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# DEDICATION

To my dear wife

Aneesa, forty-three long years; every moment was invaluable for me. Here I dedicate this Book to you with tears and love.

# FOREWORD

I was born Dec 1950, and am still living.

Life is an ongoing process of struggle and effort. Making mistakes, learning, unlearning, and relearning are the essential ingredients for those who are growing. It is almost never right or perfect at any one point of time. However, it is also full of ignoring the slips, stupidities and being adamant and wasting time and energy to prove that others were wrong. One keeps moving on the continuum between being 'brave' and 'coward'; and the scale grows and shrinks both for quality and quantity. It goes over the hill touches the trough and re-emerges through a new and fresh question; and another antithesis. It is sharing, joining hands, helping out; before the hands get soiled, rusted and are buried. Everyone has a perspective and an opinion as respectable and workable as mine and yours. Getting out of self and the body cage and reckoning the true purpose of life takes some to the supreme height, the mankind can reach to.

Benevolence is the purpose and sharing is the process. To be Yielding, Productive and Useful should not be the bye-product but the purpose. For some poor ones, collections, piled bullion, fleets of Ferrari cars and medals decorated in platinum frames are the only achievements.

Here is another window to peep into Life. Divided into two by languages,



and into five Parts. A deeper look at these Parts would help you decide, should you read this Book and which part first.

- a. **Part I.** The Identity, Human Resource, Growth and Human Relations
- b. **Part II.** Pakistan, International Relations and the World
- c. **Part III.** Management, Innovations and New Ideas, and
- d. **Part IV.** Brief Ones
- e. **Part V.** Under the Urdu section, the subtitles are:

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May this Book help you discover yourself. Sure it should help you explore and lead you to scale superior identities. Life goes on; He know for how long for an individual and a civilization. Well that is His worry, how do I fare here, proving my role and the resultant worth to His universe, must be my worry.

Wishing you best of Life. 😊

Bakhtiar

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I am indebted to all those who taught, trained and led me to live this life. 'Life' encompasses more than sixty percent of the life I have lived so far. The parents held my finger, elder brother helped me walk on and showed me the gate of practical life. One teacher after the other taught me to live life thru various disciplines; please see titles of the four Parts.

Thirty years in Khaki were unfolded by Brig (Hon) Ghulam Yazdani, Col Kh. A. Waheed and Brig Naim Rana. From 1980s Brig Muhammad Akhtar Khan was the leading support and guide. From 1976 till the fateful Sep 2019; Aneesa picked-up the role of anchor and a gradually reinforcing, multiplying and strengthening factor. She unassumingly became the back-bone of life. This book is dedicated to her.

Establishment of Thinkers Forum Pakistan was a fortunate development. Having lost better half of Pakistan in 1971, it helped learn, harness and muster to serve the people and the country. Mr. Navid Zafar and Mr. Sultan B Mahmood and many more made it possible to establish the Trust. TFP made it possible to meet and learn from ACM Kaleem Saadat, Gen Beg and Lt Gen Lodhi. In this decade of past sixty, I was lucky to have a teacher, a guide and a support in ACM.

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## Review

*Life* is a compilation of Bakhtiar Hakeem's lifetime of work. All those who know him would agree that he's a man of many abilities and admirable character traits for which I can only envy him. He is a person who walks his talk. For the last 12 years that I have known him, he has emphasised on people to give and to grow every day as a person and he has exemplified it by giving on every occasion and for every worthy cause. There are three main aspects to his life-



ACM Kaleem Saadat NI (M)

a compassionate activist, a very practical and true student of the Quran, and a person who strives for ever higher achievement of objectives. Bakhtiar has been the founding member of Thinkers Forum Pakistan (TFP) and its Secretary General for \_\_\_\_\_ years. He has sustained TFP with his time, sweat and funds. Besides the social work that TFP has done under Bakhtiar's tutelage, TFP magazine, "Better Morrow" is its flagship. *Life* is an agglomeration of Bakhtiar's contribution to Better Morrow over the years. The diversity of topics and content indicate the span of his knowledge. The reader would gauge Bakhtiar's contribution as he goes through each article or filler piece.

His body of knowledge has served him very well as a teacher too, earning him the admiration and respect of students wherever he has taught. He set an example for them by doing M Phil in Internal Relations during the twilight of his life. An average person would not find this endeavour worth the effort at this stage but Bakhtiar is made from a different mould. He is an expert at involving his students by posing questions to them about life, people, human nature, human reaction to stimuli and provocations etc. Equally effective are his questions that force individuals towards introspection and towards change in self.

Monthly seminars or meetings were another vehicle for education of participants, who sometimes did not turn up in enough numbers but that didn't discourage him from hosting these activities with the very active support of his late wife-Ma'am Aneesa. May Allah bless her soul! I have not seen a lady support her husband so enthusiastically and wholeheartedly in an effort that may not appear to be yielding concrete results. *Life* however is a proof that their efforts bore fruit and would be a welcome addition to literature about what life is about and how it should be lived! The problem in Pakistan is that the grooming aspect of individuals is missing. A value system has not evolved which could enable creation of a caring, just and compassionate society. Everyone seems to be wanting to get ahead at the cost of his fellow citizens. The leaders and the elite are to be blamed for not being role models

and Bakhtiar has posed them these difficult questions frequently.

In Pakistan, it is usual to claim oneself to be a true patriot and others, who differ, to be declared traitors. Bakhtiar is a true patriot but never claimed being one. In *Life*, he repeatedly forces people to think as to who can be a traitor or a patriot and why? He did that by asking questions. It always enabled people to take a relook at themselves, their actions, and their attitude.

TFP tried to set a good example of giving. Abdul Mateen Ansari Scholarship scheme enabled many underprivileged students to get quality education and become breadwinners for their families. Some of these beneficiaries in turn funded the education of other students. Every *Ramadan* rations were distributed amongst the needy and deserving people as were quilts at the beginning of each winter.

Bakhtiar's children and late wife suffered through a lot of critical sickness but he remained steadfast in his faith in Allah. Seeing him suffer, one questioned why bad things happened to good people but I guess Allah tests good people this way. Thankfully, his family members are now well *Alhamdulillah*. However, the loss of his wife was not easily bearable yet he was stoic in the face of Allah's will.

In conclusion, *Life* tells you how one man, driven by noble intent and motivation can change many peoples' lives by giving and inspiring. He was the catalyst who made many others follow in his footsteps. He believed in, and practiced, what was demanded by the saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAWW): "Best of mankind is the one who is the most benevolent for other people!" (خير الناس من ينفع الناس) That was and continues to be the guiding principle for Bakhtiar and driving force for Thinkers Forum Pakistan!

## Introduction

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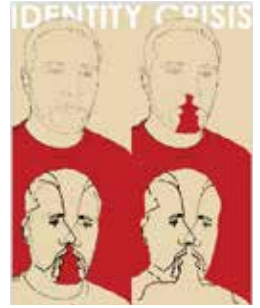
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# The Crisis of Identity and Resulting Character and Conduct



Ms. Hajra Saeed was the co-Author.

1. **Introduction.** ‘Who are you’, or ‘Prove your Identity’ asked at every check post can generate as many answers as are the respondents. Some people rather than speaking carry a bullet proof BMW beneath, a gunman behind, a Filipino maid on right and a Russian pug on left to show their identity. Some live their life by carrying a name, always and everywhere, worth this world, e.g., Pir Dastagir Alhaaj Qari Syed Burhanud Din Al-Azhari of Tunsia Sharif. Some keep a hired aide to introduce the sahib as Wadro Wadero, or Janab Minister Sahib, or simply, ‘he is a three star’. Or fear can be struck in scores of hearts and even their families by referring to the title, Chief. Each of aforesaid identity or the most preferred one; gives rise to a particular and specific behavior. On the Board of IRSA (Indus River System Authority) none represents Pakistan. They are, and fight for the share of water of KPK, Punjab, Sindh and Baluchistan. Consequently, either the provinces win and gain or the Arabian Sea. Pakistan continues to grope for water and power. The nature of topic is deep as soul, the scope encompasses the nation, and by application it is omnipresent.

- 1.1 The title of this Study as stated atop is one of the six groups of core Problems. These were reached at, through detailed deliberations at Thinkers Forum Pakistan (TFP). The exercise was named, ‘The Anatomy of the Problems of Pakistan and their Solutions’. It is intended to publish a special edition of Newsletter in June 2011, comprising six dissertations.
- 1.2 The methodology includes searching for the identity from Quran, and character from the ways of prophets. It includes brain-storming, exclusion of options on predetermined criteria, secondary research and primary research as well. Personal observations and opinion of author, has not been included unless supported by a social survey.
- 1.3 The dissertation hereafter, referred to as the Paper, has been developed and presented in the following stages, heads, subheads and sub-steps.
  - 1.3.1. Introduction, including aim.
  - 1.3.2. Identity: As a Muslim, as a Pakistani.

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- 2. **Aim.** The aim of the study is to identify the crisis of identity, and measure the scope to which it is affecting social and national character. To establish the gap between the Islamic identity and the personal, social and national character. And finally to recommend an action plan to intervene to achieve desired character and the conduct.
- 3. **Identity as a Muslim.** The Paper will address the identity by creation, or birth and the definition of being a Muslim. I hope all the worthy readers accept the Creator's verdict as given in His scriptures. First of all let us address the status of scriptures.

### 3.1 Allah's or God's Scriptures

**“Say we believe in Allah, and in what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ismail, Isac, Jabob and the Tribes and in (the Books) given to Moses and Jesus and the prophets from their Lord: we make no distinction between one another among them, And to Allah do we bow our will, (in Islam).**

Quran, Aal e-Imran (3:84), Translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali (AYA)<sup>1</sup>

So the question of equality or otherwise amongst the Books, what is revealed in them and differentiation amongst the prophets should be over. But for this one has to be a Muslim. Not by birth, not by claim but by the conduct.

- 3.2 **Identity and Status by Birth or Creation.** Following references should settle the question of issues of gradation and specialty of identity by birth. May the racists in the East and West and exponents of caste system, split and asunder, draw some lesson from here. **“Man we did create from quintessence of clay, then we placed him as (a drop of) sperm in a place of rest firmly fixed. Then We made the sperm into a clot of congealed blood; then of that clot We made a (fetus) lump; then We made**

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<sup>1</sup>No Translation in Quran. This is how Mr. Abdullah Yusuf Ali understood Quran. For better understanding more translations should be consulted.

out of that lump bones and clothed the bones with flesh; then We developed out of it another creature. So blessed he Allah, the best create.

Quran, Al-Mumenoon (23:12- 4) by AYA

**“O Mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes so that ye may know each other (not that ye may despise each other). Verily the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things)**

Quran, Al-Hujraat (49: 13) by AYA

**“We have indeed created man in the best of moulds,”**

Quran, At-Tin (95:4) by AYA

**“And now we will make human beings, they will be like us and resemble us. So God created human being making them to be like Himself”**

Bible: Genesis 26-27

Before proceeding further let us see the **status by role**, given to us i.e., Adolf Hitler, Nero, Jesus Christ, M K Gandhi, sweeper at my home and me. Who are we by our role, in this world?

