

Hindutva and Dreams of Ram Rajiya

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PREFACE

A few years ago, when I read the news of the start of a bus service between New Delhi and Wagha, I told my friends that Pakistan's armed forces should now be on the alert. Within a few weeks, the display of India's military preparations and aggression against Kashmir started. Whether it was Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Shastri, Indra, or Vajpayee, all of them wish to make India, Hindusthan, a land of Hindus. The slogan of "Friendship with Pakistan" was a mere subterfuge.

"Hindu and Dreams of Ram Rajiya" exposes the trickery, deceit, and enmity of the Hindus for the Muslims of the sub-continent. Using secularism as a strategy, they recruited the vulnerable Muslims like Zakir Hussain and Abul Kalam Azad to exploit other Muslims.

This booklet should open up the minds of those Muslims who think that the creation of Pakistan as a separate state was not necessary and the Hindus and the Muslims could live together peacefully in the pre-divided India.

This book should open the eyes of those Muslims who patronize the Indian music and film industry. India uses the money generated from their music and film industry for funding the building of temples, destroying mosques, and buying weapons to use against Pakistan. The development of the nuclear bomb by India and Pakistan is a recent event; The Hindu culture has been blasting Pakistan and the Muslims of India for the last fifty years.

"Hindus and Ram Rajiya" is a revelation of the Hindu mindset and hatred for those who have been burning in the fire of anti-Muslim riots.

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE

Dr. Shabbir Ahmad's book, "Hindutva and Dreams of Ram Rajiya" is a literary masterpiece. Even the best translation will not achieve what the author has successfully conveyed to the reader in the original text he wrote in Urdu.

In my translation, I have tried to convey the message embodied in the original text. Transposing the beauty of his text was not easy. Apart from my limitations, the lack of affinity between Urdu and English languages played its part. The degree of difficulty in the translation was similar to what it would be for some Urdu speaking person trying to convey the message of the Grand Mufti of Islam in Arabic to the Queen of England in English. Multiple editing efforts of the translation of the original text will hopefully, improve the quality of the message in English.

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Assalamo Alaikum!

Respected reader, here is another book for your reading pleasure!

I respect the knowledge and intellect of my readers. Therefore, as in all my writings, I state the facts and my opinions, leaving the acceptance of the message to your judgment. Indeed, you have the right to disagree.

I always invite your constructive criticism. This helps me learn and amend my point of view.

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God bless you, always.

Respectfully,

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FOREWORD

Dr. Shabbir Ahmad has uncovered the evil designs of the Hindus against the Muslims of the subcontinent in chronological order. He has identified the differences in the Hindus and the Muslims mindsets and their impact on the current state of affairs.

On the surface, the Hindu's Bhagti Movement looked quite innocent. Nonetheless, it was a burglary in the house of Islam by the Ram Rajyaites using the self-serving Mullahs.

This book is a wake-up call for every Muslim of the sub-continent. Especially for those who fell prey to the Indian designs by indulging in subversive activities, and for those who kill Muslims praying in mosques by spraying tons of gunfire. This is how they in effect embrace the Bhagti movement and validate the Babri Masjid's destruction by Shiv Sena.

Not long ago I was watching the news on an Indian TV channel "Asia". The Anchorman Ravi Kant in his typical triumphant way showed a political group flying the Indian flag after burying one of their members. That crowd was underlining the hollow call of Hindu-Muslim unity at the expense of Pakistan's ideology. They do not know that Hindus have always used Muslims for their nefarious objects and then discarded them.

I am sure that this will be yet another successful effort of Dr. Shabbir Ahmad, revealing the truth about the Hindu-Muslim relationship of the sub-continent.

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CHAPTER I Enmity towards Muslims

Power is life to those on the Right Path

Nations draw power from solidarity

This verse of Allama Iqbal lays down that without power, life as a Muslim is not conceivable. In addition, the power and glory of the people flow from their cohesion.

A seer had spoken in Arabic in a similar vein in 1973. He said, “The fortunes of Muslims will not change until a Muslim country becomes a nuclear state and all Muslims become united”.

Who was that seer? No other than King Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz, outwardly a king, but with the soul of a recluse. Venue? The royal palace at Taif. Amongst the audience was also a young officer of the Army Medical Corps, i.e. the present “Dastak” man. (By his embargo on the flow of oil, as well as pronouncements like the above, he had set himself as a target for martyrdom).

My country has realized the dream of the martyred King Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz by testing nuclear devices. A Muslim country has indeed become a nuclear power!

Long live Pakistan!

Readers, for the last three hundred years hardcore Hindus have been trying to eliminate Islam and Muslims from the South Asian sub-continent. Most of the Muslims are not aware of their designs.

Creed of the Infidel is planning and preparing for Jihad

Creed of the Mullah is to stir up chaos (fisaad)

-Iqbal

Thank God, we have achieved nuclear power. It is now time for Unity, Solidarity, and Faith. Let us develop a vision of our future by appraising the past and the present and become aware of the evil designs of the enemy.

In 1700 AD, protagonists of the Ram Rajya dug up the grave of the Great Mughal Akbar, cut his remains in pieces and then threw them in the fire! Why did the Hindus do that? For, Emperor Akbar was their benefactor. He had invented his Deen-Ilahi only for appeasing them. He had declared killing a cow punishable with death. He had declared growing a beard a criminal offense. He had elevated the Hindu women to the status of empresses. He had appointed Hindus to high offices of the state. What, then, was Akbar’s fault in the eyes of those Hindus? The fault was that “Muhammad” was a part of his name, Jalaluddin Muhammad Akbar!

In 1707 AD, Hindus celebrated Aurangzeb's death with illuminations and the festival of colors. They vowed to drive Muslims in the Indian Ocean. From 1707 to 1798, they continued the massacre of Muslims by the Sikhs. For forty-one long years during the Sikh rule of Ranjit Singh, countless copies of the holy Quran were set on fire, mosques converted to Sikh temples called Gurdwaras, and countless Muslim women dishonored. This continued until the death of Ranjit Singh in 1839.

In 1757 AD, Amir Chand, Manak Chand, Raj Ballabh and Rai Dilrabb strove day and night with the traitor Mir Jaafar to kill Nawab Sarajuddaula, the beacon of Muslim hopes. (British commander of the ensuing battle of Plassey, Lord Robert Clive could not stand the revolt of his conscience. On his return to England, he committed suicide at the young age of 49.)

In 1670 AD, the Marhatta chief Sivaji said, "My sword shall sweep Muslims away in the torrents of their blood and not a single Muslim will live. (Ref. Pandit Nand Kumar Sharma).

In 1685 AD, his son Sanbhaji commanded. "Mop up and kill the unclean Muslims" (History of Maharashtra by Bhai Parmanand)

In 1740 AD, Sahoo, the son of Sanbhaji and his Guru Balaji Bajirao spoke, "Chop! Chop! Cut the tree from its trunk and the branches will fall of themselves" i.e. attack the sources of Muslim might. (What happened though, readers, the illustrious son of Zarghuna Bibi, Ahmad Shah Abdali chopped off the trunk of Ram Rajya zealots in 1761 at Panipat. Zarghuna had bid farewell to her son with the injunction that he would be either the victor or a martyr on the battlefield.)

When the brave Tipu Sultan was struggling to liberate the land from the English (from 1782 to 1799). Hindus remained at war with him and through instigating the traitor Mir Sadiq put out another light of Muslim hopes. Sikhs fully supported the Hindus until 1831 when the Sikhs killed Maulvi Ismail and Syed Ahmad Bareilvi in the battle of Balakot.

Hulkar, Scindia, and Gaekwad openly aligned themselves with the English in the freedom fight of 1857.

In 1873 AD, Swami Dayanand Sarsauti launched his *Shudhi movement. Their objective was to convert all Muslims of the Indian subcontinent to Hinduism or drive them out of India those not willing to convert. Hindustan for Hindus! (Bal Gangadhar Tilak) – Literal purification, because the Hindus considered the Muslims to be "maleeche" (contaminated).

In 1923 AD, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya and Swami Shardhanand plotted with the British Viceroy to start a quasi-military movement called Sangthan (consolidation). The objective was to convert the Muslims to Hinduism. They considered the existence of non-Hindus in Indian politics an incongruity.

In 1925 AD, “No land can be at peace with Muslims. Muslims India, as well as Afghanistan, will have also to be converted to Hinduism and the region transformed into a Hindu realm”. (Lala Hardayal, chief of the Sangthan movement.)

“Valiant sons of Arjun, to save a cow, even finishing off all Muslims from Karachi to Makka is not enough. (Mahashay Pratap 1927). In that day and age Swami Satya Dev declared that if Muslims wanted to exist in the sub-continent, they had to do as follows:

1. Turn their backs on Quran
2. Reject Muhammad the Prophet
3. Severe all connection with Makkah
4. Study Kabeer and Tulsi Das
5. Celebrate Hindu festivals
6. Convert the mosques to Hindu temples and fly a flag of Vedic Dharma or Arya Samaj
7. One who sheds Muslim blood and dishonors Muslim women is a sure entrant of heaven
8. Muslims should not publicly state Allahu Akbar and declare themselves Allah’s creatures. 9. They should sing Vandy Matram and exist as devotees of Mother India.
10. Let the entire land be on fire; we shall not cede an inch for Pakistan (M.K. Gandhi)
11. Snatch knives from the Pathans and arm the Hindu woman with a gun or a pistol (M.K.Gandhi);
12. Uproot Urdu, because its alphabet is similar to Quran’s (M.K. Gandhi);

In 1938 AD, Dr. Zakir Hussain with the patronage of Abul Kalam Azad drew up the Wardha Scheme of education. It laid down that children shall not learn in Islam as the true faith since all faiths had equal status. Due to the resistance of some self-respecting Muslims, this scheme could not advance.

Due to a conspiracy hatched between Jawahar Lal Nehru, Sardar Patel, and Lord Louis Mountbatten, a dishonest British barrister did not do the demarcation of the boundary between India and Pakistan over an area of 175,000 square miles. In Punjab, this demarcation if fairly done would be based on the majority population of a district. Similarly, Gurdaspur was unfairly made a part of India to give access to Kashmir.

On August 14, 1947, a fearsome conspiracy of Hindu perfidy almost succeeded. A bomb placed to blow up the motorcade of Quaid-e-Azam did not explode. (Freedom at Midnight by American author Collins)

Pakistan was supposed to get 165,000 tons of military hardware under the division of assets agreement. The Ram Rajya stalwarts instead sent over mere 4700 tons of mostly junk materials. This was a fullfledged Indian effort to gobble up Pakistan's share worth 550 million rupees.

The Indian government was planning to launch a decisive attack on the newborn state of Pakistan on December 1947 to kill it in its infancy. However, some domestic constraints thwarted the plan (Former Chief Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan).

