

Causes Of Moral Degradation, In The Light Of Islamic Perspective And Contemporary Philosophical Ideas

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Abstract

This article presents a comprehensive collection of the causes of moral decay, Islamic perspective and contemporary philosophical ideas as a research review and a large collection of discussions on the various aspects arising from this Ummah. This particular form is the wealth and wealth of the world and the causes of the world, so, in every era, the splendor of the world has been a great test for man and many riots have been the prominent cause of crimes and killings, but in this era, this temptation has increased many sins compared to all the past eras. The reason is that the progress of science and technology has put innumerable items of pleasures, comforts and decorations at the foot of life, due to which the world has become more colorful and attractive than before. Therefore, it has become difficult to escape from its charm. Therefore, today's man is madly chasing after the acquisition of material necessities as the first and last goal of life, and in this journey, the distinction between lawful, unlawful, and halal and haram is disappearing. Moral values are being undermined and norms and rules are being ignored as outdated and stereotyped outdated. Man has gone so far in the race of materialism that the sanctity of relationships is losing. Words like sincerity, love, virtue, modesty, loyalty and compassion and goodwill are losing their importance. In their place, values like greed, greed, selfishness, immorality, disloyalty, indecency, indifference and coldness are in vogue. The main points of this research are that the readers will get knowledge.

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Introduction:

Islam first taught knowledge and knowledge does not mean the knowledge of a specific field with which a person's employment is related, but the knowledge that reveals the facts of the universe to him and informs him of the laws of life. In this, Quran and Hadith are included in the first place, so it is not negation of modern sciences, but gaining expertise in them is also required and

recommended. In the Qur'an, Hadith, and Islamic literature, two words are used in this regard, one is education and the other is training. Although these two words are similar to each other and are used interchangeably, still there is a difference between them. The scope of education is limited as compared to training. Only the intellectual powers are brought out by education, while all the natural powers of man are developed by training. In other words, training refers to bringing out the

physical, mental, spiritual and intellectual powers of a person and bringing their hidden abilities to perfection through education.

There are many reasons for the widespread moral degradation that is being seen in every direction in the present era. Among them, some of the most prominent reasons are being briefly described below.

❖ Ignorance

Allah say In Quraan Majeed:

"And who can turn away from the Nation of Abraham except he who is himself a fool?"¹

Here, the nation of Abraham, which is a requirement of good nature, has been declared to be the cause of illness. It is ignorance that veils the face of reality and leaves man to wander in the valleys of delusion and misguidance. Just as a person cannot see anything in the darkness of the night and he wanders here and there, in the same way an ignorant person suffers from intellectual confusion and becomes a victim of suspicion, guesswork and self-conceit and keeps moving away from righteousness. .

A famous saying of Socrates means:

"Goodness is knowledge and evil is ignorance" ²

According to Islam, knowledge does not mean the knowledge of a specific field with which a person's employment is related, but the knowledge that reveals the facts of the universe to him and informs him of the laws of life. In this, Quran and Hadith are included in the first place, so it is not negation of modern sciences, but gaining expertise in them is also required and recommended. In the Qur'an and Hadith and Islamic literature, two words are used in this regard, one is education and the other is training. Although these two words are similar to each other and are used interchangeably, still there is a difference between them. The scope of education is limited as compared to training. Only the intellectual powers are brought out by education,

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When a child comes into the world, his pure heart is a clear and transparent goodness like everyone else's, which is free of all kinds of carvings. Any kind of pattern you want will stick on it. If good habits are inculcated and good education and training are arranged, then he will be happy in this world and the hereafter, and his parents, mentors will share in his rewards equally, and if in his education and training If he is neglected and indulged in bad habits, he will perish and his guardians will be responsible for him. As Allah says:

"O you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from hell."³

The tragedy is that today training has been separated from education. Because of which the work of man-making has stopped. Then the concept of education has also been limited to professional skills in a particular field due to which a person becomes a doctor, engineer, scientist, businessman etc. Can't become and suffers from many shortcomings in moral terms and there is no balance in life. The reason for many problems in today's society is ignorance. Superstition, sectarianism, blind following of customs and various types of prejudices etc. in many social diseases which grow in the embrace of ignorance and cause obstacles in the natural evolution and development of the society.

The following four factors (agencies) influence education and training.

- House
- Madrasa or school
- Society
- State or government

These are the four institutions in whose mold an individual's personality determines the stages of development. Unfortunately, these four have deteriorated today and nowhere is there an ideal environment in which personalities with high moral qualities can grow up. Therefore, the speed of deterioration and decline is increasing with each passing day and no effort to stop it is failing.