**“Behold, thy Lord said to the angles:”I will create a vicegerent on earth. They said, “Wilt thou place therein one who will make mischief therein and shed blood? While we do celebrate Thy praises and glorify Thy holy (name)? He said, “I know what ye know not”.**

Quran, Al-Baqara (2: 30) by AYA

It is prudent to conclude here that those who consider religion (*mazhab, mazahib* (p) U) have divided the human beings. The Paper presents the above injunctions from Holy Scriptures to share with all, with out any discrimination of the soul, the blood and the father. For this is Islam. For Allah, Alkhulqo aey yaal ullah (the creatures are His family)<sup>2</sup>

4. **Definition of Islam or the Ideology of Islam.** Let us examine how He, describes His Deen. If English lexicon is allusive to word deen, by including it the Language would be the gainer.

**“Those who believe( in Quran), and those who follow Jewish (scriptures) Christian, and the Sabians, any who believe in Allah and the last day and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be**

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<sup>2</sup>Fasal e salith, bab ul Hub, Mishkat Sharif, one of the six authenticated books of Hadith.

**no fear, nor shall they grieve.**

Quran, Al-Baqara (2:62) by AYA

**“Say ye: We believe in Allah, and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus and that given to all prophets from their Lord; we make no difference between one another of them: And we bow to Allah (in Islam)”**

Quran, Al-Baqara (2:136) by AYA

**“The messenger believeth in what hath been revealed to him from His Lord, as do the men of faith. Each one (of them believeth in Allah believeth in Allah, His angels, His hooks and His messengers. “We make no distinction they say) between one another of His messengers. “And they say We hear and obey: (we seek) Thy forgiveness, our Lord, and to thee is the end of all journeys.**

Quran, Al-Baqra (2:285) by AYA

Read Quran, Al-Nisa (31 84) ibid, and Ayah 85 with it, here in this context again. Here is His decree, on those who cause or believe in split in Islam.

**“As for those who divide their religions and break up into sects, thou hast no part in them in the least: their affair is with Allah: He will in the end tell them the truth of all that they did.”**

Quran, Al-Annam (6:159) by AYA

**“And same religion has He established for as that which He enjoined on Noah the which we have sent by inspiration to thee, and that we enjoined on Abraham, Moses and Jesus, namely, that ye should remain steadfast in religion, and make no division their in: to those who worship other things than Allah, hard is the (way) to which thou callest them. Allah chooses to Himself those who He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him).”**

Quran, Ash-Shura (42:13) by AYA

**“And strive hard in Allah’s cause as you ought to strive (with sincerity and with all your efforts that His name should be superior). He has chosen you to convey His message of Islamic monotheism to mankind by inviting them to His religion of Islam), and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship: it is the religion of your father Ibrahim (Islamic Monotheism). It is He (Allah) who has named you Muslim both before and in this (Quran), that the Messenger (Muhammad) may be witness over you and you be witness over**



**mankind, give zakat and hold fast to Allah [i.e., have confidence in Allah and depend upon Him in all your affairs] He is your Maula (Patron Lord), what an excellent Maula, and what an excellent Helper!**

Quran, Al-Hajj (22:78) by Dr. Muhammad Muhsin and...

And finally,

**“The religion before Allah is Islam submission to His will): nor did the people of Book dissent there from except through envy of each other, after knowledge had come to them. But if any deny the signs of Allah, Allah is swift in calling to account.”**

Quran 3:19 by AYA

5. **Identity as a Pakistani.** The above presentation on universal brotherhood, and definition of Islam should satisfy most of our readers; especially those who are learning, growing, and dare change. Yet old age, customs and traditions and influence of western thoughts, do not spare and free some minds, of the divisions and prejudices. They continue to call and consider Islam a religion, very much like they think about Hinduism, Jainism, Bhudhism, Christianity or Judaism<sup>3</sup>. Unfortunately many consider the birth of Islam just 1400 years ago. They think it was founded by Muhammad; much like previous religions were founded by some prophets. They deny the Quran of 3:42<sup>4</sup> which says O Marry! Lo! Allah hath chosen thee and made thee pure, and hath preferred thee above (all) the women of worlds. They do not read to understand and follow Quran of 3:144.<sup>5</sup> For such a school of thought, Allah is not the one given in 57:3.<sup>6</sup> Theirs is not the God of Psalms Book 4-10.<sup>7</sup> The Paper includes the references to the Constitution of Pakistan to address some fundamental questions. Preamble reads...Sovereignty over the entire Universe belongs To Almighty Allah alone.<sup>8</sup> Chapter 1 paragraph 14 states the inviolability of man.<sup>9</sup> We refer to Paragraph 31 of Chapter 2 for Islamic way of life, and paragraph 40 for bondage with Muslim World. All format of ‘Oath’ given at Third Schedule, carry the wordings, “That I will strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology. Which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan” Constitution also refer to the administrative boundaries, thus describing the function and role of international boundaries, within the

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<sup>3</sup>Question No. 7 and 8 of *Sawal Nama* Annex A

<sup>4</sup>Translation by Dr. Muhsin and...first reference on Bibliography.

<sup>5</sup>ibid

<sup>6</sup>ibid

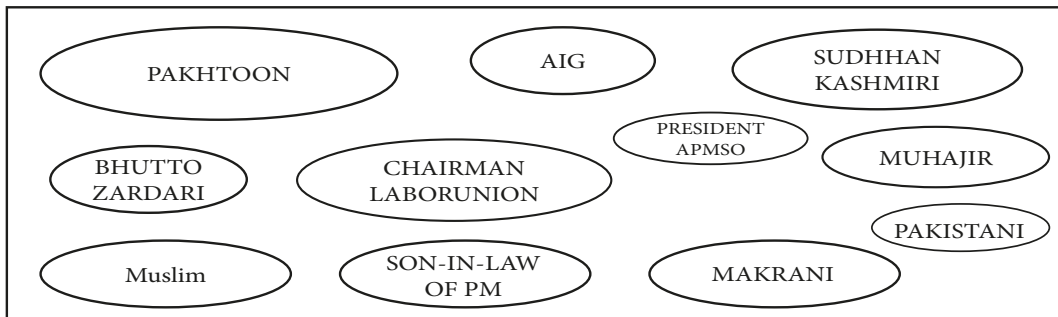
<sup>7</sup>The New English Bible, with the Apocrypha, OUP and CUP, Great Britain, 1970

<sup>8</sup>The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, Preamble

<sup>9</sup>ibid

universal principles of Islam. It also clearly protects the freedom and equality of all citizens. Quran 2:256” should be referred to help learn, absorb and guiding our exhibited behavior.

**5.1 Multiplicity.** Identities are multiple. Look at the following discs, showing some common identities found in and around us. Give about ten seconds to each title in these eleven ovals. A scheme of basis would emerge. Some of these are by birth, by profession, by the last post or grade achieved, by election, by selection, by geographical area, by the country, by the ideology etc. It is obvious that a person



could enjoy three, four or even more identities at the same time. Now three fundamental questions arise. These should be addressed fairly for an objective study of the resulting character and the conduct.

2.6.1. Does one prefer one or more, of these identities, for the sake of protection enjoyed and benefits drawn or the benevolence one is giving to the group or the community?

2.6.2. Does one place these identities in some order, determined and governed by some value system, or it is a matter of using these as a tool. Picking one and using it as it suits, and is appropriate for the task and the occasion?

2.6.3. Is this (these) identity a matter of fiat accomplice? It is by birth, since nothing can be done why bother. So be it, what difference does it make?

**6. Identity-Character Relationship.** Identity is a strong and vivid concept; it is presented in all possible colors a culture can offer. It has symbols, images and properties. It is what ‘I think I am’ and what ‘I think, others think of me’; both. The complex structure of real life symbols; stimulus response stimulus; cycle, and ever changing mental state, is hard to summarize. However, ‘Identity Character Relationship’, is a relatively simpler construct. It is necessary to understand it with sufficient clarity, especially for understanding the solutions presented later. It is also important to have a basis for working out solutions for ever developing

situations, subsequently.

6.1 It is a rather brief explanation of 'character' **and in one sentence it is the exhibited behavior.** If one wishes to call, it is the total sum of conduct. With reference to the context, the Syndicate is concerned with this connotation of character. Our point of thrust would be character; addressed through all its multiplicity, tiers and layers. National character is the terminal objective, while meandering through that of smaller social organizations, departments, public conglomerates and at international level.

6.2 Examine the following table carefully, it is intriguing.

Symbols	What I think	What others think of me, as I believe	Character
SHO (Station House Officer)	a. I am more qualified than my ASP; he is single MA only. b. I am neither fat nor carry a typical ferocious look. c. I am fairly honest, and come of an honest school teacher. d. My wife is a drag, she is straight from jungle.	a. I am a cheat and corrupt like all others. b. I am weak and therefore, criminals take me for a ride. c. I am a threat to my seniors. d. I am linked with a PPP Minister. Therefore, I will do all wrongs to appease PPP.	[With a little effort in Imagination one can Describe the pen picture of such an SHO, Imam Masjid & Minister sahib]
Imam Masjid	a. I have been a poet in Saraiki. b. I know nothing of Quran, except nazra. c. I was a cheat in school; could not prolong my years there. d. My voice is lyrical and, an excellent naat khawn. e. My looks; beard, amama, chugha etc, makes me an impressive personality.	a. I am a big scholar. b. I am pious and a very upright person. c. I am best in the Province in naat goi. d. Some believe I can make for Minister for Religious Affairs. All I need is a pull from PM.	
Minister of State for Law	a. I got into wrong business. It is nothing but dirty politics. b. I could have been a dean of Law department or VC of a university.	a. One of the best ministers of the State, the Govt could get. b. Most honest, yet master at wheeling dealing.  Could be the Governor of a province, if need be.	
A Target Killer	a. If I do not kill first, I would get killed. b. It is now or never, I have nothing to fall back and no relations either. Every one is for himself. c. Even the sector commander fears me.	a. I am the need of hour of my Party. I must remain their need. With out me and my gang they are nothing, at least in Saeedabad. b. I am deadliest with my gentle manners and sufi (bearded) looks. c. I may shift my loyalties, if not tolerated and paid as demanded.	

6.3 There are many more symbols of identities. National Assembly, Foreign Office, Lahore Stock Exchange, Tibbi Bazar, Jackson Market. All of these bodies carry some core properties, which in turn exhibit a pattern of conduct. Being Pakistani is another identity, and so is being a Muslim. We must know identities are multiple. All listed above were Pakistanis, and presumably 98 percent of them Muslims also. How an average Pakistani views himself or herself. Let us pick one average personality out of the four mentioned in the table above.

