act of Allah is not without planning. All sorts of His creation is according to the pre-set pattern of His planning. If we glance over the system of cosmos. The moon and the sun and all other luminary bodies; we study a lot. If there would have been no consistency in the system made by Allah then whole of the universal system would have gone topsyturveyed and disrupted. Allah says in the holy Quran (Younus: 05) God has made the sun scantling and the moon has been given brilliance. All this has been done by God for achieving some purpose. There are signs and symptoms for those who understand it. All those facts the Quran refers to aim at two things, that is the astounding universal system under which the moon and the sun are working. This bespeaks the greatness of Allah. Everything in this universe is functioning under a definite planning system. Creation of man also transpires a complete planning by Allah.

Faith of mومن is not acceptable, till he shows his implicit credence In ”Fate”. In Hadise-e-Jibrail it has been stated (Muslim 1999) “We firmly believe in the planning of God based on goodness and planning based on evil. (3)

HARMONY BETWEEN THE MAN PLANNING & MADE BY GOD

To accept God made planning does not mean that man should behave carelessly, rather on must behave and benefit from Shariaha & assiduously apply

himself according to planning of Allah. God has set a sphere of work whether it is related to pray or worldly affairs. To act upon this is extremely essential.

(Al-Bokhari 2000) Hazrat Alli relates that once he was sitting in the company of Prophet was searching with a stick something on the ground. The prophet told the people sitting around that everybody is fated, his abode whether paradise or hell is written. One man out of that company said to Prophet that when it has been settled down in our fate then what is need to do the things. Correcting the questioner Prophet further remarked and stressed further that one must continuously incessantly go on doing the noble deeds. This is in the best interest of the man. (4)

It is imperative & incumbent upon every Muslim to shun wickedness and adopt that code of will of God with firm belief. It is quite manifest that man has to labor hard and then put up the result to Allah. This balanced and moderate approach will provide man tranquility, peace of mind, magnanimity at the time of adversity and perplexity.

FATE AND ILLAHIA PLANNING ACCORDING TO HAZRAT UMER'S STAND POINT:

If planning propagated by Hazrat Umer is taken into consideration along with theory of Balance, one will come to know that both of them are working in the same direction Reading towards the will of God and completion of intentions of man. There seems no collision between the two.

Bokhari Sharif quotes a hadis that once hazrat Umer was travelling in Syria. When he reached Sirrah, he received information through military Commander Abu Abeda that Syria was infected at that time by infectious disease plague. He consulted people what should be done. Diverse opinions. Mohajreen and Ansar opined to complete the task he came for. Some expressed their opinion to go back. Hazrat Umer consulted the aged Qurish with one voice they asked Umer to return. Abu Abeda severely criticized the act of Umer. At this Umer remarked, "I wish this would have been said by some one else. (5) During the reign of Hazrat Umer a thief stole something and argued that he committed a theft. It was so fated. At this Umer remarked that he was getting his hand amputated with will of God. (6)

FAITH IN THE PLANNING OF ALLAH AND PLANNING OF PROPHETS:

The prophets believing in fate and Faith gazim, religious and worldly affairs were conducted under planning. There seemed no disturbance no confusion Prophets used to plan every activity strictly in accordance to the message received from Allah. Right from hazrat Adam down to our holy Prophet we do not find any iota of difference. The Quran describes the planning of Nohe in a beautiful manner. Patience of Nohe ad dialogues with his rivals are there. The Quran says (Hood: 35, 36) that a message was sent to Nohe through afflatus that those of your nation who embraced faith, no more people will enter/ accept your faith. If they commit wrong, don't be crest fallen, build a boat. It was a planning. When flood came, Nohe put the pairs of all the animals, so that their breed be kept safe and the purpose was to take work after the flood receded. This was an excellent pattern of planning of Nohe which was commendable. This planning was based on patience.