“Pakistan is a short-lived phenomenon. 300 million Hindus should get ready to lay down their lives if that is needed to eliminate Pakistan” (Diwan Chaman Lal)

“If Kashmir, which is our integral part, separates from us on the basis of the Muslim majority, then we shall annihilate 50 million Indian Muslims.” (Lal Bahadur Shastri, Prime Minister of India 1966).

In 1947 when Pakistan came into being, the adherents of Rama Rajya killed a million Muslims, burnt their entire settlements, abducted and raped countless women. The Hindus looted the homes and shops owned by the Muslim people and looted the refugee trains going to Pakistan. Hindus poisoned the drinking water used by Muslims with copper sulfate. In addition, in some cases, Muslims were burnt alive and their bodies were dismembered. Thousands of children were speared to death. Pregnant women had ripped apart and their fetuses were destroyed. Hindus and Sikh converted several thousand mosques across India into Hindu and Sikh temples.

According to the Indian government's own statistics, there have been over ten thousand anti-Muslim riots since 1947. (It is appalling to know that the Indian government never charged any Hindu for these crimes.) No other nation in history has gotten away with such transgression.

“My father (Nehru) let Mother India be cut up in two parts. An undivided India will always remain a Hindu desire (Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, 1972.)

Readers, these are only a few glimpses into the Hindu mind, his politics, and his history. Let us not forget Chaudhry Rahmat Ali who made an unambiguous declaration in London on January 20, 1933, “We shall not accept being crucified for the sake of Hindu nationalism.” Even living away from the country, he had anticipated future events. Contrary to this, these days, City-dwellers or village folk, all Muslims are naïve!

A majority of Muslims happen to be ignorant of the shady history of Hinduism and its political motives. Innocently, Muslims ask, “Why did Quaid-e-Azam achieve Pakistan?” “Why could not

Hindus and Muslims live together?" The latest question happens to be, "Why did Pakistan conduct the testing of a nuclear device?" The answer lies in the following verse of Allama Iqbal,

That death be sole wages for the weakling,

Is Fate's verdict from Eternity.

CHAPTER II Makeup of the Hindu Mind

Behold snapping of Shaikh's rosary in the Mosque,
Behold the endurance of the Brahmin's cross-thread!

"No one can build such an edifice. If someone does try then he will have to spend 10 million gold coins and it will take him 200 years, that too if he can engage top-notch artisans."

Readers. Where was this writing etched? On a tablet outside a temple in Mathura around the year 1020 A.D.!

"Nobody can adequately describe the beauty and elegance of temples in India. It is beyond any brush of a painter to portray it."

"Temples in India are superb specimens of architecture. People get captivated looking at them. Let alone building the likes of them, it is not even possible to describe them to the full extent."

Readers! The above were the statements of Abu Rehan Alberuni and Ibn-Araba, two famous courtiers of Mahmud Ghaznavi. It is a matter of wonder that these were built by people who regarded Hinduism as an all-embracing and existentialist faith ('secular' in present-day nomenclature). They could adopt god of any other creed as their own. Amongst living beings, fauna and flora, and minerals, etc. their deities numbered in hundreds of thousands. They had designated humans without count as Avatars of the Almighty. Practically it was a practice of first shaping, then starting worshipping and lastly discarding a deity! This was the state of Hinduism two thousand years back, also a thousand years ago. It has not changed to this day either. India, a claimant to secularism, is in fact, dyed-in-the-wool Hindu state European scholars have characterized Hindus as the most fundamentally religious people.

Who are the folks who never start work without invoking a god's blessings? You can guess the answer! Who are the folks who regard laxity in observing religious rituals as graver offenses than thievery, banditry, even murder? Rituals like making of a horoscope, deference to astrologers and priests, being trapped inauspiciousness or otherwise of various times? Do you regard Hajj as the largest assemblage of people anywhere? No. Millions of pilgrims flock to holy places like Banaras and Jagnath every year. However, the numbers swell to tens of millions at the Orissa coast every twelve years for taking out of the Jagnath chariot. To be crushed under the wheels of that chariot is a Hindu's coveted object of life!

Riding or eating alongside a non-Hindu, pollutes them because that is a loss of their identity, and loss of self is a fate worse than death to them! We are not talking about BJP or Shiv Sena folk; we are speaking of Hindu masses. The irony is that Hindus accuse us of being religious-minded.

These Pakistani people, why do they talk about religion? Why do they not call their country secular? Hindus ask.

The Brahmin advises me to give up my rosary,
Yet he is stubbornly sticking to his cross thread!

Rightly complains Iqbal!

Somewhere around 500 B.C., Manu wrote his religious Code. Manu's Code still occupies a pivotal place in the Hindu religion as well as in Hindu society. Some excerpts from this code.

“When in danger from an enemy lie low like a turtle, pounce on him, and bite him like a serpent as soon as the opportunity arises.”

“One without (worldly) wealth is less than human. Even gods cannot be appeased without offerings. A calf would abandon the cow if it goes dry. So keep offering bribes to anyone who is to be of use to you.

“Never trust the wisdom, learning or integrity of a woman!

There can be no success without sowing dissension amongst the enemy!

Trickery ensures a greater victory than the force of arms.

Kill the slayer of a Brahmin or a cow.

If a Shudra (untouchable person) so much as mentions the name of a higher caste with disrespect, he is liable to be punished by inserting in his mouth a red-hot spike ten fingers long!

Side by side with such militant and blood-curdling injunctions and beliefs, one finds Hinduism so accommodative that it absorbed every new faith that came to India. Altaf Hussain Hali has described Hinduism as a devourer of religions.

Buddhism turned out to be a hard nut to crack (and digest) so the Ram Rajya banished Buddhism. It then thrived only outside India, in the Far East.

The next encounter of Hinduism was with Islam. To be correct the encounter was with the Islamic religious practice, not the real Islam as per Quran. Had Muslim monarchs brought Islam to India, all Indians would have been a part of the Muslim world today. Allama Iqbal described the difference between the Islamic faith and the religion as below:

That (Islam) was a call of faith in the vastness of the universe

This (Islamic religion) is meditation in the lap of dust

That was a faith of those aware of themselves and entranced with God,
This is a religion of the Mulla and things mundane.

Even the deficient version of Islamic religion of our Moghul Monarchs, Sufis and Mullah as presented in India, became a torment and a dilemma for Hinduism. Mahashay Pratap described this as, “a pebble that could neither be swallowed nor expelled.”

The Islamic concepts of one God and the equality of human beings were so attractive that right from the times of Mahmud Ghaznavi and Shahabuddin Ghauri, Manu's erstwhile disciples starting taking refuge in Islam in large numbers. Until in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, far-sighted Brahmin started the Bhagti movement.

Although there was no room for either unity of God or equality amongst humanity in creeds of Ramayana, Mahabharata, the Upanishads Vedas and the Code of Manu, yet Brahmin sponsors of Bhagti movement, in a way, tried to squeeze blood out of stones. They claimed that Hinduism is monotheistic. So much so, in the twentieth century, a learned scholar, Abul Kalam Azad bought this line and wrote that no religion besides Hinduism has been as close to the oneness of God!

The Bhagti movement held that there was no difference between the Hindu concept of Ram and the Muslim concept of Raheem, i.e. God the compassionate. As a matter of form, this movement was also critical of the Hindu caste system. Through this movement, Hindus started learning the concept of the unity of God, as well as that of the equality of man. This slowed down the evangelism of Islam.

I have already mentioned the anti-Islam movements of Shuddhi and Sangthan, which had the aim of forcible conversion of Muslims to Hinduism. On top of this, around 1857 freedom fight, Lord Macaulay and Hunter also started predicting an eclipse of Islam and Muslims from the face of the earth.

What transpired? Let us proceed and see.

CHAPTER III Hindu Fundamentalism

Whoever knows the enemy,

Is wise, even though not sane!

Hindu history is Pandora's Box! Who said this? Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru!

In 3000 years, this box has produced only a single philosopher (Hindus admit that history does not sit well with them!). The one who showed up was Chanakya. He, however, took pride in calling himself Kautilya, which means crafty, devious, and deceitful. The present-day Hindu too fondly names him Kautilya, more often than Chanakya. This Kautilya was the principal minister to His Majesty Maharaja Chandra Gupta Maurya, who ruled over Mother India from 320 to 335 A.D. In other words, Mother India was a subject of Kautilya for those fifteen years.

Kautilya authored a masterpiece in the Sanskrit language, titled "Arthshastra". His work has been translated into English. Let us ponder over what he says. Addressing the Maharaja, he says

1. Beware lest your lust for conquest decline
2. Consider neighboring countries thy enemies
3. Befriend countries other than neighbors
4. Self-interest be thy focus on friendship
5. Use any excuse to alight the flames of conflict
6. Infiltrate your men in neighboring countries for sabotage and for spreading

Confusion and uncertainty;

7. Pay any price to hire renegades from neighboring countries
8. Remember your Majesty! Peace is your downfall!

Readers! Hindu history describes the Chandragupta and Kautilya era as Satyug-the Age of Truth. Hindus say that for many centuries now, there has been an era of falsehood. Kautilya's commandments came in the era of "truth". Therefore, in the "Age of Falsehood," these commandments come with an added coating of deceit!

I invite you (and Hindus) to a casual glance at the fifty years history of Independent India. India has most faithfully held on to Kautilya's dogma. Do Indian policies not revolve around the age-old Kautilya philosophy? India, a professed secular country is so fundamentalist a state that

compared to its other fundamentalists of the world sound like free thinkers! The most reactionary people are neither Jews nor Christians, not Muslims, Parsees Buddhists or Sikhs, Jains or Mormons. Western scholars say that Hindus of India are the most rigid folk. Mr. Gandhi the sage said, "I am a dedicated believer in Vedas, Upanishads, Prans and other Hindu scriptures. Every piece of hair on my body is Hindu.

The protection of the cow is part of my faith. We shall use force to compel Muslims and Christians to observe protection for the cow (Young India 1921, Statesman 1918)

India will be a Hindu state in ideas as well as practice. Its religion will be Hindu, its culture Hindu under Hindus (Dr. R. Mukherjee, Vice President, Hindu Mahasabha, 1938.)

I can give my life for my religion M.K. Gandhi, Harijan, 1946. (In the movie, "Gandhi the same Gandhi is shown as saying. "One of my eyes is Hindu and the other Mussalman".)

"The command to shoot killers of cows has appeared in the scriptures" (Daily Milap 1929. The journal did not name who was the apostle receiving the commandment. It should be part of every Hindu's faith to beat drums and play music in front of a mosque at times of prayers and Azan" (Lala Hardayal 1925.)

There is only one future for the Muslims, -to convert back to Hinduism. Sorry, there is another, we should bury them" Mahashay Krishan, Daily Pratap 1930.

"Ganpati events that had been started countrywide in 1894 should be started again" (Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel 1940.)