- a. With all my potentials I could have done better in some western country.
- b. There is no social justice. Anything can be done given the resources and the links to push and pull.
- c. I do not know why we support American occupation in Afghanistan but oppose Indian occupation in Kashmir.
- d. Chhattahs and Cheemas have not done anything for Gujjars. We are Gujjars. Let us see if Chief Justice being a Gujjar can help us.
- e. Musharaf first selected Shaukat Aziz as PM, then got him elected; Ah what democracy! Now he is at large, what has this government been able to do?
- f. Whole of Provincial Assembly in Quetta is that of ministers, so they all share the booty.
- g. I do not know how a PM could do election campaign for a candidate, not only that Jamshed Dasti, was the one who had been asked to resign on the charges of bogus educational credentials.
- h. I really do not know whether this Country would ever come out of power and water shortage.
- i. I Islam is locked up in Quran, which is further locked up in masjid (mosque). Mosques are now locked up and barricaded and under guard. How could such an Islam help change my daily life? I really wonder.

7. **Salient Examples of Character and Conduct.** Let us peep through another window below for yet another view of our character.

7.1 I am going to make a defence housing authority in Islamabad (DHA I). You live in village Tula Morah, which falls in the proposed plan, please get out of it. You live in village Charar, I have surrounded you with DHA Lahore, better vacate.

7.2 I pass through this gate, meant for VIPs, with no or least checking. You pass

through that one, stripped half naked and searched physically.

7.3 I get sugar, flour and tea at cheaper rates and of better quality, since I am richer, speak English and powerful. Very much like the governor of a province can get a duty free limousine. The poorer and weaker countrymen to pay full duty.

7.4 I am president of this bank, I get Rs. 1.5 million pm, I will come late, go back at my will and have more holidays in a year. You, my driver, will get Rs. 21,000 pm, come earlier and go back later. We are sons of unequal gods. Forget about paragraph 2.2 ante. This is what happens in the world, I know of.

7.5 I will get Raymond Davis free by paying on killer's behalf (the blood money). Forget about sharaee (Islamic jurisprudence complications); boss wants it to be so. Do you know I am considered as most resourceful out of the federal ministers.

7.6 Richer and stronger can get loan facility from banks at cheaper rates and for the limits they desire.

7.7 Here in Pakistan we setup different schools for the leaders and the led, with different syllabi. Such a system of education shall not allow a homogeneous generation; we do not want all the sections of society to mix up.

7.8 We have club rules and byelaws which do not allow the mix up of various national basic pay grades and, or the have nots with rich ones.

7.9 Similarly, we have and follow a system of health and medical care which cuts across the roots of any effort on the part of Islam to treat His people as one.

**8. Why 'our Islam' has failed to affect our Conduct or Character.** Before moving further we discuss here the Questionnaire; the tool of our primary research. It is given at Annex A. The Questionnaire has been framed to collect data to satisfy three questions. One, (Part I) what all is considered to be governed by or falling within the purview of Islam (the religion of masses). Two, (Part II) what is the general understanding about Islam, and three, (Part III) a solution to the problem, in brief. Question number two, had twenty-eight sub-questions. Question number 3 to 22 covered the understanding about Islam and Question number 23, sought the recommended solution. Relevant data and the inferences drawn are tabulated below.

a.	Questionnaires served		87
b.	Returned and Processed		61
c.	No. of questions processed under Part I		1,209
d.	No. of questions processed under Part II		699
e.	Part I. Q.2. It had 28 sub-questions	Percentage who believed matters of daily conduct, & abiding social and government regulations is part of Islam	Percentage who believed otherwise
		56.74%	43.25%
f.	Part II Q.3 to 22	These questions were a measure of <b>knowledge on Identity, Status &amp; Role of Prophets, Hadood ullah, Sunnat al AMA, Definition of a Muslim and place of conduct (aamal)</b> in the light of <b>Quranic injunctions.</b>	
		Percentage in line with the teachings of Quran.	Percentage which followed the customary, traditional and unwritten dictates and perceptions
		52.07%	47.9%

**8.1 Inferences.** No social survey can be absolute and one hundred percent true reflector of public opinion. Secondly there is no formula to say what size of sample will be the true representative. There was a percentage ranging from 0.05 to 1.5, by the number of questions, which bravely commented 'Not Known'. This data has been disregarded. Data where it was felt, by the Syndicate, that respondent has not understood the question, was also dropped. There were many dogmatic replies and answers, as was expected. Statistics above indicate two things. One, forty three percent of respondents believe, that Islam as they know is not meant for this world and its affairs. Deen (religion) and Dunia (mundane affairs) are two different ball games. Two, understanding of religion and its real practice is through schools of thoughts (masalik) and division by, and through various sects. Quran somehow fail to support them in such conflicts and thus remains a book of reverence alone. And of little use for the application, herein.

**8.2 The Hypothesis.** The tentative hypothesis framed before the Study, has been reinforced and substantiated statistically. With the help of two illustrations below,



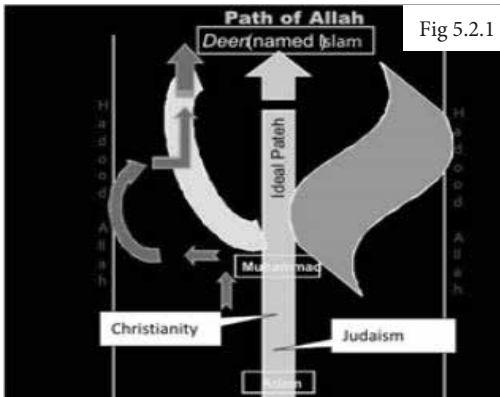


Fig 5.2.1

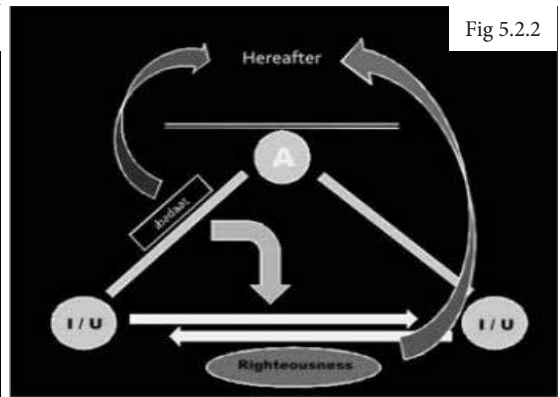


Fig 5.2.2

the Paper will present two points. One, the place, significance and role of Islam as *deen*, vis-à-vis Islam as a religion and other religions. Two, what are the various forms of worship (*Ibadaat*) being used for, and what should have been their role. The diagram at Fig.5.2.1 shows Islam as the Path of Allah. It has been defined by the boundaries (*haddood-allah*), and the middle course or the most straight, or the ideal lane, as led and practiced by His prophets. Rest all, even within the overall boundaries, is narrower, twisted, warped, limited or at a tangent. It has been shaped and served by the interests and the myopic vision of man. Note the relevance and relationship of Judaism and Christianity with the Path of Allah. From that mega picture beginning from times immemorial, we now come down to our current practices, and usage of *Ibadaat*. Here is a little explanation of the Fig 5.2.2, first. I/U denote 'I' and 'You'. These could be individuals or the bodies or any combination of Individuals and the organizations. The two white arrows linking and functionally joining the circles are our conduct and behavior. A at the top of triangle is Allah or the supreme authority. A double line drawn, above A is the boundary marker of this life and the life hereafter. Righeousness are the good deeds, which can accrue when *Ibadaat* are directed and used to influence the conduct or the behavior. The righteous deeds (*aamal ay saleh*) has the potentials for a successful destination; hereafter. That is how the pink arrow shows. The Arrow showing straight to Hereafter from *Ibadaat*, (in dark green color) is how all forms of worship are being used for. Our primary research support and fully approve of his notion. That is where, a cross should be drawn, thus indicating the wrong route of *Ibadaat*. The right direction of *Ibadaat* is shown by the L shaped arrow bent downwards governing the conduct and character.

**8.3 What does Allah want?** It is prudent, before proceeding towards the solutions, to establish as to What does He Want? It is presumed that we all agree upon 'Him' and that 'Quran' is His last Book; and all what it contains is true. However, for those who enjoy their right to deny the Creator, we refer to 'The Challenge of Reality' and proceed forward. Quran 76:1-2" tells us payers? How many rungs your business concern has moved up in last five years?

8.4 As part of security forces, how many of the enemies have you killed, tanks and guns hit or destroyed? How many weapon systems did you use? Area defended? Drones neutralized and shot? How did you punish the violators of Pakistani air, land and sea space?

8.5 Social Conduct. Here is a set of measuring yardstick for social conduct.

8.5.1. How did you help your poor and weak class fellow? You may read paragraph 8.2 once more.

8.6.2. How many families are you supporting on monthly basis? Or have you helped running of some kitchens or assisted in the education of students? How many of these? And has this number increased over the years?

8.4.3. How many times or by which frequency do you, alone or as a group wash, clean or sweep masjid, roadside a public toilet or any other such place of common use? [His last disciple used to carry a small stick in his hand to remove the spit marks from the walls]

8.4.4. How many guests do you entertain every month or week? How many of them stayed night at your home? And how did you serve them. [Second last prophet of Islam washed the feet of his guests, reference Book of John 13:5-15]

8.4.5. Did you marry a widow or divorcee? What mehr did you pay to your wife or wives? What was the proportion of mehr vs. money spent on walima? [Last prophet married widow/divorcees ten times, mehr for one of his marriage was 40,000 dirham, Hazrat Ali sold (was asked by Prophet) his belongings to spend 4/5 for mehr and 1/5 for walima]

8.4.6. What did you do to persuade a truce or peace agreement or to reach a deed of co-existence amongst any of the belligerent families or groups, like MQM, ANP and JI in Karachi? [Mesaaq ay Medina,"]

8.5. Personal Conduct. Here is a set of five parameters. Does it suffice to offer a matrix to measure, evaluate, predict and improve upon the personal conduct? Let us examine and make use of it.

8.5.1. How many cell phones, SIMS, pairs of shoes, dresses and sarees do you have? Have you been able to reduce the number as you have grown in age? And how many

of these items of personal use did you pass on to others in last one month or the quarter?

8.5.2. How much do you spend on yourself, through club bills, subscription of societies, eating out, travelling inland and abroad? Have you been able to reduce it over the months and years? Are you living under debt? [Last prophet whenever asked to lead funeral of any of his companion would ask one question every time and always. Was the dead under debt? If affirmative, who is going to pay for his debts?

a.	A new train added	Rs. 20,000
b.	A new rake added	Rs. 5,000
c.	Letter and email sent out	Rs. 10 each
d.	For every km of transmission line, or canal dug	Rs. 80,000
e.	A km of road laid, by categories	Rs. 10 to 30,000
f.	A primary school added	Rs. 20,000
g.	A MW of electricity added	Rs. 50,000
h.	No. of patients attended	Rs. 100 each
i.	Every acre of land reclaimed from salinity, water logging or desertification	Rs. 50,000
j.	Other forms of reward and payment could be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner with PM. Chairman, MD or CEO</li> <li>• Promulgation as Worker of the week, month etc</li> <li>• A shirt with the logo of department.</li> </ul>

8.5.3. How many times in the last month or the year you have been booked for traffic violations? Or do you keep a diary or record of any sort to reduce your mistakes in driving, cycling, or your conduct on the road as a wayfarer? Have you been able to improve your knowledge, the practices of right of way, thus decreasing your infringements and fouls?

8.5.4. How many times you lose your temper or get flared up, indulge in shouting or switch off and stop talking in a day or a week? Does your personal diary help you in maintaining such a record?