❖ **poverty**

One of the main causes of moral corruption is poverty, due to which a person sometimes commits many types of moral wrongs even though he does not want to. Referring to this aspect of poverty, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

((Poverty to be infidelity))⁴

It means that the state of poverty and poverty can force a person to such an extent that he is willing to go towards Kufr, which is the last level of immorality. The reason is that there are some basic requirements of man, such as food and drink, without which he cannot live. If these requirements are not fulfilled for some time, the state of anxiety and restlessness begins to arise in the heart and mind of a person, which increases beyond a certain limit, then the bonds of self-control are broken and the person commits such acts. He passes through which in normal circumstances he cannot even think about. Hazrat Shah Wali Allah says:

"Morality arises from circumstances, not from mere knowledge"⁵

In this eloquent sentence, Shah Waliullah has described the important fact of human life that morality and economy are closely related. Unless the minimum economic needs of a person are met, he cannot be expected to behave ethically. Maulana Syed Abul Hasan Nadvi has described the summary of this way of thinking of Shah Wali Sahib in these verses:

"Shah Waliullah has proved for the first time among ethicists and economists that the science of life is closely related to the science of ethics. According to Shah Sahib, when this link is broken, both economics and ethics face a severe crisis, which affects religion and morals, peaceful life, interpersonal relationships and civilization. According to them, the collective morals of human beings are completely destroyed when they are forced into economic hardship by some coercion. Like donkeys and oxen, they wander for bread and are deprived of all kinds of blessings and advancements."⁶

In addition to other characteristics and abilities in human societies, the difference in economic levels is also a fact and reality. According to the Holy Quran:

"We have divided their sustenance among them in the life of this world, and We have elevated some over others so that they may subjugate each other."⁷

The Qur'an-e-Majid has explained its wisdom that the needs of human beings can be fulfilled in the same way and the goal of mutual cooperation can also be achieved by it, but this difference should remain within the natural limits. When this disparity begins to increase and an impassable gulf between two classes of society begins to form, then a limited class occupies unlimited resources, while for the vast majority, the acquisition of two-time bread and the body And it becomes difficult to maintain the relationship of life, this situation is a tragedy for any society. Which creates negative tendencies in the minds of deprived and backward classes which results in moral deterioration. This is the reason that in the Islamic system of the state, the provision of the basic necessities of life to the people has been declared an important responsibility for the government.

The creator of the world has provided abundant resources here, but in the distribution of these

resources there is injustice, looting of the ruling class, nepotism, greed and extravagance, as well as feudalism and capitalism, which concentrate the resources in a few hands and a large number of people are living below the poverty line.

❖ **Luxury**

Just as too much poverty leads to moral problems, in the same way too much affluence makes a person morally ineffective. Abundance of wealth and resources creates carelessness in man and he becomes fond of all kinds of pleasures, comforts, comforts, eases and luxuries, which results in moral decline and degradation. becomes a victim. There are countless examples in the history where the nations suffering from luxury were destroyed and destroyed due to moral corruption. In the distant past, the Roman and Iranian nations, and in the recent past, we have examples of the luxurious and extravagant life of the Mughal ruler and his tragic end. This is why excessive luxury is frowned upon in Islam. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"Save yourself from pleasure-seeking. The servants of Allah are not addicted to pleasures."⁸

One of the supplications of the Prophet (peace be upon him) is a supplication in which he seeks refuge from the temptations of both poverty and wealth:

"And I seek refuge in you from the temptation of wealth and poverty"⁹

Therefore, excessive poverty or extravagance deprives a person of the ability to think about matters of happiness and high moral values, and the attention of a person is diverted from high morals. A preferred way of life is one in which one fulfills one's needs adequately. It is not appropriate to hate wealth and wealth as it is a blessing and a means of obtaining the necessities of life. But it is also necessary for a human being to take some time for leisure and pay attention to the pursuit of eternal happiness. This goal can be achieved only when its economy is based on

moderation and balance between both expansionism and poverty alleviation.