What were these events? Along with the worship of god Ganapati, the memory of the extremist of the extremists Sivaji was invoked.

In his honor, Hindus held the training moots to train the Hindu youths in stick fights to injure and disable the Muslims if the opportunity arises. For ten days, Hindu youth went around singing anti-Muslim hymns, which propagated killing the killers of cows, putting obstacles in way of Muslims observing their religious duties, preventing them from going to mosques and from saying prayers.

"One-sixth of our country consists of Harijans (untouchables). We should guard against their converting to Islam. Working for their uplift is the job of Hindus only" ("Mahatma" Gandhi 1924.

If we swallow the pebble of Islam, we shall have tummy ache for all time to come" Mahashay Krishan 1932.

Our strategy is first to let Jinnah have his Pakistan and then economically and militarily append it to India (Jawahar Lal Nehru 1947...)

"I prefer to drink my urine over drinking a cup of milk from a Muslim's hand" (Morarji Desai, 1950.)

(This was the same Desai that later became Prime Minister of India. He used to ascribe his good health and longevity of life to his habit of drinking his urine every morning).

Arjun had ten heads and twenty hands. Has there been a Muslim hero (even) with two heads and four hands? (Diwan Chaman Lal)

Until India is rid of Islam, we cannot have a sound sleep (Daily Tej, Delhi 1925. We have a room with us for any but Hindu civilization (Mr. Shukla, Chief Minister of Central Provinces, 1948.)

Underhand, fundamentalist parties like Jana Sangh and RSS have the full backing of Indian Congress (Nirad C. Chaudhry 1968.)

That was some gleanings of the Hindu mind. With this state of affairs, what is the course ahead for us?

Carve a niche in the abode of fervor,
Create new times, new days, new nights.

You have come to know the feelings and plans of Hindu leaders and parties'. The Hindu bomb was a step in the direction of fulfilling their evil designs. It is a blessing from the almighty that, in spite of all our drawbacks and shortcomings, we the people of Pakistan were able to achieve nuclear capability in good time and thus to thwart nefarious Hindu designs. What is to do for the future? Please read on.

CHAPTER IV Hindu Bomb and the Valiant

The world is a legacy to the Valiant believer,

Every believer is a holder of the Universe!

Turning the leaves histories, I have endeavored to identify the enemy.

There was a tiger on the rampage in the jungle. It would question every creature, "Tell me who rules the jungle?" Poor deer, the zebra, the cow, and the monkey, each one of them would answer in a scared tone, "Your majesty, who else?" The tiger's neck grew stiffer and his temper became haughtier. Then he noticed an elephant approaching nonchalantly. "Who is king of the jungle?" again roared the tiger. The elephant did not wait a second before it wound the tiger up in his trunk, gave it a few shakings in the air and then tossed it bang on the ground! The tiger, shedding dust off its neck and getting over the embarrassment, protested, "Sir, even if you do not know the answer to my question, where is the occasion for the offense?"

Like that tiger, after Aurangzeb's death in 1707 A.D., the Marhattas were on the rampage in India, raiding villages and settlements and annihilating Muslims when in 1961 who were they to confront? A terrible elephant that rolled up a Marhatta army numbering five hundred thousand in its trunk and tossed it bang in the battlefield at Panipat. This elephant was a sixty thousand strong valiant army led by Ahmad Shah Abdali the victor. Born as Ahmad Khan, was made into Ahmad Shah Abdali, by his mother Zarghoona Bibi. God knows how sitting in Kandhar she had come to understand that none of the Mughals or Nawabs of India would be able to make even a dent in Marhatta power! She taught her capable son that only a desert nomad or a highlander could protect nature's scheme of things!

Then this highlander took care of nature's scheme of things in such a way that the beaten up tiger could not roar for another 237 years. By May 1998, the tiger again started to roar. It roared five times. Before it could repeat the question, "who is king of the jungle?" an elephant swung its trunk around and threw it bang on the ground. This elephant had emerged nonchalantly from the valley of Kahoota!

Readers, I have given our country's nuclear technology the title of 'valiant'.

In addition, as you know the world is the legacy of the brave.

An analysis of history tells us that there are two requisites for the survival of a nation, (1. Power, and 2. Sound Economy.)

Allama Iqbal thus stated the importance of power.

Integrity to defend needs force of arms, God-given wisdom alone!

A sound economy is required to keep the common folk content and to prevent them from becoming corrupt and selfish by adequately meeting their daily needs. Power and sound economy are natural twins. It is hard to maintain a strong defense without a sound economy and it is next to impossible to preserve a sound economy without defense.

Readers! You must have identified the external enemy. Let us now examine how to overcome our internal problems.

1. Bear in mind that our enemy will continue to create warlike situations along, as well as within, our borders. After all, that is what Kautilya (Chanakya) taught them,
2. The cultural onslaught by India will get more intense. It will target our ideology and try to keep our youth confused in their thoughts as to who they are. Hindu India will use movies, art, music and other means as their effective weapons...
3. We shall have to wipe out poisons of provincialism and sectarianism. Pakistan is an ideological Islamic State. We have to make it a fortress of Islam. Remember, only small fish can survive in the small pond. Similarly, provincial and sectarian bigotry can make room only in small minds. Wide-ranging thoughts need wide minds so large hearts impart love and small ones hate. One who unites is a true well-wisher. One who preaches hate has the face of the enemy.
4. Value time. Time builds lives and the collective life of a nation is built with individual lives.
5. We shall have to cut down consumption of tea, betel nuts, cigarettes and the like to the minimum.
6. Wherever our compatriots are, we should be boycotting completely Indian products. If we continue importing kites, kite-string, and clothes from across the border, it means we are not doing justice to valiant Pakistan.
7. One half of Pakistan, i.e. our women folk will have to come forward and join in the work of national reconstruction and well-being. Perhaps we need to imprison all those who want to confine women to homes and think it is right to treat them like maidservants.
8. Our young people should realize that instead of wasting lives looking for clerical jobs they should learn a trade or a skill. There is no shame in doing manual work.
9. The entire nation will have to adopt a lifestyle of simplicity. "Those who waste money on engagements, weddings, and other functions are public offenders."
10. Time has come to discourage, nation-wide, facial make-up, fancy fashions, imitating the West and chasing glitter.

11. Government, as well as people, shall need to take measures for the development of the small-scale industry. It is an anomaly worth notice that Pakistan can put together the nuclear bomb but has to import needles from abroad.
12. We can make cooperatives for forestry, poultry farming, as well as others for mutual help.
13. Use the time spent in playing cards or chess, watching television and cinema and listening to educate the juniors and seniors instead. Educate to develop character. Use hundreds of thousands of mosques as schools to educate the younger generation.
14. Fund the national economy by exercising frugality in consuming electricity, gas, water, and petroleum. Support national funding with personal contributions whenever you can.
15. Those evading taxes and default in the repayment of loans should consider themselves offenders against the nation.
16. Our political, diplomatic and journalistic thrust should be to expose to the world the real face of Manu and Chanakya culture and strategies. We should remind the Muslim countries of the Quaid-e-Azam's 1946 statement in Egypt that for Muslim countries Pakistan would serve as a bulwark against Hindu menace. Let us remember, Individual hands guide the destiny of a nation, every one of them is a star of the nation's fortunes.

CHAPTER V The Soul Guy

On January 30 of 1948, Nathu Ram Godse's bullet rid the five-foot skinny from vexations of the Dhoti (loincloth), the Charkha (spinning wheel) and Maran Barat (fasts unto death). This opening sentence is a bit caustic but I shall let it be like that because it was on that day that the most notable flag bearer of Chanakya statecraft exited the political scene of the sub-continent. Hindu pundits had predicted that because of his death, heavens would fall and the earth would open up because of the Avatar of the deity Vishnu and a Mahatma (great soul) departed from this earth. Yet the heavens did not fall nor did the earth open up. His was barely a soul, no greatness attached to it!

Who gave him the title of Mahatma? Why do I call him the soul guy? Read on for answers. If you have watched the movie, titled "Gandhi" then step back (no recourse to you)! You may get hurt (a broken heart for instance).

The propaganda of his being a Mahatma went around India (and then across the world) so much that a section of Muslims in India raised a demand that he be anointed Ameerul Momineen (Commander of the faithful)! Even this day you come across some who call him a Mahatma and name him a great leader of the twentieth century. An introduction to Gandhi with the soul would be befitting today for the reason that very recently a Pakistani child described him as his ideal through a newspaper in California. What can we say to that child? We can only speak to his parents.

The year was 1921. All of a sudden, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi discarded the western dress and got into a Dhoti. (The readers can figure out whether the Dhoti served as an adornment to his body.) He took up the begging bowl and started on his spinning wheel. The hard-cored Hindu poet Rabindra Nath Tagore gave him the title of Mahatma and the Congressmen (including Abul Kalam Azad) started calling him Bapu (father).

Why did they stage this show? It was for meeting the challenge of impeccable credentials, transparent politics and countrywide popularity of Muhammad Ali Jinnah. After his return from South Africa in 1915, Mr. Gandhi had been retreating in competition with him in every sphere, moral as well as political.

Here are some highlights in respect of the Bapu and the Mahatma.

Mohachand Karamdas Gandhi was born in a Vaishya (trader) family of Kathiawar.

He did not exactly bring radiance to his family. When he was 17 or 18, he continued having a good time with his newlywed bride and ignored his dying father's entreaties from the adjoining room for a drink of water. The father passed away thirsty.

This is from admission by Gandhi himself.

When he returned from London as a barrister in 1891, he spent two years in convincing people of his prowess in the field of law. He ended up with a label of "dumb lawyer".

Eventually, he lost heart and left for South Africa in 1893. Gandhi's admirers and the movie titled Gandhi have embellished his role in South Africa. None has spoken of the atrocities he and his cohorts perpetrated on the African tribe of Zulus for which the British gave him a special award. How would a stipendiary and decorated Gandhi lead an independence movement against the British? Mountbatten, the last of Viceroy of India used to describe him as equal in stature to the Great Buddha and Jesus Christ. Because of fighting the Second World War, Britain had become weaker which resulted in independence for a lot of countries. India too would have got freedom in any case. India getting independence was no big deal. Truly the remarkable achievement was of the Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah who saved Muslims from annihilation or enslavement with Hindus.

Soon after getting the special award from the British in 1906, he started treating his wife Kasturba as his maidservant. He put her on cleaning the toilets of his friends. When she protested the 37-year-old, Mohandas took a vow of celibacy (abstaining from cohabiting with women).

On the other hand, he started having relations with women other than his wife to the extent of sharing baths with them in the nude. For many years, he was sharing the bed with a 19-year lass. His scandals that surfaced in the 1930s and 1940s were of the proportions that by comparison, today's Bill Clinton would look like an innocent lamb!

He used to advise his disciples to use minimum clothes because clothes create an illusion of modesty and a naked person is closer to nature.

