

Islamic modernity

What is the issue?

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Retrospective views among few Muslims make them into images of violence and gender oppression, such views need to be modernised.

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What Islam actually preach?

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- From its earliest days Islam is a vigorous part of the universal civilisation of many books.

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- Its actual essence is a brotherhood, not a nationhood.

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- Islam spread through regional battlefields, but its true consolidation came only when Muslim communities sought and reached the forefront of knowledge.

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- Islam never promotes war for the sake of war, it only validates war as self-defence.

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- It is a humanitarian philosophy, not a tool of self-destructive fantasists.

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What are the regressive thinking among few Muslims?

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- Many Muslim communities are still following various internal doctrinaires which has laced regressive thinking.

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- The doctrine of faith supremacy leads to pseudo-intellectual assault that stereotypes all.

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- It spreads havoc to security and promotes gender oppression with barbaric overtones of violence.
- Such regressive thinking grievously wounds the very essence of Islam, which is as its name itself, a mission of peace.

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On what basis this retrospective views can be modernised?

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- The principle of modernity is the acquisition of knowledge, most urgently democratisation of secular knowledge.
- Freedom, knowledge and gender equality need to be the pillars modernity.
- Freedom is top priority of modernity, which must be political, individual and cultural right.
- Modernity must be a right to live without fear of suppression by the state or oppression by vested interests.
- It should also be the right to wear whatever one want and not what some regressive person wants.

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Way forward

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- The world is in the midst of a revolution of ideas that will make the 21st century into the golden age of individual freedom and collective achievement.
- It is the moment to address a malevolent and dangerous phenomenon that has arisen among some Muslim communities.
- Some regressive schools manipulate the law to suppress women, it's time to fight against such retrospective laws.
- Gender equality is non-negotiable, women must be in the frontline of cultural advance and economic growth.

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