❖ **Lack of social justice**

Justice is one of the moral and social issues that Islam has emphasized the most. The literal meaning of justice is to divide something into two equal parts. The meaning of the term is that the balance of truth in what we say or what we do should not be swayed to any side and only the thing should be said and the thing should be done that meets the criterion of truth. It also means to put something in its proper place and the word of his stubbornness is cruelty, which means to put something in a wrong place that is not suitable for him. Therefore, according to Islamic morals, justice and fairness means dealing with each person without exception to what he is entitled to the most important purpose of the Prophet's mission is to establish a human society based on justice and fairness. The Almighty:

"Indeed, we sent Our Messengers with signs, and with them we also sent the Book and the scales (of justice) so that people may uphold justice."¹⁰

If you look at the government style of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and the caliphs of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), absolute justice is the main element of these governments. Such a justice that applies to one's own and to foreigners, Muslims and non-Muslims, Arabs and foreigners and the rich and the poor should be the same for all and without discrimination. Justice and justice is the attribute on which the world system is based. A nation and a society in which there is no justice is deprived of God's mercy and disgrace in the world is its destiny. Justice is central to the running of any society. Whether justice is individual or collective, a society that ignores it becomes a wall of defeat and disfigurement.

Therefore, the absence of an atmosphere of collective justice in a society creates many types of defects in it. The oppressors are not punished

and the oppressors are not punished for what they have done. There is an environment of brutality and coercion and violence, no one's life, wealth and honor and dignity are protected, as a result of which moral diseases such as greed, greed, greed, selfishness, indifference and callousness are born, which make the society less human. They make it a pasture for animals by dropping it from a high place.

- **Environmental pollution**

Whatever environment a person is living in has its effects on his personality. These effects can be physical and mental as well as spiritual and moral. Pollution of the environment is a big problem of modern times. Unnatural lifestyle and extravagant and careless use of modern material inventions have created a lot of pollution in the environment which is affecting the physical health of people as well as directly and indirectly affecting their morals. Is. This pollution can be divided into two types.

- **Material pollution**

Modern mechanized life has added harmful substances in the form of smoke, dust, chemicals, etc. to the environment, as a result of which the quality of the things used by man has fallen. Purity has disappeared from within them and many harmful aspects have taken their place. Medicine, food, water and air are the four essential elements for human life. Today none of them are present. Which is available in its original form contains various harmful ingredients which are adversely affecting every part of human personality.

- ❖ **Immaterial pollution**

It refers to the ideas of the modern age of civilization, civilization, culture, enlightenment, lack of shame and modesty and immorality, which have poisoned the atmosphere and kept the heart and mind bent. Influenced by these ideas, modern man is rapidly moving towards moral

decline. And they have mesmerized the thought and thought in such a way that concepts like decency, modesty, honesty, honesty, morals and morality have started to appear alien, stereotypical and unfamiliar. The role of social, electronic and print media is particularly prominent in the promotion of these ideas, which have made the world a global village.

The following list of reasons for the increase in moral degradation is by no means exhaustive. Many other things can be added to it. For example, there are factors like customs and traditions, sectarianism and sectarianism, wrong concept of religion and world, corruption and nepotism, political system based on patriarchy, etc. However, if you focus on the things mentioned in the above lines, many side effects can be removed automatically.

- ❖ **Effects of Moral Decay**

Allah Ta'ala has made the world a place of examination and every human being is kept here for a specific period of time for the purpose of examination. Man is free to act but not free to avoid its consequences. Then the law of nature is that whatever good or bad a person does, his real and true reward will be found in the hereafter, but an initial reward is also found in this world. This is explained by the following two verses of the Holy Qur'an can be done:

"Whoever does a good deed, male or female, and he also has faith, We will certainly make him live a good life, and we will give him his right in return for the good deeds he used to do."¹¹

"And whoever turns away from my remembrance, his life will be short and he will be raised blind on the Day of Resurrection."¹²

In the first verse, it was mentioned that the one who does good deeds will not only get the best reward in the hereafter, but he will also have a

pure and dignified life in this world. While in the second verse, the result of turning away from the remembrance of Allah and obedience to Him is the final punishment, as well as the scarcity of sustenance in the worldly life (deprivation of blessings from sustenance, suffering from fears of poverty and scarcity regarding sustenance, etc.). has been told. Therefore, in the case of adopting good morals, a person becomes deserving of the blessings of this world and the hereafter, while the result of moral decline and degradation has to be suffered in both places. This law is for the individual as well as for the nations. God's law makes no exceptions for anyone:

"This is the law of Allah among those who have passed before it, and you will not find any change in the law of Allah."¹³

If the entire history of the nations of the world is to be turned over, it is seen that this law is applied everywhere. In every era of history, whenever and wherever an individual or a nation followed the moral principles, Allah gave him honor and dignity and a life of peace and wellness, and wherever these principles were turned away, there the law of punishment was in motion. Whether or not the individual or the nation who violated it was made an example to others. A glimpse of how modern man is being punished for violating moral principles at the individual and collective level is shown in the following line.