When in 1944 the wretched Kasturba fell ill with Pneumonia, the Soul Guy refuse to get her penicillin, which was a sure treatment at the time. The poor woman died a painful death.

His granddaughter Manu had appendicitis. The soul guy would wrap warm mud in a piece of cloth, render her heat treatment, and administer anima until she was driven to her death.

There are various rituals for inducting someone into order, like tying a turban, adorning with a new costume, placing a hand upon hand, etc. However, the soul guy being a Mahatma the requirement was for the prospective disciple to be administered enema by the Mahatma.

While laying claim to representing both Hindus and Muslims, the Mahatma described himself as a committed Hindu. He used to keep up a chant of Rama! While working his spinning wheel. He used to read the Gita first thing in the morning. He declared any Muslim or Christian to be a legitimate target for death as retribution for killing a cow.

During the 1920s, he thought of a smart trick. He knew that there was no possibility of restoration of the Caliphate in Turkey, Mustafa Kamal being popular and firmly in control, he advised Muslims to leave India (for Hindus) as a protest against the abolition of the Caliphate. Thousands of gullible Muslims migrated towards Afghanistan. The Mahatma's disciples took possession of their properties.

To lend credibility to his show he would occasionally take up living in a scavengers' colony in a cottage specially erected for him. Scores of Congress and Government functionaries would wait upon him in the garb of Harijans. In the words of Sarojini Naidu, they had to spend heavily to keep the Mahatma in poverty.

Former Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell said, "Gandhi is a two tongued stubborn trickster. There is not a semblance of an ascetic or a recluse in him."

His entire life Winston Churchill dubbed the soul guy as a two-penny half-naked fakir. Churchill used to lay a challenge that Gandhi would never let his "fast unto death" reach the point of death. He described him as a man of straw who sometimes says that he had learned something more this week, sometimes says he is the Congress and sometimes that he is not even a two Anna member of Congress.

Once there were headlines in the press that a snake had entered the Mahatma's cottage but gone back without causing any harm. When asked to comment on the news, Quaid-e-Azam responded with only two words, "professional etiquette". The soul guy used to prophesy that he would live for 114 years. When he departed at the age of 79, someone approached the Quaid-e-Azam in Karachi for signing against words of condolence "He was a great man". Quaid-e-Azam said, "No, he was a great Hindu"!

CHAPTER VI All Is He

At the front door, a child was busy jumping up and down. It looked he was attempting to press a button of the doorbell. The poor thing was not being able to reach high enough for that. A passerby very considerately pressed the button for him. Then he asked him if he needed any more help. The child said, "Now run fast!"

Readers, two thousand five hundred years ago, the Greek civilization was jumping up and down to unlock the gate of knowledge and learning and it was not able to make the bell the ring until a sage came forward and rang the bell. Lo and behold! The gate to knowledge went wide open. The Greek civilization did not thank the sage for his exertions. Instead, it handed him a cupful of poison. "Now run," it said, "...out of the world!"

This sage was none other than one of the great intellectuals and philosophers in world history. His name was Socrates and he used to preach the truth. His disciple was a great intellectual too and his name was Plato. He taught much wisdom to the world but the irony is that he ridiculed that very wisdom by saying that there is no substance to the universe's existence. What we see and feel is only a reflection of the original. In other words, long before Ghalib long was born Plato thus quoted his verse: Let not (the illusion of) existence dupe you. The entire universe is a mere fancy!

There is an Indian doctor in the U.S.A. by the name of Deepak Chopra. At times he credits Plato and at times Indian Vedanta as the originator of Mysticism (Tasawwuf) or Yoga. He is a good orator and good writer so his ideas about Yoga are gaining good acceptance. The problem is that he lays a bold claim of Indian Yoga and Muslim mysticism being the same. While it is probable that the Sanskrit term "Ayurvedic" is translated "knowledge of life" yet an important question arises, can "knowledge of life" be acquired through Yoga, Mysticism, Vedanta or Monastic culture? Concluding from the favorable reception of ideas like Deepak Chopra's, one is set to reflect how important is the methodology to the presentation of an idea. Even falsehood, preached with design, can find its way into peoples' hearts. How much better, if one can develop the art of telling the truth appropriately!

Now, let us analyze with an open mind how far it is valid, or otherwise, to view the universe as a mere illusion, a fantasy or a snare. In other words, we should be conducting a critical analysis of the well-known and old philosophy of "All is Him" that is generally named Wahdatul Wajood or a concept of "unity of existence". According to this philosophy, our entire surroundings are the person (as it were) of God himself. According to it the Earth, the sky, the sun, the moon and the stars, even trees, mountains, rocks, and animals personify God. Not only Greeks and Hindus opted for this idea, quite a few Muslim Sufis too adopted it. Abu Rehan Albeirooni, the well-known scholar of Mahmud Ghaznavi's court translated Upanishads into the Persian language. This process continued, so much so that in the 17th century, Dara Shakoh, son of Emperor Shah Jehan of Taj Mahal fame, crossed all limits in extending patronage to Hindu Vedanta and Sufism. His prosaic research too he named "The Great Mystery". Hindu Vedanta claims that the universe is merely Brahma's fantasy or it is a play staged by Rama. All matter as well as what we feel around us is a mere delusion, a trick played upon us by our senses. What exists, in reality, is only One, i.e. the Creator. There is only one soul or spirit spread through the entire existence and that is the Parmatma i.e. the prime spirit. In other words, the rest of the existence is only fragments from the prime being. Deliverance lies in the fragments rejoining the prime spirit. So it becomes necessary to renounce the world and to shun material things. Dara Shakoh repeatedly declared that there are not two religions (Islam and Hinduism) but only one, Rama and Raheem being the same. One's purpose should be that one's soul joins the Creator's. So "All is Him" is said to mean that the earth and the sky and all that we see are only manifestations of God or, in a way, God himself. Some of the Sufis-those having a problem adopting such beliefs sought a compromise solution and named it Wahdatash Shahood. This belief, in essence, was a harking back to Plato. According to Plato, the universe is not God himself but His manifestations or shadow and whatever we see is, in fact, an appearance from God. The poet Ghalib became so exasperated by the confusing theses that he cried in despair

The observer, the observed and the presence,

If all be the same, where would observation stand?

In 309 A.H. On his return from a visit to India, Mansoor Hallaj, a renowned Sufi of Baghdad laid a claim that he was God. His rationale, of course, was that everything in the universe is God so he was God too. Almuqtadar Billah, the Abbasid caliph of the time summoned his court and invited religious scholars to judge the authenticity of Mansoor Hallaj's claim according to the Quran. The Caliph was a righteous person and a strong ruler. In the final resort, the decision from the book of Allah also fell to his lot. It said,

1. "Allah created the Earth and the skies and all that is in between them for a certain purpose and not by way of amusement. (It is neither a dream nor a fantasy; this is a hard reality)
2. Slumber nor drowsiness ever takes Allah (So there is no question of there being a dream with him).
3. There is none in his image; neither in whole or in part:

The scholars announced Quran's verdict in the fully assembled court. Mansoor Hallaj's philosophy had reached a stage where he had started saying that since Pharaoh was God, he too had a right to claim he was God. And the idols Lot and Manaat were also God, cattle and birds was God too. So Mansoor was pulled up on the gallows, his dead body was burnt up and ashes thrown in the river. Now the point to deliberate upon is what are Islam's teachings on the subject of Sufism, Yoga, Vedanta, and monastic culture? The common factor to all of them is their promise of consciousness of God in return for discarding worldly things. However, Allah asks of human beings' noble deeds and true faith, not mere awareness. That is why Allama Iqbal has expressed the view that Sufism is an alien growth in Islam. Yoga and Sufism require sessions of quiet meditation and orgies of rigors and self-punishing. The initiate mystic squats in a monastery or a cavern and trudges along his route to salvation, turning between various "spiritual" fancies and daydreams. Allama Iqbal shot an apt punch on such a cult.

Lost in Persian beliefs,

The mystic, in a maze of "stations!"

While traveling along the route of "enlightenment" a Sufi has no qualms about the wrong he does to his kith and kin and the society at large. A question that is frequently asked is what is the "amal" (procedure) that he is supposed to be performing in the monastery? Often the gut question is what sorts of drugs he is doing at the time! Is it marijuana or opium or heroin? Having passed through different stages, finally, on a certain day, he is said to have discovered (the real) God.

Then after his death, his soul is supposed to rejoin the Prime Soul. The lover becomes one with the beloved. The anniversary of this "union" is celebrated every year. But the mystic is nothing but a prisoner of weird ideas of his spinning.

Sometimes Sufis are attributed with supernatural powers. These are some feats of concentration of mind that get blown out of all proportions. That is why it is said that the sages cannot fly; it is their disciples that conjure up the flight!

The supernatural deeds that Dr. Chopra ascribes to Yogis are no less spectacular than those of Muslim Sufis. Slave races seek miracles of the occult,

Free people are miracles in person!

I have written to Deepak Chopra that he should insert the word "from" in-between and change to "All is from Him" i.e. everything is a solid creation of the Almighty and no fantasy or illusion or hallucination. Good deeds shape a good life in this world, not a culture of the recluse. If he does that, his capabilities will become crystallized.

CHAPTER VII Sikhs-Friends or Foes?

Falsehood covets duality, Truth is unity

Do not accept a mixture of Truth & Falsehood

-Iqbal

Someone said two plus two make four. Another was adamant that they make five. An argument followed. A "conciliator" said, "Stop arguing, both make a compromise on four and a half!" As the story would show, the verdict made no difference to the one who was insisting that two and two make five; he was wrong before, he would remain wrong if he accepts the "award".

However, if the one who was saying two plus two make four also accepts the verdict he would be the loser by moving from truth to falsehood! Back in 1530 A.D., the dead body of a venerated person was lying on a cot in a village by the name of Kartarpur in Punjab. Hindus claimed that the person was a Hindu so the dead body was to be cremated. Muslims claimed that he was a Muslim so the body should be buried. According to the Sikh belief, after night had passed on the dead body, it was discovered that the body had disappeared.

God raised the venerated Guru Nanak (as he was called) to the heaven! Whenever there is an apparent snag in traditional beliefs, I seek guidance from analytical speculation. Regarding Guru Nanak's last rites, my speculation leads me to believe that somehow the Muslims managed to carry the body away and buried it in a secret place!

The occasion for my making a mention of the Sikh faith is that after the revealing statement by our brilliant former Madam Prime Minister, Sikh residents of USA are increasingly raising the topic of the history of Sikh-Muslim relations. Readers may recall that Madam Benazir had stated that during her first tenure as Prime Minister she performed great feats in crushing of the Khalistan movement by passing over lists of leaders of that movement to the Indian Government to repay and please her mentors and benefactors.

European my learning; my faith is in the Brahmin!