8.5.5. Do you have a system of growth of personal relations? Is there any count of friends and relatives made, estranged and lost? Has the number increased or decreased? How do you influence the lives around you including that of servants and neighbors?

8.6. Conduct of any Department or Organization. This is the last section under the Action Plan for the Solution. Department or the office, may it be in public sector or the private sector or any other form of business, must yield to serve some organizational goals. However, government departments are considered to be a different ball game,

unfortunately. Whether government bodies or commercial organizations, Islam is never considered to be of any relevance. It was mazhab, meant for pooja paat, even for a Muslim. Paragraph 5.3

Ante refers. For some, Quran 67:2, never existed or had a totally warped understanding of word Conduct or Deed.

### **8.6.1. Proceed in the following five steps**

8.6.1.1. Determine the job requirement (job analysis) for meeting the organizational goals.

8.6.1.2. Develop and set up a system of

Remuneration for every task and the bit, of job done. When more than one person is involved, divide the amounts given below as per a predetermined formula. Here is a guideline below:

So on and so forth.

8.6.1.3. Do not pay the people for the time spent, in the office, but for the job done, or the exhibited behavior.

8.6.1.4. Keep reviewing, revising and updating the above tasks and the related remuneration.

8.6.1.5. Always involve the end user or the beneficiary, for evaluating the 'job done'. It is difficult, in certain cases but not impossible.

**9. Conclusion.** It is time to summarize and close the books. Whether you are Kundan Lal from Mithi, Peter from Sialkot or Nazirullah Mandokhel of Zhob; know Him (Rigveda 1:154:4)<sup>21</sup>, Psalm Book 4-10, Quran 24: 35). It is a prerequisite to know yourself (Quran 2:30). You are real brothers and sisters (Quran 49:13). You are His number two by role. His CEO for His company called Universe (Quran 45:12-13). So be sure of your identity. Do not divide and consequently belittle yourself by adding length to your names, through prefixes and postfixes. You shall be adjudged by your conduct (Quran 67:2). You have therefore been put to test (Footnote No.13). Of course each one of His Viceroy has the choice to even deny Him. That is how great He is. One's concept about own identity and how one thinks, other's view him and his identity; plays most pivotal role in the exhibited behavior. Paragraph 2 to 4 ante present elaborate discussion on it. Pakistan is one administrative boundary, to be run by a Constitution (Footnote No.8). And Constitution irrevocably endorses that Islam is the ideology of Pakistan. Word or phrase 'Islam' however does not solve the problem of conduct. What Islam, the question about definition, and Which Islam, the question about divisions

within loom large. The third, which arises out of the aforesaid confusions, is how and why should 'Islam' be influencing the conduct of a people?

9.1 He is concerned with the conduct and so are we, at TFP. The conduct at all levels of life. There is a customary, traditional and hereditary Islam, practiced in the streets of Pakistan. There is an Islam of Allah and His prophets sent through His books and practiced by His chosen men, without any divisions, universal in nature and omni-applicable? Primary research conducted through a public Questionnaire, confirmed the initial hypothesis. Various forms of worship are widely considered to be visa to Jannat (Heavens). Not only are that, majority of day to day activities never considered to be falling in the purview of religion. Islam tragically miniaturized to be one of the religions. Figures 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 will need time and concentration. Learning Quranic definition of Islam, knowing and assimilating new identity, and above all making ibadaat a source of change for exhibited behavior will need bravery and hard labor.

**9.2 Identities are multiple.** The enormous troubles, the prejudices and injustices of all nature and magnitudes are manageable as presented at paragraph 2.6 and 8.1. Conduct must be measured by the benevolence it accrues to the intended beneficiaries. Paragraph 8, spread over five pages is an effort to present the desired conduct in 'operational' terms. It is measurable and easy for the learned readers to draw comparison and to know the way forward. This will help you, your company, your city and eventually the Country to gradually improve the situation we are facing now. It is time to raise the eyes and the hands to act seeking His blessings.

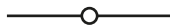
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## Choose Your Attitude

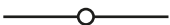
You have the choice to choose your attitude towards life. It could be a matter of how one reacts to the changes taking place every two hours or so. Or it may be a long drawn strategic policy about life. You have three broad choices.

Accept one of those available readily or dug out from the archives. And be a follower. It will give you a class or group identity, may be a winning or rising logo to wear, in matter of days and weeks. Thus feeling elated in shortest possible time, and be part of successful people. It gives huge protection and safety from new challenges. Go to the country side and study a rat's colony. Most people choose this attitude.

Reject those in and around you, and put up a front. Live like a rebel. The narcissist self will be satisfied. You will have a number of challenges. You will have a focus to oppose and fight out. You will have a face to frown at and enjoy defeating, and winning from. Some people choose this attitude. Their biggest success in life, for such people is having an enemy and decimating them, him or her.

Develop an attitude, as a solution to the issue or problem; your solution. Choose an attitude based on the universal value of benevolence. A solution you are ready to amend, modify and upgrade all the time as it suits the coveted end of 'benevolence'. Benevolence for all, far from hatred and prejudice, focused on yield and contribution. This is the attitude of leaders. Be a leader; one, who has an everlasting God to set values, be the judge and reward. You may have wide and huge fellowship. Or you may remain alone; a lone fighter, for a life time. The megalomaniac self will be satisfied. And one may leave a name never to die.

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## WHEN I SAY I AM A Muslim: What does it imply ?



I am one of the billions of Muslims, spread all over the world. The word 'Muslim' is like any symbol, which is one representation of a concept. The other two inseparable components are, image and properties. So Muslim must have, and do have an image and a set of properties. This is varying for some, absolute for some and unquestionable for others. It is first of the identities for some, while rest all is built on it; and last of all just like a pedigree issue; and most insignificant for some. What all it includes to be a Muslim, if attempted to list here, may not serve the purpose of this brief article. It is very much like the following exercise. Can you name the animal which has two ears, eats meat, has claws, four legs, and has fur, a tail, can run fast, stalk and is a predator? No, probably you will be forced to list half a score names. Now, can you name the animal which mews? O' Ya! how easy. Do you see the one which mews has all the aforesaid properties and attributes. My task at hand is not that simple.

When I say I am a Muslim what does it imply? It implies following:

- Islam is not a religion, equal or similar to Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism or Jainism. It is His deen (6:153 Quran). It means belonging to Him, bowing to Him, being subservient to Him and to none of the mankind. He is the owner, giver and knowing all, unique and ever-living.
- It implies I am not a Muhammadan. I am a Muslim. Muhammad pbuh was last of His prophets, bringing in His message (Islam); like many were sent before him, (3:144 Quran).
- Islam is not a set of worshiping rituals, meant for hereafter. It is for herein, (2:177, 67:2, 76:2 Quran). Hereafter is reward of what was done here being His CEO.
- I do not differentiate amongst His prophets (2:285, 3:84-85, 4:150- 152 Quran). He forbids me to do so. It further implies neither Moses (a Prophet of Islam, pbuh) brought Judaism nor Jesus (another Prophet of Islam, pbuh) laid the foundations of Christianity.
- Prophet's way of life, their customs and traditions were the ideal path. It was the reference line or lane, but not a Must. For last of prophet pbuh, always offered Tahajjud, and never paid zakat, nine mosques had been built in his life-time, none had a tomb and, or a minaret, one prophet of Islam never married, one was a king and son of king.

- It implies I do not draw boundaries and lay restriction which were not drawn and laid by Allah. Hadood Allah are the boundaries.
- I am neither a shafi, hannafi, maliki, hanbali nor a jafri, since none of the prophets of Islam pbu them; were any of these.
- By the dictates of Quranic injunction, all men are equal by birth, there is no superior or inferior by pedigree (4:1 & 49:13 Quran).
- The last of His book. Quran is the final and finished form of His message for mankind. It was completed in Prophet's life; Allah proclaimed so in 5: 3 Quran. And I need not be adding any thing else and searching for schools, groups and sub-classes and books and rulings. More so when Allah claims this Book has been made easy for you; 54: 17, 22, 32 & 40 Quran.

I want to conclude here. The significance of any right up does not lie in its length. Making things simple may not be easy, or spectacular; for this would not be an achievement for a majority. Can these odd seven hundred words ask the prudent reader to review being a 'Muslim', the implications this identity has, or find a new definition of the religion of Islam? It could be a gasping comparison of what He wanted out of a 'conduct' (2:171 Quran) called Muslim and what have they proved to be by their exhibited behavior. Bravery is needed for change, brave can change and cowardice makes you live peacefully, without making waves, doing exactly and repeating what Romans are doing in Rome.

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## Pearl vs. Abdullah

A ten-year old boy was shot dead in Miami, USA. This cold-blooded murder of an innocent life was committed about two weeks before another cold-blooded and equally heinous killing.

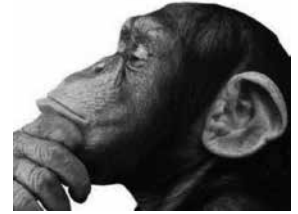
First victim was a Muslim at the hands of a non-Muslim American boy. The killer said, "He killed Abdullah because he was Pakistani".

Second victim was an American and was killed on Pakistani soil. Can any Muslim be proud of killing a human being?

Was Mr. Bush equally morose! Well do you compare these two killings, if you dare so?

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# Thinking: Can You Change the Way ?



Let us look over the henceforth dividing fences and search for the solutions on either side of the divide. And this we can achieve by being a little taller than the fence.

My dear reader the space is at premium, so get ready for a change quickly.

The times are changing fast. The quantum of information, the distance it can travel, and the number of people to whom it can be sent and in the span of time; all has undergone unparalleled change. But has the man changed? Has his chemistry changed, has he reviewed his collective response towards the mankind, he belongs to? Has he become less evil ? Has he become more beneficent, has he learnt to share more? Is there any change in his thinking about his self securities and insecurities? The roots of 'knowing' or cognition traces back to the times of Greek philosophers. Later the mantle was carried by the psychologist. A lot of explanations have been made how man thinks. At least three theories try to explain the process between the stimuli and the response. However, a further elaboration on thinking like concept, image and language could be fairly academic for average reader. To focus the effort on change; let me present a comparison between the conventional thinking and parallel thinking.

Has the Almighty designed us to think conventionally? I believe no. He has created us to think and think deeply (Quran 45:12-13). What does He wants us to do here in His universe? I believe He has amply made it clear through His glorious Book. He has created man on His own image (Quran 95:5, Bible 1:27); and the task for which He has created the man is not possible going by any particular way. So why get locked in conventions and traditions. Have we been able to accomplish the task? If not then, we got to change the way we were thinking. Let us call the existing ways, means, conventions and practices, 'conventional thinking', and the change being offered, 'parallel thinking'. Here is a comparison based on the thinking of Edward deBono.