Muhammad Shabah says, (2001) that hazrat Ibrahim performed the invitational functions, broke the idols, held debates with the rivals, jumping into fire and migration in short, Hazrat Ibrahim in all adverse circumstances planned nicely. Hazrat Muzes stood against Firoon, a cruel tyrant of the day. Trusting God and His guidance he planned the things nicely, gave a crushing set back to him.

Maulana Azad commented on this thing (2003 Azad) Hazrat Yousaf made a seven years eco plan, running of the govt. treasury, interpretation of his dream of his Youngage & his efficiency and standard planning are a few proofs. Muhammad Ali (2001) talks about the holy prophet. He speaks quite high about the character, his education, pole and moral ethical values of the prophet from secret invitation up to the open declaration of prophet Hood, these all had been the standardized examples of prophet's planning.(7) These planning seems spreading up/ stretching up to all domains of life. Migration of the prophet is no less than a miracle. After reaching Medina invitational cum legal and pol. Planning have left indelible imprints. The Quran says, (21 Ahzab) Prophet of Allah is the best symbol for you.

Ibne Hasham remarks Different tribes, embracing different religions lived in peace and had pleasant living. (8) This all was due to "Misaq-e- Medina". Ibne Hashaam says that prophet peace be upon him solved the Eco. (9) Issues and the issue of collective living through planning. Muhammad (P.B.U.H) chalked out best kind of planning and drove out the people from the pitch darkness of ignorance and made them accept Islamic system / code of life based on peace and tranquility. This is how the whole world is following the same pattern of transitory life. If human society is made devoid of planning, the system will collapse. Social disorder, disturbances shall loom large in the human society. Human life will become solitary, nasty, brutish & short. Every body's arrow will

be pointed to every body's eye. Anarchy will prevail in the society. Law of jungle will prevail. This afore going situation will figure on due to lack of sound planning. Natural laws, methods propagated by the prophets make every point clear that planning is must for the betterment of Muslim Umma for collective benefit and for individual gain. The holy Quran explicitly invites us (Al-Infal: 60) Ye all stand united and contended. God also asks us to stand up and compete with other nations. It has been further said that without preparation you cannot come at par with them nor can complete. (Altoba: 105) God informs the faithful that God and His prophet are watching their deeds. You will be informed about your doings. God ordains people to conduct themselves under a will disciplined planning and warns the people His creature that God is constantly watching them, so that every one may become responsible. (Sahee Muslim) there is a saying of the prophet that powerful momin is more liked by Allah than the weak momin. (10)

Try to attain useful thing and seek help from Allah. Never feel dejected and accept defeat. Never feign humbleness. If you are hurt, never be down-hearted. If you report to that kind of humbleness and accept it as it was fated so. It means you are deliberately allowing Satan to influence you. It becomes crystal clear that to lead a life according to Holy Scripture and Sunnah is a religious duty. Therefore, it is pertinent that we must adopt planning and strictly act upon it accordingly and only then our efforts will be crowned with success.

CONCLUSION:

This research paper sheds light on the topic "Planning in Islam" and tells in detail its unique importance.

The holy Quran explains as how all its issues are resolved through planning. (Al-Mulk 4, 3) God tells us that there is no difference in His creation. You would not find any flaw. It clearly transpires that God created this universe under a proper planning. Creation of universe was brought into being under a specific planning by God.

There exists a harmony between the planning of Allah and the man. In each realm of activity there is a sphere in which man moves and does his work. Sahabas & all the prophets strictly adhered to the planning and went on rendering their allotted duties. (Azad 2003) Yousaf's eco. Planning stretching over 7 years is no longer a secret. Our prophet passed his whole of life under a planning. His life span of Mecca or of Media speaks a lot of about his planning. People living in a same country professing variegated, various religious cultures lived peacefully, creating no fuss is clear proof of planning.

Islam gives a lesson to adopt good, pragmatic and sound planning to boost up socio-eco advantages for people as a whole.

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