Baba Guru Nanak Dev was born in a Hindu family of a village by name of Talvandi (present Nankana Sahib in Sheikhpura District) in 1469 A.D. He was a son of Kalyan Chand, nicknamed Kaloo and Triptaji (now titled Mata Bibi). Sikhs recognize him as the first Guru (teacher) and he is known as the founder of Sikh faith. Yet the matter is not that simple. A study of history tells us that due to the exemplary character and instruction of preachers who accompanied Mahmud Ghaznavi from Afghanistan between 1000 and 1030 A.D., Hindus embraced Islam in large numbers. The characteristics in Islam that attracted the Hindu society like a magnet, they were:

1. The concept of one God;
2. Shunning of idolatry;
3. Concept of equality of all humans;
4. Discarding of the concept of untouchability; and
5. The lofty character of Muslim preachers.

Some enlightened Brahmins quickly sized up the new situation. To counter the spread of Islam, they started the Bhagti movement. The founder of this movement, Rama-nij was born in a Brahmin family of Madras in 1016 A.D. The Bhagti movement embraced the unity of God as its principle belief. The movement also started opposing the caste system. This farsighted move by Brahmins resulted in Hindus being able to find teachings of oneness of God and egalitarianism in their faith. So the spread of Islam slowed down. The duality of Falsehood harmed the Truth in great measure because the proponents of the Truth could not grasp the thrust of the conspiracy or could not manage to adequately tackle it.

Swami Ramanand was born in 1299 in a Brahmin family of Allahabad. He and his twelve disciples further promoted the Bhagti movement. The Sufi cult amongst Muslims was of great help to them in spreading this intellectual haze.

Swami Vallabh Acharya was born in 1489 in a Brahmin home of Deccan. With an eye upon the lore of romance between Krishna and Radha, he introduced the element of love with good-looking girls. This lacing lent momentum to the movement.

Bhagat Kabeer (of Duet fame) was born to a Brahmin widow in Benaras in 1440 who abandoned him at the edge of a water pool. From there a Muslim weaver by the name of Neeroo and his wife Neema took him home and raised him. He grew up to be a good poet. He preached against idolatry and the caste system. He propagated Islam and Hinduism as the same. For example,

There are many Ghats* but only one Yamuna,

Kabeer says it is all a confusion of thinking!

*A Ghat at a river is a wharf, or embarkation place for a ferry, also a place for washing clothes.

He mixed up beliefs in such a way that Hindus would call his followers Kabir Panthis (Kabir's followers) and Muslims called him Shaikh Kabeer. It is said that in such an environment, one day Guru Nanak, emerging from a deep dive in river Jhelum, shouted the slogan of (there being) "No Hindu, no Muslim". Already, at age thirty, Guru Nanak had renounced worldly matters. For quite a long time he remained in the company of a Muslim Sufi named Syed Hassan and later, spent another ten years with Sheikh Fareed Sani. In his sermons, he condemned religious controversies and spoke against distinctions based on castes. He believed in one God, was against idolatry as well as sanctity to the cow. He used to sing his verses to the accompaniment of the music of his

Chimta (tongs) and thus built up the verses for his Gurbani or Granth Sahib, which later became the sacred book of Sikhs. A Muslim named Brother Mardana was his constant companion. There is a significant and noticeable difference in beliefs of Guru Nanak and of those who followed him. Because of their colorful turbans and long hair, Sikhs stand out from the rest of the population. Guru Gobind Singh gave this appearance to them. The word "Sikh" means a pupil or a follower. Guru Nanak never used this expression though. From writings of Sikh historians about him, one can glean that he was familiar with the Arabic language. He went to Makka too and performed Haj. So much so that for a year he was an Imam in a mosque. He also went on pilgrimages to

Madinah and Baghdad. During that time he always had a volume of the Quran under his arm. He used to condemn as infidels those who worshipped the cow and indulged in idolatry. He approved of widows marrying again. He was in two minds thought about the theory of

reincarnation, accepting it at one time and rejecting it at the other. When his disciple Mardana died he buried, not cremated him. Present-day Sikhs, by and large, hold beliefs midway between Islam and Hinduism. For example, they believe in one God but cremate their dead. Their opinion about alcohol is not clear. One set of them, when asked about it said, "Intoxication should be of name of Waheguru" i.e. God. Sikhs do not subscribe to the practice of Suttee. They concede widows not only a right to life but also of remarriage.

They are uninhibited consumers of meat; they drink to their heart's content and are believers in reincarnation.

In Sikh history, there have been ten Gurus, 1. Nanak Dev, 2. Angad 3. Amar Das 4. Ram Das 5. Arjan Dev 6. Hargobind 7. Har Rai 8. Harkishan 9. Tegh Bahadur 10. Gobind Singh.

The last one, Guru Gobind Singh added "Singh" to all Sikh names. He also prescribed five essential Ks for every Sikh, namely

1. Kaish (literally hair but implying long uncut hair)
2. Kara (steel ring to go round the wrist)
3. Kachhaira (underpants)
4. Kirpan (a slightly curved sword) and
5. Kangha (a small comb-an obvious accompaniment of long hair)

It was Guru Gobind Singh too who made Sikhs soldierly Khalsa. The latter means an armed horse-rider, ever ready for combat.

First, four of the Gurus did not take part in the politics of the times. However, the last six took a full part in the politics of the Mughal era. From 1699, i.e. the time of ascent of Guru Gobind Singh, until being roundly defeated at hands of the British in 1849, Sikhs remained a redoubtable power, especially in Punjab.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh, born in 1780, ruled Punjab from 1799 until his death in 1839 A.D. He was the sole effectual ruler in Sikh history and he established a magnificent Sikh state in Punjab and Kashmir. However, due to the rise of Sikhshahi, (a form of the lawlessness of plunder, rape,

and killings by Sikh army men) that erupted after him, this state collapsed very soon after his death. It is worth mentioning that after the death of Guru Gobind Singh in 1708, his disciple Banda Beiragi carried out a six-year orgy of a massacre of Muslims.

At present Sikhs all over the world number, about 12 million of whom more than 10 million live in the Indian part of Punjab. Generally, they are growers of wheat and a large number form a part of India's army. In their early times, Sikhs considered themselves reformed Hindus. Because of political disputes with Mughal kings, and also due to history books promoted by the British, they have been ever disposed towards enmity with Muslims. They took an extensive part in the massacre of Muslims at the time of partition of the Indian sub-continent. At present, they consider themselves a community separate from both Hindus and Muslims. During the last few years, they had started treating Hindus as their real enemy but our smart Madam Prime Minister has once more directed their ire at Muslims. This has been a matchless (Benazir) feat by her.

CHAPTER VIII Zarghouna Bibi

Readers, I am going to create a sublime whirl in the stream of your thoughts. I claim that if there had been no Zarghouna Bibi, all of us inhabitants of the Indian sub-continent would have been Hindus. All of us would have been idolators, some of us would wear the traditional Hindu cross thread and some would have grown a hair lock at the top. We would have other manifestations of Hinduism in our homes and would be embellishing our foreheads with saffron markings. We would have been ignorant of the glory of the prophet of Islam. There would be Hindu Rajya in the entire Indian sub-continent with no room for adherents of Islam. We would most likely be untouchables because according to the Hindu philosophy, only those born into those castes can be Brahmins, Khattris, and Vaishyas.

I am not indulging in a fantasy. Who was Zarghouna Bibi, you may ask? This was the most esteemed lady that though not proficient enough to copy Plato's talk, yet she did light the flame of Plato!

In the battle between Islam and the heathens in 1707, we had spent the last arrow in our quiver. Aurangzeb had already departed to meet his Creator. Marhattas had spent no time in launching themselves upon India's political and military scene with their slogans of restoring their Ram Rajiya. It was their mission to finish off all Muslims of the country. They were triumphantly marching forward in their mission, when, in the year 1760, Ahmad Shah Abdali, the king of Afghanistan received a letter of Shah Waliullah from Dehli. He wrote that Hindu Raj was on its way to triumph in India. He warned that unless Abdali acted immediately, Islam would be wiped off the map of India. When a carrier of the letter arrived and the Afghan king Ahmad Shah Abdali (affectionately called Ahmad Shah Baba) read the letter, he was roused shaking with rage. Did he rise from his throne?

No. He used to sit on the bare floor. He put his "crown" on the floor. Was this crown studded with gold, silver, and jewels? No. The "crown" of that King was a simple turban in which he stuck an ear or two of corn.

Ahmad Shah gathered up an army of sixty thousand and with speed of lightening, made his way into India. In the battlefield of Panipat, a five hundred thousand strong army of Marhattas,

equipped with heavy artillery and other paraphernalia of combat was ready for him. The Marhatta Peshwa (Chief) Balajee Bajirao put that mammoth army under command of his celebrated general Bhao Sahib and his (Peshwa's) son Vishwas Rao. He threw up his turban in the air and taking it back on his sword, called out, "We shall cut the Afghans down like carrots".

What Balajee Bajirao had not reckoned with was, that he was facing a warrior whom his mother Zarghouna Bibi had taught the inspiring lesson.

Pouncing upon the prey carries a thrill

Greater than succulence of its blood!

The strategy adopted by Zarghouna's son for that battle was such and his army fought with such tenacity from morning till night on January 14, 1761, that the third battle of Panipat was decided in a single day. Two hundred thousands of the Marhattas were killed. Twenty-two thousand were taken, prisoner.

The plans for Hindu Raj were in tatters and the history of India changed course forever. Balajee Bajirao exclaimed, "Two jewels destroyed, twenty-seven gold mohurs lost while it is not possible to count the loss in gold and silver coins, i.e. Bhao Sahib, Vishwas Rao, and twenty-seven chiefs perished while there was no count of officers and soldiers killed.

Ahmad Shah Abdali was offered the Dehli throne, but he declined the offer saying that his journey to India was to save Islam and not win of a crown or a throne or for worldly riches. Yes, Zarghouna Bibi had also taught her son that. Only those who seek not the Sultan's court

do build fortunes of a Nation!

The 39 years young Ahmad Shah Baba not only treated the twenty-two thousand prisoners humanely but also set them free with gifts of money. This lesson in loftiness of character also was given by his great mother which has been stated by Allama Iqbal thus -

An untainted stalwart that can strike hard,

Is indeed most favored of the clan!

How did this Ahmad Shah become the father of Afghans and the King of Afghanistan?

Who raised him to such heights? In 1722, a handsome young man with the name of Ameer Zaman Khan and his beautiful bride Zarghouna were blessed with a lovely son. The child was given the name Ahmad Khan. Very soon Ameer Zaman Khan fell victim to some kind of fever and left Zarghouna alone and forlorn. Zarghouna took it upon as her life's mission to raise the child well. How well did she succeed in her mission? To figure that out let us see her confidence in her son! Some rumor mongers reached Kandhar from Panipat and told the people there that Ahmad Shah was returning to Kandhar after being defeated by the Marhattas. The warrior's mother exclaimed, "That is a lie. My son may die in battle but he would not run away!" Zarghouna had imbued her son and his associates with such spirits that. Sans high waves how can there be a river?