- a. Conventional thinking is concerned with search and discovery. While parallel thinking will focus on design and creation.
- b. Traditional and conventional thinking is based on structured thinking leading onto structured decision-making. It wants immediate and ruthless answer in yes or no, right or wrong, here or there, with me or---.While parallel thinking

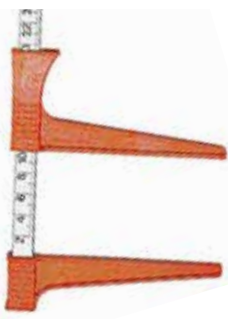
accepts possibilities without judging them. It understands the positions in between. Iranian government responded to Bush administration, who are you to decide. We are neither with you nor with them (Taliban).

Conventional thinking demands and offer 'rock logic', while parallel thinking uses 'water logic'.

- a. Traditional thinking uses hard edges, judgment boxes, definitions, categories and fixed sub-types. Parallel thinking use soft edges, overlaps, indicators, marker and spectra.
- b. Traditional thinking sets up dichotomies and contradictions. Thus forcing a choice. Parallel thinking allows the beauty of embracing both sides of contradiction. It helps to make design to find way forward rather than selecting one out of the existing boxes.
- c. Traditional and conventional thinking believes that information, data and judgment are enough. Parallel thinking endeavors to deliberate generation of ideas and concepts.
- d. Conventional and traditional thinking over uses criticism. It is considered that critique and purging the bad will leave behind all good. By removing bad we will attain and gain the objective. Parallel thinking sets out to construct wonderful things. Many examples could be given but for space. However, I can refer to the history of construction of Taj Mahal.
- e. And at last, conventional thinking uses the design of two opposite stand points i.e. adversarial arguments to explore the subject. It is very much like two opposing lawyers shooting down each other's client. Parallel thinking works like a detective. It uses all arguments, all possibilities to move towards the objective.

This effort helps us think a little different than the way we have been? Can we be more objective and less divisive and less prejudiced about our stand points? Let us look over the henceforth dividing fences and search for the solutions on either side of the divide. And this we can achieve by being a little taller than the fence. It will enable us to view the things farther and wider, deeper and higher; beyond the blocks and out of boxes. Can this effort help us to think in more accommodating manner may be, yes. Can this effort help us to be more flexible and less rigid, may be yes. Can this effort make us ready for the change, may be yes. Can this effort minimize our prejudices and insecurities to a degree, may be yes.

If you say yes to all these yeses, then I will conclude, yes we can grow to be better people, thinking more objectively more purposefully and contributing towards 'Better Pakistan'.



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## The Way you Measure

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How do you measure things? There are just four parameters to measure everything measurable in this universe. One is number, second is weight or mass, third length or distance and fourth is time. Out of these, last three are called fundamental parameters. Mankind has learnt to measure the universe by these parameters till today. There is nothing else to measure. Rest all, like temperature, work, energy and electrical power is measuring any one out of three fundamentals or a combination of any two or all three. We measure a circular displacement by an angle and temperature by vibration of molecules of mercury which in turn causes the mercury to expand. All this is basically counting three fundamental values in relation to each other. Concluding these opening words, Indus civilization was most accurate in their measurement of weight, length and angles. The other contemporary civilizations were Andes, Mesopotamia and that of Nile. Greek work is a story of later days.

However, some people measure life by more meaningful accounting units; especially their own life. These accounting measures are relative to current times, therefore, relevant to the social values. This also implies that these may not be relevant to the absolute values. And what are absolute values? These are laid down by the absolute authority, the absolute Truth, the Creator, the Sustainer, the All knowth.

Let us look, in simplified terms what does change in accounting unit could mean. A Chairman of Federal Flood Control Body can measure his efforts of last one year in the following terms:

1. Number of coordinating meetings held, and the nature and type of members who attended.
2. Expanding the scope of bodies by greater representation, more statutory and regulatory powers and technical know how.
3. Consultants hired, especially the foreign consultants and the heavy funds allocated for them.
4. Number and level of training sessions, activities and the number and qualification of new entrants.
5. Equipment bought and the funds spent on the boats and other equipment and the technology.
6. Structural changes in the bodies at various levels to improve the efficiency.
7. New IT introduced to make flood control a modern and Hi-tech organization.
8. Addition of new sub-departments in the organization. For instance IT department,

Quality Control and Human Resource Division.

9. Enhancement of women representation. Hundred percent increase achieved, by taking the women representation from 2 to 4%.
10. 25% increase in the pay and allowances of all employees, and other welfare measures like provision of transport for the families.

Now let us look at another set of accounting measures of the performance of same Flood Control Body.

1. Length of water courses being monitored, and the reduction in reaction time, by hours, in case of flood.
2. Length and breadth of water courses dredged. It can be measured in thousands of metric tons of sediment removed. Thus keeping excessive water within the traditional banks as much as possible.
3. Areas coming under flood as compared to last year and proportionate to the severity of flood.
4. Number of villages saved as compared to the millions of rupees spent and the total number of employees.
5. Number of people (and animals) evacuated before flood.
6. Number of people (and animals) evacuated after flood.
7. Number of sick and injured and those treated and evacuated relevant to the yearly increase in the budget for medical cover.
8. Number of houses, culverts, bridges and roads protected as compared to the increase in budget and the efforts of last year.
9. Number of acres of crops protected relevant to the budget and the severity of the flood.
10. Measuring the money spent and the management practices.

Followed with reference to the purpose of the establishment of the Organization over the last one year.

If I could conclude the comparison of above two sets to measure the performance into one word, it would be 'objectivity'. It is adherence to the objectives or losing sight of the objectives, on the contrary. May we call it two approaches to proceed in life. Each one of us would like to be objective in our lives. Why not, we all long and strive for objectivity.

Let us look at another set of comparative accounting measures. This time the department is not 'Flood Control' but life itself. Some people measure and count their gains, success and achievements by measuring the following parameters. And some of these parameters have their own specific accounting units.

- a. I am eighty plus, therefore I am better than those who are below eighty. It is seniority in years which adds to the greatness.
- b. I am in better pay grade; I will become superior when I jump to next rank, or next pay scale. The volume of pay or the size of rupee bag which one carries home is everything.
- c. I am 5 feet 5 inches; therefore I am inferior to those who are six footers. I must do everything to be taller.
- d. I was born with two squares of best agricultural land in my name; therefore I am better than my cousin who had to share rupees two lacs of loan against his father name right at birth. When I am wealthy, I am better; therefore, I must stay wealthy. My father did the same. I would see my son excelling me.
- e. I build one house every five years in a posh society.
- f. I have always bought stuff from ABC Bakery, the costliest in the city, and have always taken mineral water. We are part of elite club. Will try for yet superior social mobility.
- g. In my family we have always maintained Mercedes. I am going to buy my next Merc next year.
- h. I am better since I have two sons, than the one who has one or none. I must improve my self in the number of children.
- i. And this particular set of parameters describing and defining the progress of life can go on. Where is the objectivity? Or may be these are the real objectives of my life. Sometimes following the majority becomes the end all. The focus in this set was on 'getting', on 'gaining' on 'self growth' as animal self and excelling in collection and grabbing.

Quran says:-

الْهَكْمُ التَّكَاثُرُ ۝ حَتَّىٰ زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ ۝

Quran

102:1-2

Translation:

1. Rivalry in worldly increase distracteh you, until you come to graves ....  
(M.M. Pikthall)

2. The mutual rivalry of piling up (the good things of this world) diverts you (from more serious things) until you visit the graves.

(A Yousaf Ali)



## خير الناس من ينفع الناس

A Translation:

The best amongst you is the one who is best for the people. Some references from Sahi Bukhari.

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Let us look at the last portion of this article, whose extended title should be, 'The Way You Measure Your life'. This is another set of measuring units for the life. Some are already following these, so nothing new; but how many? And how big is the number who practically oppose it, it is huge. Do you follow these? Yes. How great. What an objective life you have. For those who oppose these and do not follow it, let us have a careful study of all these points. However, there is a pre-requisite. You have to be ready for the change. Are you ready for a change or at least ready to think to make a change? Following two points are cardinal to take a start.



- a. One, I am a supreme product, best of the creatures of the Creator. Biologically I am no less than a son of a Prophet. The sweepress who works in my house is my sister since the Father Prophet is her father also. I must make a difference by my conduct.
- b. Second, my ideology is my top most identity. For only this would decide how I behave or how I discharge my responsibilities and prove befitting to my status as viceroy of God, Almighty.

Now I suggest a DIY (do it yourself) drill or a bit by bit life measuring chart. Ten points to follow.

- a. Can you count the number of people to whom you give lift in your car. You can count by days or weeks.
- b. The number of people you feed everyday or by weeks or by months.
- c. Number of bottles of blood or number of times you donated the blood in last five years and do you intend increasing the frequency.
- d. Number of times you went to the Police Station or a court of law to be evidence or bear witness in support of a victim, while the victim was not related to you or you did it to be a support for justice.
- e. Number of times and the methods you adopted to stop an oppressor. It would be of value when you were not the oppressed one.
- f. How many times have you stopped, got down and walked up to the driver of the car blocking your way. Only to ask him or her why was the car stuck up and if you could extend any help.
- g. Number of months or years spent in teaching and the number of students taught. If you can take into account how did you contribute to their lives it would be still more objective.
- h. Hundreds and thousands of rupees given in *Zakat*, charity or various taxes. Have your contribution increased over the years or decreased. Are you making an effort to increase it?
- i. Number of lost people led to their destination or patients attended.
- j. Ladies can enjoy additional opportunities to measure their growth, their success and value thereof. In addition, to above a lady can measure herself by following measures:-
  - Number of children raised and to which level.
  - Number of loaves baked, utensils washed and pieces of furniture dusted. The count can be per day, per week or per month. It has been a very valuable service, why let it go unmeasured.
  - Number of plants potted, lawns developed and the gardens looked after.
  - Number of family feuds settled, number of divorces saved and other such

deeds of value in interpersonal relations.

There can be one huge and knee jerk reaction to this suggested change.

That is, how can one spend if one does not earn? The one raising this question is infact not fully convinced or not clear on five issues. One, there is a life hereafter. Two, Allah is the Owner and the Giver. Three, all what one has in the form of physical prowess, mental potentials, property and hard cash does not belong to the possessor, in absolute sense. One is a proprietor or a manager with lot of attorney, at best. Four, all worldly belongings are not directly proportional reward of one's efforts and the abilities. It is His mercy and His (Fazal) bounty. Fifth and last, a person is as good as he or she can be benevolent. If one is clear on these issues and a bit brave, the change would be considerably easy. Then one will have enough to spend to start with and earn more to spend more. Then gaining would become intermediary stage and giving the destination.

How much do you agree and how much you are willing to change?