❖ **Deprivation of peace and contentment**

Man consists of two things. One is the body and the other is the soul. The body is the visible part of the human personality which is made up of material components, so its requirements are also related to the same material world. The essentials needed for the survival and evolution of the body are scattered around us, but the soul is a subtle thing that does not belong to this material world but to the Creator of the universe.

"Say, the soul is by the command of my Lord."¹⁴

"Then when I fix it and breathe my spirit into it, you shall prostrate before it."¹⁵

Therefore, the soul has no interest in these material goods. His health and freshness depend on his love, connection, remembrance and obedience to Allah. The tragedy of the man of this age is that his focus has become the body's requirements, while the soul is constantly being neglected. Due to not getting it, he is suffering from a kind of starvation and he is anxious and restless. Man wants to fill this gap in his personality with material goods and wants to get his heart's peace and satisfaction only through material pleasures and comforts, which is impossible because according to the Holy Quran:

"Beware! Only the remembrance of Allah brings comfort to the heart"¹⁶

This point can be understood through a material example, if a man is present at a table where colorful and high quality delicacies are in abundance, but there is no water or any other drink. When he feels thirsty while eating, nothing else there will be able to satisfy his thirst and as a result, an anxiety and restlessness will arise in the body which will not go away. This is the situation of today's man. Despite all the material comforts, pleasures, comforts and luxuries, his inner anxiety and distractions do not end. This is giving birth to many other problems.

❖ **Annihilation of feelings and emotions**

Man is not a mechanical being, nor is he merely a flesh-and-blood external structure, but within him is a beating heart and a fluttering mind, in which delicate emotions and subtle feelings are kept, including passion, love, and so on. And Marwat, compassion and benevolence and sacrifice and sacrifice etc. are particularly noteworthy. The mechanized life of the present age has also molded man in a mechanized way

and has taken away this precious capital from him according to Iqbal.

Death to the heart is the government of the machines

Instruments that crush the sense of death .¹⁷

The sense of death means burning and longing in the heart. This feeling is so important to Iqbal that he is not ready to sell it at any price.¹⁸

Painless pleasure and burning longing

Do not take the glory of God by giving the position of servitude.

Therefore, the feelings of loyalty, sincerity, loyalty and desire etc., which used to distinguish the human being, today's human being is getting deprived of them. Instead, negative values like selfishness, greed, greed, carelessness and indifference are becoming prevalent. Everyone is locked in their own shell. This indifference and carelessness is clearly felt not only with ordinary people but also in close relationships. The abundance of mechanical devices and modern inventions have alienated man from other people. This situation has turned the human settlement into a beast settlement where no one has any interest in the condition of others and everyone is living for himself.

❖ Increase in psychiatric disorders

Psychological problems are only a symptom of spiritual poverty and moral degeneration. Thus, like physical diseases, psychological diseases have also existed in every period of history but the unnatural and luxuriant life-style of the present age has pushed the human being into the low point of moral degradation, mental and psychological problems have increased a lot as a necessary result. An auditor has been kept in the form of conscience in the human being, which checks him for every mistake. When a person ignores the voice of conscience, violates moral principles and goes against righteousness, a

conflict starts within him. Which is sometimes felt consciously and sometimes it remains at the subconscious level. When this conflict increases, it takes the form of worry and anxiety, from which many psychological diseases are born. Therefore, there are so many diseases like fear, fear, illusion, whispers, baseless apprehension, fear, anxiety and depression etc. in which a large majority of human beings are suffering in today's era. Then these diseases also cause many physical diseases. Medicines and various psychological techniques by a Yin psychologist can provide temporary relief, but unless the root of a problem is grasped, the problem cannot be solved simply by cutting branches and leaves. So today a huge number of people are burning in the fire of mental illness but no one is giving any guidance.

❖ Use of drugs

When a human being is born, he is not only addicted to any kind of addiction, but his nature is good for all kinds.