How come a storm without winds much strong?

From the outset, the young widow had taught her son to set his sights high.

In 1747, in midst of the chaos caused by Nadir Shah's assassination, an Afghan Jirga assembled in Qandhar at the tomb of Sher-e-Surkh to decide upon Nadir Shah's succession. There were many top-notch candidates in line. However, the Jirga had spotted the faculties inculcated in the 25-year-old Ahmad Khan by his mother Zarghouna. Ahmad Khan was given the title of Ahmad Shah and soon after, by dint of his capabilities, became the founder of the new Afghanistan and a father figure to Afghans. Soon after becoming the king he started a defensive trench around Qandahar. His mother sent a message asking the question, "Do you wish to give your adversary the impression that he can get to your seat of government?"

Keep your troops on the move so that the enemy remains in your awe and none dares approach Qandhar (for attack)!"

The son, even though a king, obeyed his mother. Later events proved Zarghouna Bibi right.

Readers! Not only at home but also abroad, Ahmad Shah Abdali has been recognized as the greatest monarch of the Eighteenth Century. His courage and his administrative capabilities, compassion, generosity, and wisdom reminded one of the monarchs of early centuries. He was a high caliber poet and scholar of Pushto and Arabic. It is a matter of surprise though, that no one

seems to know Zarghouna Bibi who turned Ahmad Shah out of Ahmad Khan! When her son, at age of fifty-one years, passed away from this world in 1773 A.D., gloom engulfed the entire Islamic world and bowed its head in reverence.

CHAPTER IX The Nation's Syed, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan

Some persistent questioner asked an old gentleman, "Is there any harm in saying prayers in Urdu?" The witty senior fired back, "No harm! Only this will not be a prayer!" Who was the questioner? Someone much like those hundreds of thousands of ignorant questioners of today who consider religion a bunch of quandaries and full of complications, like:

1. Would Wudu become violated if one casts an eye on a stranger of the opposite gender?
2. When does an expiatory prostration become compulsory?
3. What chants are suitable for ensuring marriage with the desired spouse?
4. Should one say Amen in low tones or high?
5. How many gulps of milk make a woman a suckling mother (of the baby)?
6. Is nail polish compatible with Wudu?
7. Are prawns kosher or are they prohibited?
8. Should one eat meat from people of the Book?

However, the person answering was a learned elder renowned, in not only India but also, all over the Muslim world. He was Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, a great benefactor to Muslims. Everyone says that Pakistan came into being on August 14, 1947. However, I claim that Pakistan appeared on the World map as well as over the psyche of people of Pakistan not in a single day but stages.

1. The concept of Pakistan got initiated on Indian soil over a thousand years ago when someone had for the very first time raised a call of Allahu Akbar and someone else had denounced him as maleech (impure).
2. The shaping of Pakistan passed its second stage when Sir Syed Ahmad Khan laid the foundation stone of a school in Aligarh. That auspicious day was 24th May of 1875. This school later became the Aligarh Muslim University. All the people at the forefront of the Pakistan movement were either graduate from Aligarh or educated at other institutions created by the movement led by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. Let me say this; had there been no Sir Syed there would be no Hali,

Shibli, Mohammad Ali, or Shaukat Ali, and no Hasrat Mohani or Bahadur Yar Jung, so much so that there would be no Iqbal or Quaid-e-Azam! The reason I say this is that the school at Aligarh had created Muslim graduates, not mere graduates. It had polished and crystallized thinking of Muslims. This thinking was the starting point of the Muslim fight for freedom. 3. After a long struggle, Muslims world over (and not just Indian Muslims) received an endowment from the Almighty the like of which does not exist in history; land in the name of Allah (Pakistan the home of La Ilaha Illallah)

4. The fourth phase of the establishment of Pakistan is still to be completed; the mission to establish Allah's realm in the land. Yes, Pakistan is not complete yet.

Readers, today my pen is engaged in the furtherance of this second phase.

Sir Syed was a reformer the likes of which emerge after centuries. To substantiate this claim, I state a few highlights from his life and his avowed mission:-

1. In the Nineteenth century, the Ulema had declared that learning English is prohibited; Sir Syed established his "Scientific Society" to translate science subjects into Urdu.

2. He told Muslims that they could not gain respect without creating first-rate performers in every sphere of life and that it is impossible to achieve this without learning natural sciences.

3. Because Sir Syed had described modern knowledge as natural sciences, Mullah-styled Ulema labeled him "Naturist", atheist, apostate, infidel, etc. They obtained religious decrees from Makkah and Madinah declaring that benefactor of Muslims a "devil's disciple", top inflamer and worthy of being killed. In spite of the environ of nerve-shattering opposition, Sir Syed continued his work for the betterment of Muslims

4. In the 1860s, William Mure, who was governor of the United Provinces, wrote a book with the title of "Life of Muhammad". It was riddled with blasphemous remarks. Those issuing religious decrees against Sir Syed remained impassive. It was Sir Syed, who, working in libraries of England, wrote a response to Mure's book. The writing work complete, there was no money for getting it printed. For raising funds for this purpose Sir Syed had to sell his collection of books, his household belongings, even his kitchen utensils; but he got the book printed. Writing to Nawab Mohsinul Mulk he said, "I shall have the book printed, no matter if the expense renders a

pauper of me, so that when, on the Day of Judgement, when my name comes up for reckoning, Allah would command, let Syed Ahmad come forward: he who became penniless for the sake of his Grandfather (the Prophet).

5. His wife died in 1861 when he was only 44. He did not marry a second time because he wanted to devote his life to his mission; 6. After founding the Aligarh school he took retirement from his high-status office on May 24, 1875, and took up permanent residence in Aligarh, in other words, he abandoned his home too for his mission;

7. Six years before he moved to Aligarh, he made a bold decision of proceeding to England to make his study of the European system of education. There was no air travel, the journey involved an expensive and arduous journey by sea. He mortgaged his house to raise funds for the journey and taking his two sons along with him, sailed for Britain. He spent a year and a half in Europe. He always sighed in regret why his people could not be like those he found in Europe;

8. Anyone who, because of the prefix of "Sir" with his name may be under the impression that he had in some manner compromised himself vis-a-vis the British, should know that very soon after 1857 war of liberation, he had written a pamphlet with the title of "Causes of Rebellion in India". The contents of this pamphlet had created a sensation in British political circles.

9. In times of Sir Syed, the movement of Syed Ahmad Brelvi was still relatively active in connection with Jihad in India. (Brelvi had fallen a martyr in 1831. The British were much fearful about Jihad. They had dubbed it a Wahabi movement to give it (what they considered) a bad name. Any Muslim that they perceived as a threat, they would hang publicly after having him declared a Wahabi with support of religious decrees of their stipendiary Mullahs. In this dangerous environment, Sir Syed used his high official position effectively for a very noble purpose. He proclaimed that if being a Wahabi was a crime, he was an arch Wahabi. This put a stop to the tyrannical ways of the British.

10. In 1865 Sir Syed made a clarion call that two nations (not one) inhabit India. Hindus and Muslims are two separate nations. This was the first proclamation of Two Nation theory in the sub-continent.

11. To what length he had to go for collecting funds for his school is a long and checkered story. One example is that at the age of 75, this sage of international repute was seen dancing on the stage just to comply with whims of prospective donors who would only contribute if he danced and sang for them. His community made him do that at that old age. Readers, what a moving story it is!

12. Funds got collected. On January 1 of 1878, the school became a college. Deeply impressed, an Iranian tourist who had ventured there, exclaimed, "By God, this is a miracle! One member of the public (instead of the state) made that happen!"

13. While Sir Syed was making miracles for his community, the barrage of religious decrees against him was going on without letup.

The decrees that Mullahs hurl have their hallmark in the requirement that whosoever does not accept (the victim who they declare) an infidel should himself be treated as a non-believer. The decree is made to stick in such a manner that people are told to refrain from having a drink of water from his home. Sir Syed was given the same punishment. What was his offense? He was against blind faith; He pointed to Muslims a way of progress through learning English and modern subjects. He was admonishing the community for having abandoned Allah and his prophet in favor of Sufis and Faqeehs; He wanted to eschew sectarianism and restore the Quran's writ; He described Satan as one's evil self and the angels as the forces of nature; He wanted Muslims to occupy a position of honor vis a vis the Hindus and the British.

This great benefactor of Muslims was born in a well-to-do family of Delhi on October 17, 1817. He achieved a good education and occupied high state offices. On the night of March 27, 1898, he quietly slipped away to the hereafter. He had devoted untiring efforts for his people and had sacrificed a lot for them. When he died and his cash box was opened, the total of its contents was an amount of five rupees!

Such was the Syed (leader) of this nation!

God bless such noble devotees!

CHAPTER X The Great Advocate

Someone asked a lawyer, "What are your charges?"

"100 dollars for three questions!" came the answer.

"Isn't that a lot?" asked the surprised questioner.

"No!" said the lawyer, "and what's your third question?"

Legal practice is an interesting career. A person of integrity can also earn honor through it. In some American cities, every 100th person is a lawyer. 300 dollars an hour is a commonplace scale of consultation fees for a lawyer. It is said that lawyers tell lies by the ton, but in America even if they do tell lies, they cannot do it by the ton because they are wary of law that can melt their practicing license. Like other professions, lawyers too have ranks.

America got its independence from Britain in 1776 A.D. Who has been the greatest lawyer in America in these 226 years? I cannot say who, nor can anyone else. However, ask Britain's distinguished persons in law (not me) as to who has been the greatest lawyer in the whole of the Empire during the last two centuries? Some of them will say, with respect, "M.A.J." Yes, that is our Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad

Ali Jinnah. He became a Barrister from Lincoln's inn of London at the age of only twenty years! That was a record. Later, by dint of hard work and God-given abilities, he put up a dazzling performance in his journey to greatness. He touched unprecedented heights of which no one was thought capable before. He contested the most important lawsuit of the history and won hands down. In his biography titled "Our Quaid-e-Azam", I have elucidated, to some extent, his political and personal eminence. Look at the contrast-the God-given state of

Pakistan wrested through long-drawn-out efforts of that gifted person and the plight we have reduced it to! The state of Pakistan of today is in search of its lost Sir Syed, its Allama Iqbal, and its Quaid-e-Azam! With a heavy heart, one night I went to bed saying to God.

If the stars are going askew, who owns the stars?

Who owns the world? Why be it a concern of mine?

Readers, I am in a kind of slumber, one that fact sharpens one's vision! As I close my eyes, I notice a lean, sherwani, shalwar and Jinnah cap-wearing, 71 years senior sitting erect in a throne-like chair. He has an imposing, though kind, face. His presence is surrounded by heart-warming feelings and a halo the like of which one does not come across these days. I find no difficulty in recognizing the Quaid-e-Azam, the guardian of our nation. Respectfully, I give him a salute. Gracefully, he brings up his right hand to the Jinnah cap in response. Then he signals me to the chair in front.