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"La" لا

Can you start the day with لا

It may help you, by:

- a. Cleaning your cluttered & polluted slate.
  - b. Allowing to write something new.
  - c. Taking you out of reactive mode.
  - d. Letting you free of your prejudices of experience.
  - e. Bringing you out of different types of grooves, you had locked.
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# Customs, Traditions & Personal Interests



1. **General.** What we finally do is all what matters, Before deciding to choose between a glass of Pepsi or a cup of tea, between Kala Bagh dam and rental power projects all of us go through a process of decision-making. Sometimes it is simple, short and quick, sometimes complex, lengthy and delayed. Sometimes we are mindful of it, both as an individual and as a body; and sometimes we hardly know of it. What are the over-riding clauses to take a final decision before we act? The hypothesis of this study says that these are the customs, traditions and our petty and immediate interests. The contrary could be the rules, the principles, logically concluded options, universal values or His commandments. It could be an absolute or any set of principles equally applicable to all parties and in similar situations and at all times. It is intended to present a comparison between the possibilities of unending growth through free and open thinking guided by Him verses perpetuation of slavery of customs and traditions. Some of these are spread over centuries while some appear again and again; only the form, names and places change. Translation: These (customs, traditions, means of subservience of superiority of man. Laat and Manaaf were the names of gods, of people of Makka, placed inside Kaaba) false gods, tin gods, and stone gods appear, reappear, and keep revitalizing their hold on man. They have struck back, even if defeated temporarily; despite the fact man as a creation is far older and senior. Wish man could learn to bow (had understood and kept his allegiance) to one God. Then it could have saved him from bowing or worshipping these (false) thousand gods.

It is to show to the self boasting mankind how captive he is of his prejudices, and what it would be to know or sal (Arabic) to meet the primordial truth as compared to the relative and reactive truth.

2. **The case studies;** the mainstay of this Paper, should highlight how much right and wrong we were, every time a prudent decision was made. How shifting and unreliable has been the reference line. What have been the degree of slavery and the level of being subjective. Area under focus is the overshadowing factor of prevailing customs and traditions and myopic indulgence in petty and skin deep interests. It is aimed to point out the degree of blindness we enjoy while competing and enjoying the prospects of winning a race, even if it is on the road

to hell. The comparative study of in-fashion and exhibited behavior based on reaction, resulting into series of stupidities may force a smile on some faces. A smile garnished with salt and pepper.

3. This study may help in discovering how preposterous and earnest, man has been in circling around the same point after travelling for centuries. He still goes out and kills the fellow man, totally unknown, innocent and stranger like homo-errectus.<sup>1</sup> It was this creature about whom angels expressed their apprehension to Almighty, who was planning to send His vicegerent to earth. A suspicion to be part of another ethnic group, sect or race is good enough a reason to kill or get killed. Ask Palestinians (Gaza), Uzbek (Kirghizstan) Ahmadis of Lahore or Mr. Derek Bird (2010) of London. Did He want me to lead my personal and collective life like this? We will be forced to look into His recorded, saved and preserved message of guidance for His best creation. Man is supposedly the best of creatures, according to the Creator.<sup>2</sup> Ironically hundreds are busy remembering it by heart, but a few to follow it or act upon, that too rarely. The followers of Bible (only), gave this universe weapon of mass destruction, killing innocent unarmed 240,000 souls, just on two days. It gave series of unjust wars, spread over last two millennium. Total war(s) of Carthage has been a land mark, for all times.<sup>3</sup> It was 146 BC. How can one forget the massacre of Palestinians in various camps (Shatila, Sabra etc) of occupied land at the hands of Israelis. All for the sake of customs, traditions, group or ethnic enmities or royal interests.
4. Will this study make the diehard followers of customs and traditions more introvert? I am afraid it may. But I must not make wrong decisions for wrong reasons. Why must I wish to live on, for the sake of eating and breathing alone, when I know for sure, it is for a short period, and today may be the last day. I must proceed to think, ponder, review and rethink to improve faith, convictions and beliefs. And these in turn MUST assist and guide in generating more and newer options and choices. The persistent and relentless search for truth should improve all the time, the chosen option. And an option thus selected should lead to act. Act to deliver, to yield and to enhance the benefits. Benevolence is the end product. And what is benevolence? Right is benevolence. And who decides what is right? He.
5. This brief study is based on a series of cases. These are big and small, historic and scientific, social and personal, specific to a culture or people and universal, but none is a fiction or conjecture. All are true. In pursuit of deduction and inference I could have gone wrong but the foundation is true. I give you the same right. Let

<sup>1</sup> Sultan B. M., Mawara, (U) , Chapter 2, Islamabad, 2006,

<sup>2</sup> Quran 95: 4.

<sup>3</sup> Carthage, The MacMillan Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., p 243.

us both enjoy this right of being wrong, and why not. It is worth it in pursuit of truth and benevolence. Otherwise the shackles, the cages, the handcuffs and the shames of customs and traditions and our animal interests will make a mouse out of me, you and all of us. However, I neither support nor agree to what Mark Twain wrote in favor of anaconda over man.

### **Cases**

6. **Case No.1.** Father of modern sciences, Aristotle writes in his book, *De Anima*<sup>4</sup>; life descends from heavens along with the rain. When it falls on ground (soil) it sprouts in the form of grass leaves and when it falls on water it shows in the form of tadpoles. That is how the tradition of keeping god up in the skies merged with his observations. Today you know how right or wrong he was. Let us see if we have moved any further. He was 384-322 BC. All but two had come and given His teachings to the mankind.
7. **Case No.2.** No less than for fifteen hundred years, earth was considered to be flat. It was supposed to have sharp edges over which boats sailing too far into sea, would tip over and fall. Earth was static while sun used to go round and round the earth. Women were considered to have less number of teeth, than men. Later two faiths, dogmas and beliefs were maintained for about a thousand years.
8. **Case No.3.** Triangle of Polynesia, encompasses a huge area in the Pacific. Each leg of this triangle is about 3,000 kms. The area falls between Americas, Australia and Asia. There are thousands of small and big islands in Polynesia. The people follow a belief that soul rests in ocean and is gifted by the ocean, to women taking bath. And if soul finds the host (body of woman) at peace and happy it shows in the form of a baby. So that is how babies are born in Polynesia. The birth control is also easy. Women stop taking bath in ocean. It is their custom and tradition and continues from centuries.
9. **Case No.4.** America is an occupation force in Afghanistan, at our western borders. Not only here but in about another sixty plus places in the world as well. So, USA is busy killing innocent, unarmed civilians in Afghanistan (General Mac Chrystal, June 2010). It is busy doing so since 1775.<sup>5</sup> It has the support of another dozen countries along with India and Pakistan. The government of Pakistan calls itself a frontline state and an ally of USA. When we look towards the east, India is an occupation force in Kashmir. It is killing innocent, unarmed civilians and all those who ask for freedom. If we have a principle stand, we should be an ally of India in its fight against Kashmiri terrorists. Why should we not follow a set of rules, abiding our actions on both western and eastern border alike?

4 Averroes' *De Caelo* Ibn Rushd's *Cosmology* in his *Commentaries on Aristotle's On the Heavens*

5 [http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_Revolutionary\\_War](http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Revolutionary_War)

Ah! But for the traditions and the interests.

**10. Case No.5.** In the last week of February 2010, two factions of Muslims, Pakistani Muslims, fought furiously in Jhang. Jhang is a historic and sizeable city of central Punjab. The occasion was Eid-Milad-Un-Nabi. This battle caused loss of life and property. Things set to fire included private cars, police vans and houses, copies of translations, transliterations and explanation of Holy Quran as well. The Holy Quran of course as an unopened, unread, and least understood and followed book, is the most precious possession of both factions. Let us check on some important facts, from history. Did last Prophet ever celebrate or commemorate birthdays of any of the prophets passed before him? Answer is No.<sup>6</sup> Did the closest of disciples, who actually loved Muhammad, (*draood-o-salam*), more than their lives; celebrated his birthday? Answer is No.<sup>7</sup> Have the dates of births and deaths been important in Islam (Quran)? Answer is No. The fact is that the title and the ceremony called *Eid-Milad-Un-Nabi* took three hundred years to surface, after the departure of last Prophet, (Dr. Tufail Hashmi, 2009). We are only an easy prey of customs traditions and personal interests. To pick up a rival, set up rivalry and win; sometimes is far more precious and dear than anything else.<sup>8</sup>

**11. Case No.6.** Army Rules and Regulations (ARR) and Army Rules and Instructions (ARI) are two books of law; describing and guarding the rules and instructions of day to day soldiering. ARI 249 lay down, how a soldier would salute when in mufti. While in uniform, and without headgear, the rules are different. Uniform would include regular, ceremonial, service dress, fatigue, combat, sports and mess-kits. When in uniform and without headgear, a soldier is supposed to come to attention. A position in which one would join heels and locks the arms on the sides, without any gap from the body. During the service and even after retirement, irrespective of the rank, to exhibit submission and loyalty, juniors keep coming to attention in mufti, civvies and all outfits not part of uniform. It is to exhibit submission and loyalty to the seniors; disregarding the rules. That is how practices emerging out of personal interests sprout and keep getting reinforced to form a custom.

**12. Case No.7.** Upon Muhammad, *darood-o-salam*; Allah the Almighty closed down the system of commissioning of chosen people, called prophets. They were primarily meant for two purposes. One, to convey the happy tidings and two, to warn the people of wrong doings, Quran: 2: 213, 4:165, 5:67, 5:92, 6:48,

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6 Mubarakpuri S.R., Al Raheeq al Makhtoom, 1976.

7 ibid

8 History of serial killers. USA lead the world with 126 while Pakistan is last with one (Javed Iqbal); the serial killer.

9 Bakhtiar Hakeem, (U), Islam Quran aur Ham, 2006, pp238-244.

88:21-22.<sup>9</sup> Many good, practicing Muslims are those who, try to follow the last of Prophet in letter and spirit. Concluding from my observations of the culture prevailing in Pakistan, I have to ask some questions from such followers of the Prophet; specifically and Muslims at large. Here are the four questions.

- a. There is no dispute, Prophet never paid Zakat in his life. For he never had nisab. Nisab is the minimum holding upon which Zakat becomes mandatory. Have the diehard followers of Sunnah tried to reduce their holding below nisab to follow the practice of Prophet? Any one?
- b. Prophet married a lady fifteen years senior to him, when he was twenty-five. And she had been married thrice before and was twice a widow.<sup>10</sup> Prophet next married a lady even senior in age; Hazrat Sauda. She was also a widow<sup>11</sup>, another undisputed fact. Do the diehard followers of Sunnah and its preachers follow the practice of marrying widows and ladies senior to their own age? Any one?
- c. Prophet's Homes never had kitchen fire running more than three consecutive days. This remained the practice through out his life, whether it was month of Ramazan or otherwise.<sup>12</sup> Do the diehard followers of Sunnah try to keep the kitchen burners shut, number of dishes reduced to minimum at each meal, and eating reduced to minimum, following his footsteps, especially in Ramazan?

Ah! But our slavery to customs, traditions and petty personal interests, including the lip service of following the Sunnah.

- d. Last Prophet, whose fellow ship is claimed with lot of zeal and fervor, and none before him; needed a fiqah or a school of fiqah. Sunni literally means follower of the ways and doings, of Muhammad, darood o salam. Two queries are: -
  - i. Prophet never called him Sunni? Going by 2: 285, 3: 84- 85 and some more injunctions of Quran, we (Muslim) can not differentiate amongst the prophets. Did any of them call him Sunni? How come I am one?
  - ii. Islamic jurisprudence, making of (man-made) laws in the light of Quran, then Sunnah and then Ijtehaad (derived consensus) has its roots in Muhammad's (SAW) commissioning of Hazrat Maaz bin Jabal (RA) as governor (Qazi) of Yemen.<sup>13</sup> How come it is mandatory to be divided in my faith, and be part of either of the fiqah (man-made) laws? While

<sup>10</sup> Dr. Hafiz Haqqani M., Azwaj e Mutahraat, (U), Karachi, 1998, pp 56, 70.