Hates drug use but gradually, many people become addicted to different types of addiction and lose the real enjoyment of life. There is no self-respect and there is no higher aim in life. Such people exist alongside themselves. It also becomes a burden for the society. As long as one lives, life moves like a dead body. Tansha has been used on a very limited scale in the past, but in modern times, this scourge has spread so much that it has become a great challenge for the civilized society and the people involved in this nefarious business have become a mafia. There is a well-organized network in every country. Among the prominent causes of drug addiction, one of the biggest causes is the vacuum that is created in the human personality as a result of moral bankruptcy. A person is looking for some kind of support to end his anxiety, anxiety, restlessness and anxiety and the use of drugs temporarily fulfills this need. Gradually, the person gets used to it and the quantity also

increases and eventually the time comes when there is no way back and he is living a worse life than men, waiting for death to complete the number of breaths. . This situation affects the affected person as well as his relatives and the general atmosphere of the society, but everyone feels helpless to remedy the situation.

❖ Increase in crimes

Among the sufferings and problems that modern people have suffered, there is an abundance of crimes. The inner anxiety and worry of a person sometimes leads him to drugs and sometimes leads him to the path of crimes. In today's world, the speed with which crimes are spreading and the way in which new forms of crimes are emerging are a cause of great concern for intellectuals. Theft, robbery, adultery, murder, forgery, fraud there are so many crimes like gambling, pickpocketing and corruption etc. which have disturbed the peace and tranquility of the society and from which no country is safe. There are many laws in every country to prevent crime and there are sensitive institutions and agencies everywhere whose job is to reduce the crime rate and maintain law and order but despite this arrangement, instead of decreasing, this rate is increasing and all efforts to stop the flood are proving futile. The reason is that until the root cause is found and remedied all these superficial and showy measures will get a little publicity but not enough success. Law alone is by no means sufficient in remedying crime, but it is essential to try to improve the moral condition of the people.

❖ Increase in suicide

Another tragedy of the present age is the increasing preference for suicide. When a person's moral and spiritual existence becomes hollow due to decline and degradation, then he does not have the courage, courage and perseverance to face the vicissitudes of life. Therefore, the pressure of circumstances takes a person to the level of despair and low courage

where he does not see any ray of hope and life begins to feel like a burden. End the existence itself to get rid of the mountains of problems of life thus a very precious life passes away in the embrace of death and leaves many problems for the relatives.

❖ Inaction and stagnation

Mechanical life has robbed people of determination and courage and the motto of continuous struggle and instead has made them suffer from inactivity and complacency and laziness. Today's man runs away from hard work and hard work. Instead, he seeks satisfaction in temporary entertainments, base emotions, base desires and temporary mundane pleasures. As a result, life is deprived of true happiness and eternal pleasures. Now in this kind of life, how can he come to the Kaif and Sarwar about which Allama Iqbal said:

It makes the innocent heart with two worlds

A wonderful thing is the pleasure of familiarity.¹⁹

In the religion of Islam, laziness, laziness, idleness, and involvement in futile and useless activities have been disliked because it robs a person of high moral qualities and makes him ineffective both in terms of religion and the world. Is. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"The beauty of a man's Islam is that he renounces the useless."²⁰

Instead of this, Islam makes man forget the work of hard work and continuous struggle.

"Indeed We have created man in trouble"²¹

O man! So he strives in his work until he reaches his Lord, then he will receive it.²²

Also, the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"Allah loves high things"

The above list is not final and definitive, many more things can be added with great ease, but just

by looking at this short list, it can be understood that today's man has turned his back on the natural way of life and has turned away from creativity as a result of the violation of principles and values, he is stuck in a quagmire from which there is no way out. It feels as if humanity has descended from the heights of the subterranean to the lowlands of the subterranean. This situation is putting a question mark on the future of humanity itself. If the pace of decline and degeneration continues and the chaos and pollution of the environment continues to increase, God willing, the time will not come when humanity will lose its existence. It will be impossible to determine. This is the million dollar question before the modern man which needs to be solved.

Conclusion:

The progress of science and technology which has brought with it the goods of pleasure and comfort and beauty has undoubtedly increased the beauty and beauty of life and due to ed within the circle of moral values.

this, today's man has a much better quality of life than in the past. He has adopted and is enjoying such facilities that the man of the past could not even imagine but this is only one side of the picture. The other aspect of the same issue is that this material development has brought with it many problems which have taken away the natural beauty of life and deprived the man of today of inner peace and contentment. The biggest tragedy is that man has lost high moral values by getting lost in worldly goods, as a result of which life has become artificial, hollow, superficial and artificial. This situation is by no means satisfactory. It is destructive for the hereafter of man, but it has also made the worldly life a hell. On the other hand, the wheel of history cannot be reversed. The progress that has been made cannot be undone. Therefore, a way of moderation has to be found, the easiest way of which is to hold fast to the absolute moral values and avoid their deprivation at any cost. All the conveniences of life should be fulfill

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