Let me take you to the Quaid's presence!

Question-Quaid-e-Azam of the Nation, how are you Sir,

Answer-Thank God, I have a good life. I have pleasant surroundings and am in the company of good friends and redoubtable leaders.

Q-Do you get news from Pakistan? A.-I keep my watch.

Q-How do you do that? A.-A Muslim should know that death does not obliterate a person. His perception becomes keener!

Death is not but rejuvenating the taste of life, and awakening in the guise of sleep!

Q-This is Allama Iqbal's verse! How is he?

A. A blessed soul is he! We meet every day. There are others too. The Thinker of The East creates an atmosphere even in paradise!

Q-What other notables do you meet? A.-I meet extra-ordinary persona, under the patronage of the Prophet of Allah.

Q-Some names, if you don't mind? A.-I shall mention some favorites if you insist. Calendar dates are your problem because one is free of such constrictions in the hereafter. Salahuddin Ayubi, Tipu Sultan, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Mahmud Ghaznavi, Chaudhry Rahmat Ali, Jamaluddin Afghani, Aurangzeb Alamgir, Shaukat Ali and Jauhar, Nuruddin Zangi, Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz, Muhammad Bin Qasim, Shibli, and Hali. I meet them often.

Sir Muhammad Iqbal I meet every day.

Q-Any other great persons?

A.-There is Ayatullah Khomeini, and Tariq Bin Ziad, Moosa Bin Naseer, Amongst women, there are Razia Sultan, Bi Amma, Queen Zubeda, and the martyrs -Shah Ismail, Syed Ahmad Brelvi, Major Aziz Bhatti and others.

Q-Why did you not include a religious person?

A.-I have a greater affinity with people of faith, rather than religious people!

People of faith are those who seek magnificence for the people in the material world too, not just the hereafter. How apt were words of Allama Iqbal:

The Sufi's way is the drug of reverie,

And Mullah's the euphoria of babble!

Q-Every now and then, a controversy starts in your country over whether you wanted a secular country or you wanted a socialist state!

A.-People who discuss this should look at Muslim League's struggle, not mine, in its entirety. We had achieved Pakistan to set up a model state by introducing the system prescribed by the Quran. I wanted neither a secular or socialist state nor a theocratic state. Quran's system calls for justice, religious freedom and economic well-being. It also provides its wherewithal for these requirements.

Q-Some people say that you had western leanings, and forgive me for saying this, that you did not understand the Quran. A.-I would remind you of your verse about me:-

Neither of East nor of West was I,

Just a trooper of the King of Yathrib!

As far as study and understanding of the Quran, by God's grace, I had started studying the Great Book from very early days. You cannot pick a single thing at variance with the Quran in my speeches, writings or conduct of politics.

Q-With due respect, why did you not draft a constitution for Pakistan in accord with the Book of Allah? A.-I don't mind answering the question. It is like this. By God's grace, we had been able to guide our caravan up to its first stage. This was the mission for me. My illness (that cut my work short) is just a plea. If you study history you will find that when a sacred mission is complete its pilot is called to meet his creator.

Q-You say Pakistan was just the first stage?

A.-Yes. The next stage was that our making this God gifted land into a home of Quranic civilization. Some other people had to come forward for this, another great mission. There is no cause for despair. Shortly this is going to happen!

Q-Sir, with due apologies, people say that you should not have accepted a chopped up Pakistan.

A-I said in that world too that we should achieve a sacred piece of land in whatever state we can. Without that Muslims of India would have met a fate like that of Muslims in Bosnia of Yugoslavia.

Q-You must have been badly hurt by the deceitful conduct of Radcliffe of the Boundary Commission? A.-Yes, yes. I was grievously hurt by the trickery of the Hindus and the British.

Kashmir too was a victim to the same conspiracy. Without this grief, I may have lived a year or two more. But do remember that in 1948 Kashmir was on the verge of being secured. Had we maintained our crusader spirit, we could have undone the injustice done to us. The bottom line is, however, that there is no cause for despair. As I said before, in this world of the hereafter, there are no dividing walls of the past or the future. I can see that truth will triumph in the length and breadth of the sub-continent. The night will retreat before the sunshine,

This garden will resound with the song of Unity!

Q-Respectfully, how is that going to happen, in spite of all those provincial, linguistic and sectarian antagonisms? A-There is always mud at the bottom of a river. When the great Book has raised the level of thinking and actions of people, these differences and antagonisms shall change into unity and friendship. Q-Sir, Our adversaries say that the emergence of Bangladesh is proof that Two-Nation theory was a failure? A-Let them say that. The division resulted because of the system of the Quran was not introduced into Pakistan. The Two-Nation theory was not my innovation or that of the Muslim League. There are many Ayahs in Quran that those who believe in this book are one people and those who do not, are the others.

You must note that, in any case, Bangladesh has not joined India.

Q-What is the present state of those who opposed the Pakistan movement?

A-Look under-further down, down, in the hell of guilt! When I turned to look, I woke up or perhaps fell asleep.

CHAPTER XI The True Miracle

Subject races seek miracles off saints!

While living miracles are the men of freedom.

An elderly gentleman came to America. While addressing his cohorts, he related a story. He said, 'An Englishman said to a certain Peer, "Muslims of the sub-continent should rise above religious rituals and take part in practical life so that like Europe they too can make progress". "What have you gained from your progress?" the Peer asked him. The Englishman fired his gun and downed a flying bird. The Peer said, "Is that all?". And then, very confidently walking towards the fallen bird, he swung his rosary around it. The bird opened its beak, shouted "God is Great" and flew away. Witnessing this the Englishman was

most impressed and he embraced Islam there and then.' (Readers, such fabricated tales lull Muslims into a sleep of inertness.) The narrator did not quote any source for that tale. I know that misplaced reverence inspires ignorant followers of such narrators to fill up pages upon pages of such cock and bull stories. Perhaps it was Sheikh Saadi who said, "Darvishes cannot fly; it is their followers who make them do so."

Why can these spiritual miracle-makers not shoot down an enemy airplane?

Readers, the real miracle of the twentieth-century was demonstrated by that freedom lover who was himself a true miracle. Yes, the Quaid-e-Azam demonstrated the real miracle of Pakistan not to the British and the world at large. Readers, it is a puzzling situation that while our people are still looking for seekers of miracles from the so-called spiritual guides yet every now and then they raise the question why Quaid-e-Azam created the miracle that is Pakistan? What kind of bird is Pakistan? What animal is the Two-Nation theory? They seem to care little about these questions.

In Florida, I recently met a gentleman named Muhammad Siddique Malik from Lucknow. He had been a neighbor of poet Jigar Moradabadi and has had the privilege of seeing Allama Iqbal as well as the Quaid-e-Azam. He had been within touching distance too of the Soul Guy Gandhiji. He commented that Quaid-e-Azam gave substance and body to Allama Iqbal's ideas.

One cannot but be impressed, consciously or subconsciously by constructive thinking. So in the light of his

commands and in compliance with his wishes, I am offering a refresher to the premise of Pakistan as well as the Two-Nation theory.

The premise of Pakistan-In plane language, Pakistan means "there is no God but Allah". Also, here is the Quaid-e-Azam's observations expounding the idea of Pakistan.

"In Pakistan's Islamic state submission will be to Allah only, i.e. principles and commandments laid out in the Quran. Islam does not allow government by a king or a dictator, a parliament or any other institution of the kind. The Islamic government is the sovereignty of the Quran's principles and commandments. (Address to students at the Usmania University of Deccan in August 1941.) Now come to the detailed analysis of the Two-Nation Theory. First of all please make a note that the Two-Nation theory was neither an invention by the Muslim League nor an innovation by Sir Syed, Allama Iqbal or Quaid-e-Azam. Because

Quran had declared fourteen centuries ago that "Allah created you all (and then you split into, people rejecting God's revelations) unbelievers and (those accepting Allah's word) believers" (49/10). Thus an abiding formula was declared.

◦ The Prophet had said, "Infidels are one people".

◦ It is also noteworthy that the Prophet did not set up an Arab nation. In his time Balal from Ethiopia, Sohaib from Roma, Salman from Persia and Zaid from Arabia were all one people. On the other hand, Arabs like Abu Jahl, Abi Lahab, Waleed bin Mogheera had become alienated as different people. With this clear example from history, how could Hindus and Muslims be one nation?

◦ So in 1943 the Quaid-e-Azam aptly declared during Karachi session of Muslim League. "We share one God, one Prophet, one Book, so all of us are one people."

◦ Through his God-given insight and his guidance from Quran, Sir Syed had declared in 1865 that India was inhabited by two nations, not one.

◦ In 1930 session at Allahabad, Allama Iqbal had spoken in clear terms that Muslims should have their sovereign state in regions where they were in majority. The Allama knew quite well that the Islamic faith was not a private matter for Muslims but a faith that calls for a free state for implementing its principles in practice. Opponents of the Pakistan movement, Nationalist scholars like Abul Kalam Azad, Hussain Ahmad Madani, Maudoodi, Majlis Ahrar, Red Shirt Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, etc. etc. were arguing why we needed a Pakistan if Hindus did not

bar us from observing our fasts and prayers? Through his vision of the realities, Allama Iqbal retorted

Readers, it is astounding that our Nation itself has no realization of the grandeur and value of the land that is a gift of priceless blessing to us from God. A lot of smoke is being spread around to dim the shining image of battles that our benefactors waged, inspired by their vision of the Quran for bringing about the miracle that is Pakistan. For example, it is being said:-

1. Pakistan came into being through narrow mindedness of Hindus; 2. The issue was whole of economics; 3. This was a British scheme and Quaid-Azam became their tool ;

4. Muslim League wanted power;

5. Luminaries like Abul Kalam Azad had described Gandhi as fighter in Allah's path. The answer to the first two of these comments can be had from the Quaid-e-Azam himself. "This is not a question of Hindu's narrow-mindedness nor of economics. Pakistan is a fundamental requirement of Islam. As a matter of principle, Pakistan had come into being the day the first individual embraced Islam in India."(Aligarh, March 1944.

As for the observation at No.4, it is noteworthy that at a certain stage of

Pakistan movement, Muslim League had already been offered power under Quaid-e-Azam's headship;

As to No.5, the same Ulema had conferred the title of Ameerul Momineen (Commander of the Faithful) on Gandhiji. Whoever considers him worthy of these titles should better embrace Gandhi's Hari Ome as a creed.

As for No.3, no less than Mountbatten, in his "truthfulness of old age" interview to BBC in 1975 said, "I tried hard to keep India united but the single-minded and determined Muhammad Ali Jinnah resolutely thwarted my efforts. I had to give way".