<sup>11</sup> *ibid*, p 76.

<sup>12</sup> Mubarakpuri S. R., *Op cit.*, p 642.

<sup>13</sup> Sunnan abu Dawood kitab al aqzia, Jameh Tirmizi kitab al ahkaam, Sahih Bukhari kitab al-zakat, hadith no. 1308.



the opposite is a MUST in the light of the teachings of Holy Quran. I shall not divide the Deen of Allah, Quran 6: 159. And those who do it, Quran 4: 150-152.

When it is matter of my customs, traditions and prevailing wisdom, even Quran does not help me. My ego sinks me in the shell of shame. O' gosh how could I be so stupid and for that long! How come maulana ....and scientist of fame...., also follows that!, He must be right. Please see Case Number 2.

**13. Case No.8.** Two of my seniors, closets of my relations went for Hajj, in 1980. They moved from Lahore to Karachi by train to board the plane for Jeddah. When they landed back from Jeddah, after Hajj, they faced problem in getting their berths reserved. So they promptly bribed a Qooli, offering berths, from Karachi to Lahore.

Hajj should have brought about some change. However, a great deal depends on how do we view Hajj? Is it meant for here-in or here-after?

But for the traditional Islam and our petty personal interests.

**14. Case No.9.** All private banks of Pakistan were nationalized in 1974. This implied commencement of all types of union activities, along with other ramifications. This phase ended in 1998. The union office holders would force their way upon bank managers and higher management for following three types of activities. The information and figures below are of Habib Bank.

- a. The number of absentee workers varied between 20 to 33 %, in each branch. Absentee workers would draw monthly pay, enjoy all other perks and facilities but would not come to office.
- b. Cash van, the vehicle used for carrying cash, to and from; would be under the use of union office bearers, and used for union tasks. Managers and staff at branches would helplessly wait for the cash van to be spared by union's usurpers.
- c. On the last day of each month, vouchers for overtime would be signed by the bank managers, for all the absentee workers. This was done under duress of union office holders, repeated once every month.

**15. Case No.10.** One brother was narrating to the younger one a Hadith e Mubarak (Sayings of Last Prophet). The teaching being quoted was what to do when a nikkah takes place. Prophet said when one is married to another, fire a fire-cracker. People would ask what happened. Then tell them so and so, who is son of so and so, has been married to so and so, the daughter of so and so. Thus the need of public promulgation was highlighted on the occasion of nikkah.

A few years down the line, same brother who was narrating the Hadith, married his daughter. He did not disclose the occurrence of nikkah, for good one year;



not only from the same younger brother, but from all, comprising friends and relatives.

Hadith be hadith, practices of the prophet be very sacred, but alas our petty interests!

- 16. Case No.11.** This is a unique case as compared to the ones mentioned above. This is a comparison of the two symbolic or iconic representations. Each statement or generalization embodies a philosophy. One is representing an absolute truth, eternal value, universally applicable rule, and the second an embodiment of animal self; or the animal needs, and the need to run and get it. These read as follows:

**No.1.**

Translation: Bread (food), clothing and shelter.

**No.2.**

Translation: Best amongst mankind is the one who is best for the mankind.

Which one out of above two has led your life? Which one out of these is a beacon of light for you? One should be true to oneself. What do I hear, 'I do as the Romans do'. Well if there is a life hereafter, you will not be adjudged along with the rest of the Romans. You will be in the dock all by yourself.

**Conclusion**

1. To err and make mistake is a valuable attribute of human beings. Not to challenge conventional wisdom, a phrase frequently used by General Asad Durrani; is a measure of cowardice. It is a withdrawal from the elevation the Creator bestowed on man. Standing operating procedures are customs of another type. They can help run (existing systems) and fly (existing aircrafts) efficiently but impede creating new ones.
2. The subject may become controversial, drawing many dissenting views. I would welcome all. I welcome each prudent soul to set up principled criteria before bowing to a faith or choice; and decide afresh. Ibrahim (darood o slam), could question the Almighty, O' Allah I want to know you? Who are you? So did Newton and Madame Curie; questioned and found new answers.
3. Customs and traditions are a groove. These are readymade snake- holes, to crawl in and live, safely. Holes and grooves protect from new knowledge, new challenges and therefore, from new solutions. When these get combined with petty personal, ethnic and group interests; the outcome is deadly. Sometimes in letter and spirit. Should I quote here the custom of Satti! The holy tradition would demand from a widow to be burnt along with the body of husband. Thus an heir (a female) was burnt to death, lest she takes away anything of her husband back to her family, name, love or property. Thank God it is not being practiced anymore.

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## Front-line Nation

Nine eleven acted like a watershed. It separated grain from chaff. It differentiated between crowds and nations. A few stood out as people of conviction and others as fawning allies. Iran and Malaysia with their leaders was one category, British government with its Prime Minister was the other category.

- There was yet another type of leaders and governments. These were weak, shaky hollow men (courtesy Shafqat Mehmood) and governments. They lacked legitimacy and faith in principles. They made us front line state, and the tragedy atop, such mouthpieces and the government controlled media were proud of becoming front-line states.
- Today Pakistanis (Muslims) in America are, as the Jews were in Nazi Germany. The difference is only of time i.e. 1936 and 2003.
- This nation never became a “front line nation” at the fall of two buildings in America. I have never been in line with the government. O’ front-line state come to the rescue of one million Pakistanis in America. They want validation of your slogans of honor, dignity, and sovereignty; which were supposedly gained through U-turn on an innocent neighbor and friend.
- To summarise, Tipu Sultan was respected then, 1799 and he will be respected throughout the history both by the British and others. For he stood for principles and laid his life for principles and valuable values.

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# Unit, Process & Yield



Taking an account of life is very important. It should always be a continual process. Does it matter whether you are in twenties, forties, sixties or eighties? You do have another day or about. May be it is early in the morning now and you have with you good ten to twelve hours. Cheers, go ahead, take an account of past; consequently make a 'good' choice and act to yield. After all why waste it, why not to make better use of it.

The time would flow. It would keep moving on, as it did always, whether mankind had watches to measure it or otherwise. You are a unit, created by Him; sent here for some job, task or mission and to return to Him. The tenure in this world is not known. It has never been known. Jesus Christ was here for some thirty plus; Churchill for ninety and Noah's prophet hood went on for nine hundred and fifty years. So, from paltry thirty to round about a thousand, it is wide and open. What to do? No equation, no relationship and no proportion. No guarantees and zero durability. The lack of dependability is good enough to fail any tangible or provable mathematical expression. And if one includes another variable of what the aforesaid did while they were here. What was the nature, form, quantity and quality of their output? The intricacies, the secondary and tertiary ramifications would become mind-boggling.

It is therefore, what you do now and in this situation? The decision or choice of process and the process itself is what is of importance as compared to the unit. The unit that is you, who makes the choice is relatively insignificant and unimportant. The unit is here to perish any time anywhere and any moment. The nature of process, its type, its area of influence would last longer; relatively. The process chosen would result into the desired results or the yield. The yield is therefore most significant, most important being the end product. The yield could be of three types. Let me start with neutral yield. The process of feeding, Unit, Process & Yield Life 24 clothing and housing one self, would yield in neutral outcome; since it is neither 'good' nor 'bad'. It is perseverance and self sustenance of unit alone. Or it is good for unit alone. 'Good' is a yield which is beneficent, it is the 'righteousness'. It is what is desirable, wanted and advantageous for the universe and to top the list in universe, the mankind. In other words it is 'benevolence'. The 'bad' yield need not be addressed now. Here is a summary of above debated concepts. The listing is in the order of significance. Highest first; the 'yield', the 'process' the act of 'choosing or choice' and last the 'unit'. Now let me add here another concept. It is the 'reference line' or simply the reference.

The reference works as the touch stone, to decide whether the yield is good or bad. To select and decide a particular yield and classify it as good or bad is a terribly disputed issue. Therefore, the importance of a code of judgment, a neutral person or body and an unbiased system can not be over emphasized. A few examples would be required here.

- The cigarette lit between your fingers was a choice made by you (unit) to smoke (process). How is the yield? What a satisfying lung-full and a mouth-full of the puff of smoke. Of course you are the reference, decider, the judge; the single man jury.
- There was no government better than that of Taliban in Afghanistan in last fifteen years. They spent maximum on education and woman health. The poppy production reduced to minimum. The law and order by the number of crimes was least. This is all statistics proven. They were good for Afghanistan but bad for occupation forces. Should Americans be the reference?
- Iraq was one of the most prosperous countries of the region under Saddam Hussein. Its fire power ratio over Iran was seven to one. Its agriculture research, yield per acre, seed development and storage; one of the best in the world. The irrigation system of Iraq was most advanced in Middle East and of course it had decided to sell its oil in Euro. It had not seen a single suicide killer in its two thousand years plus history. Since 2003, US has killed six hundred thousand Iraqis and destroyed the rest. Every hector in Iraq is dotted by innocent human blood. How do you say about the yield? Was it 'good' for Iraq? And who should decide?
- August 1945, the unit, Truman chooses nuclear attack on innocent, unarmed civilians of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Process undertaken by the air force pilots. The yield, victory for USA, and 240,000 dead bodies and total destruction of two cities. Is it 'good'? And who should be the reference line?
- Ramazan 17th 8 Hijra, it should be 631 AD; process the biggest of invasion. Yield a historical and epoch making conquest. The city of Mecca, the centre of power of Arabian Peninsula buckles under biggest mass of invading army from north. Not a single killing! The yield also included change of political and social system. Was it 'good'? Measure it by some reference.

What are you thinking now? Are you focusing on the yield or the unit; the two ends of continuum. Take an account of the life gone by. What has been the output? If it is good, going by the grading and evaluation of the recipients; hearties congratulations. Do you want to make amends now? Yes, are these required in most of the issues and areas of concern? I think it is a relatively brave decision. Shift the focus to yield. Let it be more benevolent to the recipients, hence onward. The process will be chosen

accordingly. And I commit to you a glorious unit is in the making. Great, you made an outstanding choice. May I have the name of this unit please?

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**RESIST BEING A JUDGE  
WHEN YOU ARE A PARTY**



**C** for Complainant  
**R** for Respondent  
**J** for Judge

Try to be One at a  
time. Be a J if C &  
R, both ask you.

**BEWARE you AGE and EXPERIENCE may DETER you to LEARN  
and UNLEARN and RELEARN.**

I have a wonderful alternative to offer those for whom above  
exercise is difficult to digest, unlearn the past and relearn.

Do not treat others as Bad as they are.  
Treat others as Good as You are.

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# Do you Question ?



You are my audience if you are in forties, rather than thirties. I seek you more if you are in fifties, and most sough out, if you have crossed sixties. It would be interesting rather intriguing; for the sake of this exercise, if you are one of a grade twenty-two, grey-haired, wisest personality around, or an equivalent big shot. And I submit to you this question; ‘have you asked a genuine question in last one year, sir/ madam?’

