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A) Peace

The world 'Islam' means peace in Arabic language, the Muslims greeting in over the world 'Peace be on you, and the mercy of Allah and His blessings'. Islam condemned activity, which has a tendency to disturb the peace. "Do not promote disorder in the earth after peace has been established."¹

Islam seeks to bring about reconciliation between the follower of other religion and establish a basis of respect and honour among them. It is based upon reason and observation, and invites people to consideration of its principles on that basis. "There have come to you clear proofs from your lord, whoever will therefore see and recognize the truth, it will be for the good of his own soul and whoever will remain blind to it shall only harm him self."²

Islam prohibits exploitation of one people or country, and it permits to development of individual and state it is based on its own resource and it did not allowed to individual and
state to exploit on weak individual or state. The resources are gift of God to human kind, every human have a right of earn wealth, and nobody have right to snatch his Wealth or resource, he provided these resource for the well being of all, but the human being to earn this wealth fighting each other, and to earn something they destroy something which given by God to human kind, all conflict, war and the misunderstandings arise from the particular reason, this is one reason which is wealth, in the modern world wealth has occupied an important role in humans life as well as particular state or countries status, in view of other state or countries. Every Man and state of the modern world thinking that its wealth protects him or it and it's power and status is based upon its wealth, if a country have a good financial condition than other countries, it becomes a powerful country among them, and gradually it starts indirectly its role in administration of other countries, which distribute the peace and harmony of the other country this is the reason for the conflict between the two countries, as well as people and society, but Islam does not allow any country to interference in the administration of other country, and in the
development of people of state; Islam has given principles of Charity, brotherhood and freedom of slave which establish equality and peace in the state and country, to establish peace in the world, it is necessary for every human being to perform these Islamic principles, then definitely, the modern world becomes a peaceful world.

B) Possibility of Universal Religion

There are so many Religions exist in the modern world, these religions differ from one to another in worship, culture and principles, but ultimate goal of these is same, that is getting gate pass to heaven or Moksha. In modern world many countries are facing so many problems, these are poverty, caste, separatism and terrorism. The Religion is the main cause for the development of peace harmony and Economy of the world's countries, because. In modern world, many countries are doing expenditure too much for the defensing it self from the extremists, and fundamentalists, of religions of these countries, and the political parties of the modern world's countries some parties pleasing the minority. Community, some of them pleasing majority communities
people, some of them with support of religious fundamentalists organisations running party activities, these political parties are accusing one another for the failing in the ruling, and during the rule to make please minority or majority, they are preparing polices. These polices, if it is helpful for Minority, community people and it is making loss for majority community people, or even though it is not making any loss for majority community people, the parties who have support of Majority communities people, opposes these polices, and same condition held in the polices which make help full to majority community people, the minority community peoples and supporter parties of minority community people opposing the same polices. This condition create conflict between the majority and minority community people, some time it is turn to communal violence, these violences destroy peace, and economy of country. This condition exists in all the countries of the world.

Some countries of modern world facing separatism problem, on the basis of caste and religion the extremists groups demanding a separate state or countries from the united countries, these all problems are mainly arise from
the difference of religion, caste and culture. To solve these problems and create peace and harmony the modern world needs one religion which provides all needs of human beings.

The Islamic concept of Universal Religion

Islam to make equality of humankind gives some concepts for the well being of all, charity is the one of the duty of Muslims imposed by Islam. "Ye shall never attain to goodness till ye give alms of that which ye love."3

"If ye lend God a generous loan. He will double it to you and will forgive you, for God is All-thankful All clement."4

Zakat is originally levied by Mohammad on the wealthy members of community to help poor people of society. It was also used for the relief of people in chronic debt, and development of health and education and for facilitating travel and communications. Paying of Zakat purifies property of Muslims. Zakat not only purifies the property of the payer but it also purifies his heart from selfishness and greed. It is also purifies the heart of recipient from envy and jealousy,
from hatred and uneasiness and it fosters, instead good will and warm wishes for the payers.

Islam develops a balance between capitalism and socialism. Islam does not oppose the capitalism, but it does not allow for collecting all wealth and resources to one individual. Islam advises to give some thing from your wealth to needy and poor, it develops harmony, and good relation between poor and wealthy people of the society. Islam classifies two types of sins they are small and great sins. Taking to interest on money is considered a great sin. Islam to develop equality of wealth it is imposed on every Muslims.

The prophet Mohammad reformed status of women, from this women became free persons. She is not the property of some one, she has all right of property, to become free from bondage.

"Men shall have the benefit of what they earn and women shall have the benefit of what they earn."
Prophet Mohammad also reformed a woman's right of marriage, and divorce from this reform woman has a right of divorce as to a man.

Prophet Mohammad made effort for abolition of slavery he spent most part of his wealth for relieve slaves from their masters" The prophet exhorted his followers repeatedly in the name of God to enfranchise slaves, than which there was not an act more acceptable to God."6

Islam does not made any distinction of religion, people, and prophets. Prophet Mohammad received massage of God, which is same as revealed to early prophets.

"Say (O Muslims) we believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham and Ishmail and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes and that which Moses and Jesus received and that which the Prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them and un to Him we have surrendered."7

He is enjoined to deal justly with all (Mankind) and not merely his own co-religionists. Under no circumstances is
unfairness to anyone, even the worst enemy, justified, for "all mankind is a single community."  

The Islamic message is for the entire humankind, God in Islam, is the God of all the world\(^9\) and the prophet Mohammad is a Messenger for the whole of humankind. In the words of the Quran: "O people! I am the messenger of God to you all"\(^10\) one who comes as a warning to all the nations\(^11\) and "we have not sent thee but as a (source of) mercy for all the nations."\(^12\) In Islam all men are equal, whatever be their colour, language, race or nationality. Islam addresses itself to the conscience of humanity and banishes all false barriers of race, status and wealth. There can be no denying the fact that such barriers have always existed, and do exist even today in this so-called enlightened age-Islam removes all these impediments and proclaims the idea of the whole of humanity being one family of God. 

The prophet Mohammad said "All creature of God from the family of God and he is the best loved of God who loveth best his creature. O Lord! Lord of my life and of every thing in the universe! I affirm that all human beings are brothers
to one another. Respect God and be affectionate to the family of God."13

Islam is universal in its outlook and approach and does not admit barriers and distinction based on colour, clan, blood or territory such as were prevalent before the advent of Mohammad and which are rampant in different forms even in this modern age. It wants to unite the entire human kind under one banner. To make practically possible of Islam as a Universal religion, it is necessary of all humankind to must follow the principles of Islam, perform Islamic rituals and Islamic beliefs. Islamic concepts of humanity, peace, harmony, equality of poor and rich, equality of man of woman, equality of religious practices, law, charity, Liberation of slave are most necessary for the modern world, and with these concepts it is possible to make Islam as a Universal religion.
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