Readers, the personage whom his people labeled Kafir-e-Azam (arch-infidel), but others found a tower of strength and a colossus of noble characteristics, was the living miracle-maker of the twentieth century. He presented the world with a true miracle. He sacrificed his life's earnings as well as life itself in the cause of his nation and departed with flying colors to meet his maker.

Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the Protector of Our Nation!

CHAPTER XII Shahabud-Din

Question: Where does an 800 lb. gorilla squat?

Answer: Wherever it wants!

Q: Who holds in awe a nation that has an atomic capability? A: Whomsoever the nation chooses!

Q: Who does a nation possessing a Ghauri missile fear?

A: Nobody. It fears Allah only.

Congratulations to the people of my country! Congratulations to the land of Pakistan, its winds, its ambience, we have taken the opportunity to glorify Shahabuddin Muhammad Ghauri. The nation of Muslims should rejoice that it will not remain at mercy of others for long! A salute to Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan and his team that they allowed the nation to lead a life of dignity. He has assembled the "Meteor of the Faith".

A salute to the people of my land that they have not lost sight of the importance of national defense in spite of political, economic and social problems!

And thanks to those political leaders that in spite of their shortcomings, they have nurtured our atomic program and have adopted a bold stand about it.

Readers, It is hard to imagine what joy it would have given Allama Iqbal and Quaid-e-Azam when they would have received the news. Imagine the pathos with which Allama Iqbal wrote the following verse seventy or eighty years back:-

(The enemies) own the winds, the oceans, the ships, Such hard my escape from the instrument of a fate-the whirlpool!

Loop of the whirlpool stands undone. Endeavor has overcome fate. We too now own the winds and the ambience. We too own ships and oceans. My land has fortified its defenses. Time is ripe for the Land to become a fortress of Islam of aspirations of the Quaid-e-Azam!

Readers, remember the fabrics of wisdom our opponents had woven, and the verdicts of foreboding they had mouthed at the time we gained independence, and a bit before that!

Like

1. I shall march on foot to unite India again. (Soul Guy Gandhi)
2. Within a year, Pakistan will be at our feet begging us to rejoin (Jawahar Lal Nehru son of Moti)
3. We shall finish Pakistan in one sweep (the Patel without a turban Vallabh Bhai-Patel usually don turbans as a customary gear of authority)
4. How many days is this division going to last? (Rajendra Prasad)
5. Islam is a spent cartridge. This slogan (of Islam) can neither create nor sustain a country (Mulla Abul Kalam Azad)
6. Pakistan will be a Kufriстан (land of infidels). We shall not allow the creation of an infidel government of Muslims called Pakistan (Several Religious scholars, stupid friends of Muslims)
7. The creation of Pakistan is improbable; its survival for a year impossible!

(Viceroy Lord Mountbatten)

Readers, Ghauri has broken dark clouds of despondency and despair constantly hovering over our nation since the East Pakistan debacle, and turned the national mood to courage and inspiration.

Rise to a new scene on the world! And to start your era over East and West!

Readers, I want to remind you of the dictum in Sura Anfal where we have been commanded to remain prepared with strength so that the adversary remains in our awe. Such awe serves as a guarantee of national survival as well as peace on earth.

When asked about the life of the faithful, the prophet said, "If Jihad is going on, join it. If there is no Jihad, get busy in preparing for it!" He also said "Do not seek confrontation with the enemy but (be prepared) when confrontation does come. Stand (firm) like a rock!

There is a striking anecdote attributed to Napoleon Bonaparte. In course of a tough battle, a general of his army cried out, "Which side is God on, ours or the enemy?" "Remember," Napoleon, replied, "God is always on side of the side that owns the artillery!"

Quaid-e-Azam said, "If a time comes for fighting for defending your country, never surrender. Fight in jungles, fight over mountains, fight across rivers!

Remember, Pakistan has come to stay."

Readers, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, whom I had named "leader of the nation" in honor of his 100th anniversary, Allama Iqbal and the Quaid-e-Azam were leading lights who were capable of looking far into the future. They knew that Hindus and Muslims had never lived together in the real sense of the word. Muslims had ruled the country although Hindus always classed them "untouchables." Had the British departed from the sub-continent in 1947 without the establishment of Pakistan, Muslims would have met the fate that the Ram Rajya crowd had been prescribing for them for the last three centuries-if Muslims had to live in Hindustan, they should live as Hindus. The alternative offered was of quitting or being thrown into the sea. Our benefactors had well divined Hindu designs.

Here, some wise guy may put in a question, "What did Muslims living now in India get out of Pakistan?" I say the establishment of Pakistan has given hopes and aspirations to Muslims of the entire sub-continent. As long as there is life, there is hope. If Pakistan stays, existing shortcomings will be removed. A prospect of betterment keeps alive hopes that help to pass through hard times.

Again, let me say that had there been no Pakistan, Islam in the sub-continent would have been swept away. The 19th-century author Dr. Hunter had written in his book "Indian Mussalman", that "Unless there is a miracle, Muslims will be annihilated at hands of Hindus with the departure of the British or they will survive only as artisans, hewers of wood, drawers of water and other menial workers. Muslims will have to bring that miracle about through their efforts."

Readers! Conditions for our co-religionists in India should certainly be better than they are. However, had Pakistan not come into being, all of us would have been wiped out. In an

undivided India Hindus would still be in an overwhelming majority. It was such a condition of Muslims which made Allama Iqbal remark with a sigh: -

The wretched! Condemned always to lie prostrate,

by nature addicts to barren prayer!

Having said this, he had reminded me that the martyr Tipoo Sultan had been the last arrow in our bow. To rekindle the fire in Muslim minds he had said,

“May God, a storm should rouse you,

for there is no stir in the sea of your life”

Ram Rajya folks launched a missile Prithvi, named after Prithvi Raj Chauhan (one time Raja of Ajmer) and thus created a stir in minds of people of Pakistan. Sultan Shahabuddin Muhammad Ghauri roundly defeated the same Prithvi Raj Chauhan in 1192 A.D.

Readers, it is as simple as this. If the nation's defense is strong, the nation remains sure of itself. National self-realization can assert itself. The nation becomes forward-looking. No Ghauri fears a Prithvi. The nation that has Ghauri fears only Allah. My countrymen, I greet you on freedom from fears of other than Allah.

CHAPTER XIII Fog of the Atom

What an irony! The preacher of Ahimsa (non-violence), the Soul Guy Gandhi himself fell victim to violence in January 1948. He wanted the world to capitulate before Hitler and Mussolini at the time of the Second World War. No one listened to him. Then he said, "Pakistan? Over my dead body!" Pakistan did appear on the world map. He preached self-reliance, yet walked leaning on shoulders of young girls. He opposed scientific and industrial progress but retreated before onslaughts of Nehru and Patel. People gave him the title of Mahatma, yet he used to grumble that people did not give him even as much importance as they would give a scavenger. When he appealed for peace, there was bloodshed. When he undertook a fast unto death, it never went unto death -never beyond a mere fast! He used to lecture the world on morality, yet he would also say that clothes are nothing but a false sense of modesty. He used to shed tears on the plight of Indian women, yet his wife Kasturba died of pneumonia in 1944 for want of a penicillin injection, which he did not allow her. The Soul Guy Gandhi had assumed celibacy yet he had no qualms about having a bath in the nude along with women of his Ashram. According to Sarojini Naidu, they had to spend heavily on maintaining him in "poverty." Yes, many plain-clothed men had to be posted around him. A sponsor of civil disobedience movements, he was a sworn slave to his ego!

Readers, from the examples, quoted, can you spot another leader with so many contradictions and such records of failures? Failures that did not let go of him even after death. The professed adherents of his non-violence conducted five atomic explosions in May 1998. What path for the future does beckon Pakistan to follow given the turmoil that has been created in political, military and psychological spheres and the smoke and dust that has come up?

Rise, for there will be no Armageddon again, Rush, for Time, has the speed of lightning!

The topic (Bharat's atom blasts) is attracting so much comment and analysis that just a few of the specimens are going to fill my column. Some of them for your savoring:-

1. "We are an atomic power now"-Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India (In other words, Gandhi's non-violence was only a hoax)

2. "We want to show the world that we are a responsible nation"-Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan (and what do you want to show to master of the universe?);
3. "We are disappointed by India's action"-Bill Clinton, U.S.A. President (A good bad example of running with the hare and hunting with the hound!);
4. "We are worried about these blasts. To Pakistan, we would counsel patience."-Tony Blair, British Prime Minister (Worried about Indian tests and counseling Pakistan-the true spiritual son of Lord Louis Mountbatten!)
5. "These blasts have come as a surprise to us but India is a fast friend of ours"-Boris Yeltsin, Russian President (Your 'surprise' is surprising!)
6. "These blasts are a slap in the face of 149 signatory countries of CTBT"-Kilos Kinkel, German Foreign Minister (And you have taken the slap in style!)
7. "I appeal to both India and Pakistan to sign the CTBT"-Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of United Nations (Why did you have to wait till after Indian tests for saying this?)
8. "We are eunuchs no longer!"-Bala Sahib Bal Thakeray, Leader of Shiv Sena (Having been eunuchs for 70 years, what is the point of a fag end surgery?)
9. "As an Indian, I am proud that these blasts have been carried out in India by Indians"-Toshar Gandhi, great-grandson of Soul Guy Gandhi (Well done! you have torched your great grandfather's pyre a second time!)
10. Now some nuggets from the Western media:-
 - Pakistan's Ghauri missile is, in fact, Chinese Mk.II;
 - Pakistan has acquired technology for its missiles from North Korea;
 - Pakistan's atomic bombs are children's playthings:
 - Pakistan has 25 atomic bombs in readiness;
 - Pakistan can be satisfied with military and financial assistance for stopping it from carrying out atomic blasts.
11. "No comments"-Foreign Ministry of Israel;
12. "Pakistan's atomic blasts have raised the prestige of Islamic countries"-Prime Minister of Bangladesh;
13. "Indian atomic blasts have raised new threats to regional security"-China (I do not remember when the region was ever in danger of peace breaking out!)
14. "Pakistan's conducting of an atomic test is not a matter of 'if'; the only question is when?"-Gauhar Ayub, Foreign Minister of Pakistan.

Now, excerpts from letters and telephone calls from some of my esteemed readers: -

- Pakistan is refraining from the blast because our government is sold out to America;
- Our country cannot cope with international sanctions and embargos;
- A Believer can fight without arms;
- Living a single day as a lion is better than living like a fox for a hundred years;
- Had Quaid-e-Azam been there he would have gone ahead with the blast;
- Allama Iqbal had cautioned us that there could be no Moses without his staff;

“I think a man of God may render even this day, a miracle of reducing the mountains to dust!

- My categorical opinion?

Thy world is some beyond the moon, the stars,

Step forward, not far to go!”