Many times one observes a senior or an elderly person telling to a younger or a junior:

- Ay.. ay young man how come you do this? Or
- O sweet heart will it work like this? Or
- (Smilingly) sonny will you be able to jump/climb/ride/open it or assemble it? or
- Have a heart has any one ever done it like this?

Were these questions; of course these were not genuine questions. Indeed the senior was only pointing out, it can not be done, or he or she knows the solution or how it is done. In other words, the one busy doing or trying was either wrong, raw or too novice. It also implied senior knew the answer or the solution. What do you do? Do you raise the genuine questions, with the desire to explore, learn more, know more or find a new way to work out? Have you developed the habbit of adding on to what you already know and have you grown enough to grant the right, or say equal right of being wrong to others? This is the point of focus of this article.

We proceed further from here for a five step exercise. One may call it a DIY (do it yourself) exercise, a hands-on to explore one self, of course with an inbuilt lesson to mend ways. It should tell a committed reader and an objective learner how to go about, where I have reached; half way through, and which way to tread here onwards.

## Step One

For the purpose of this exercise we, that is you and I, am interested in Genuine questions only. You will need a personal diary or any bounded journal so that all what you write is not lost as loose papers. Record the questions which you ask during the day. You may do it at the end of the day, or more than once a day; as it suites and pleases. Having recorded and developed some record, try to group and make some sub-classes. It will help you collate, and endorse further questions in the appropriate boxes. Classes given below may serve as a guideline:

- Questions asked: about your professional pursuits, or those about earning the livelihood,
- About food, places to eat, nutrition and medicines,
- About bible, books, magazines, scholars, authors, poets and libraries,
- About games, sports, sports gear, tracks, new rules, arenas,
- About computers, machines, tools, softwares,
- About geology, geography, soils, seas, rivers, marine life, fauna, flora and ecology, and, about films, drama art and artists....

## Step Two

Once step one gets going, step two would be relatively easier. Left most column of the schedule below is where Step One finished. You find two more columns. They demand recording the answers received in response to your questions. It will highlight all those areas which are yet to be answered. Right hand column has the potential to run into score of pages. Here you will record the degree to which answers and solutions were found correct. This would only be possible when such acquired solutions have already become part of your nature or were rejected after research and, or some acid test.

Questions asked by type, category or the class	Answers received with brief details Unanswered, or yet to be received	Degree to which answers were acted upon. Replies and answers put to test and found wrong

## Step Three

During the process of this Step, we will try to establish a relationship between the habit of asking questions and the nature and rate of growth. Whose growth? Your growth. Examine this schedule please. I hope you will find the columns self-explanatory.

Categories and classes of question	Number of questions asked per unit time i.e Daily, Weekly or monthly			Areas in which you have made progress, gained promotion, jumped grades or enhanced your profit at the steady pace of 20 % every year
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	

## Step Four

You are asked questions also. Moreover, you do speak out and tell others when not even asked; see the opening paragraph. In this Step we are going to take an account of the answers and replies. See this table, and try to fill it up. I know your first attempt would be an imaginative one

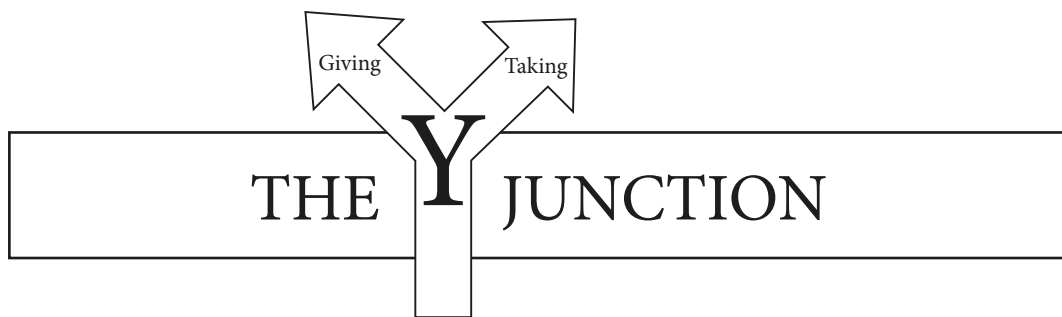
Categories and classes of questions asked	Questions replied			Assistance offered, unsought comments & judgments passed, people stopped half-way and guided		
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly

I am particularly concerned about the understanding of the contents of the column on extreme right hand, and the execution thereof. See the opening paragraph once more. When not asked for, your help and guidance will be viewed as interference, less classroom scenario. Do not underestimate others. Let every one enjoy the taste of hit and trial. I know how unbearable and painful it could be in a parent children relationship.

## Step Five

This is last of the steps. It is the step to measure the yield. For some it could be asking for a sea change in the convictions of their life, therefore, I dare face an outright rejection. Brave are always fewer, Life 22 yet they are the one who give the society hope for providing leaders. It is out of these, a few, that we find role models. And they are the ones who measure their life gains, by what they give. And not by the gold medals and the trophies won. They do not react, howsoever large is the number and whatever is the social status of those opposing their ideas. They stay proactive. They measure the growth and rise in life by what benevolence they yield. Seventy-two odd stood against whom and how many, at Karbala in 61 A H. May I refer to my article The Way you Measure, published in Issue No.2 of Food for Thought, and Unit Process and Yield, published in Issue No.13 of Food for Thought, and <http://www.opinion-maker.org/author/bakhtiar-hakeem/> If you are clear about your purpose, and you are still growing, you will find yourself asking genuine questions. Positive goals and objectives are never ending, these are never satisfied. They are like life. They stay green and keep creating a perpetual pull. When purpose is green, you will never stop asking questions, you will be ever growing. So what if it was birthday number??





There is nothing more precious and important than ‘man’, in the creation of Creator. Man has been told he/she has a life herein to act, to deliver and try making a difference. Unfortunately the time span is not known. He has also been told about a life hereafter, whether believed, half believed or otherwise. And that life, in a striking contrast is everlasting and meant for pay back. It is for the reward or return of the deeds herein.

There could be two definite approaches to measure the life. In other words we could examine two strategic options through a Y junction. There are those who know Him as Lord of the people, *Rabb* of every thing. Those who dare think Lord has created them onto Him, and that He is *maalik-un-naas*, they enjoy and cherish by giving. Their measure of success is giving, how much and to who all. They measure the impact and reach of what they give. And keep striving to enhance it. And they do not measure by the size of the bite and the amount of the pain they can inflict.

And there are those, who know Him as their God. The god of their religious rituals, if they are Hindu then as Ram or Eishwar, if Jew, then the god of Juda and Moses, far different, than the god of Marry and Jesus. Could there be a God, happy to see a slain human body belonging to the group of those believing in another god? Their measure of success is opposite to those of aforesaid category. Their god teaches them to draw lines, deepen the hate and prejudices. Their god goads to spot the enemy never let it die and compete till death. Forget about what is right and what is wrong, keep the focus on enemy. Look at the measures of success of PPP and PML (N), load-shedding or rupee dollar ratio be damn; look at the measure of success of Atizaz and Fehmida vs. Supreme Courts, the ill-gotten and disputed \$50 million in Swiss banks be damn. USA was far more focused when there was a ‘threat’, then she had to create one, and with the death of OBL, there is a need to have the next. Look at the measure of success of ISAF/NATO vs. Afghan people. Look at the success of operations in-charge of Liari and the residents of Liari. Look at the success of a security agency operator nabbing a civilian in Uthal and Khuzdar and the future of Pakistan. Look at the success of a cheating student and that of an invigilator. Look at the success of any occupation forces (say in IHK) and that of occupied people. Look at the success of racists in USA....

Those who know Him as *Maalik-un-Naas* learn, compete and succeed by giving and

giving more. They give him and her, to Hindu and Sikh, to Christian and Jew, to Americans and Afghani, to Sindhi and Baloch, to this side and that side of border alike...their God lives everywhere. He owns every thing and they know, that only He shall return for good deeds.

It must be looking impractical or ridiculous to many. Yes, I have some arguments here for these, 'many'. And they have always remained in majority, by the head-count. True, one will lose his or her prejudices, and therefore uniqueness and importance. One will have to forego his or her hate or at least the intensity of hate. One will have to minimize that prime mover called sense of winning and beating others down. Many will have to stay hungry and deficient of their parochial and nepotist traits. They will suffer the loss of little family and tribal feuds. One may have to lose the group identity, nurtured over decades and live like a simple Muslim rather than a sunni or a shia. The latest press report from the convicted PM, says, 'greater are the men, who have higher number of enemies'. How could people from group two, live with the blame of being gutless and spineless? All these losses are too big to live an 'honorable' social life.

Who are the most revered people in the world? Alexander the Great, King George IV, Queen Elizabeth II, Khan Khakaan, Genghis Khan, Peter the Great, Akbar the Great, Truman, Khmer Rouge, Hun, Hitler, Mussolini, Sharon, Reza Shah Pahlavi or alike who amassed great power, killed most, held huge territories and could decimate their enemies. Or were the following most revered people; Noah, Ibrahim, David, Joseph, Moses, Eliah, Marry, Jesus, Muhammad (pbut), John or Mother Teresa or alike? See trillions carry their names as part of their own name. They rule beyond divide, beyond hate, beyond borders across the humanity, all this because they gave. Whenever they found them on Y Junction, they decided to win by giving...How about you?

Should we start from today or tomorrow? Morrow may be D-1 in hereafter...

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## Management Sc. Dept. HITEC UNI: Board Display

### Hi! my dear students

Is education helping you to give and yield?

Have you started feeling to be the owner of this universe, or some part of it?

You will start giving when you become the owner. It is a gradual process. However, it may never start, if education does not help you.

# Moneyed vs. Rich



Relations, co-relations, systems and sub-systems are all intricately and interwoven web of cognizance. They keep changing meanings and therefore ramifications and implications. Customs, traditions and attitudes provide that fundamental base upon which we all stand qualified and specialized well before we attain our graduate and post graduate degrees. Culture runs like blood in the society, called preferences, norms and taboos. All what we grow on and benefit from; like food or medicine, water or alcohol poison or milk enters through one hole, called mouth. Should we live like a physical hole?



Only a few change and change very little through what they learn, gain and absorb from the later years of life but first six or seven. Otherwise they only differ by their professions. And for an overwhelming majority, profession only means, means to earn, or at best a set of skills and techniques, to be proud of. Lucky and brave are the ones who call themselves educated, and wish to grow all the time. Since they think and believe they are educated. And education must manifest in exhibited behavior. Let us break the shackles of customs, conventional wisdom, traditions, grooves and taboos. More one grows in his/her profession; age and social stature, less and lesser are the chances to grow; for richer and bigger the ego poorer the influence of 'education'. Our system of education is such that certificates and degrees mean a measure of literacy. They all mean how much more one has got, and not how much more one has given. Our system of reward has made us to focus on who got the gold medal, and not on the one who gave the gold medal. Therefore, who is moneyed and who is rich; these two concepts are warped, distorted and pretty subjective. Let us revisit what is being moneyed and who is rich.



Let us see the similarities and areas of difference in these pictures. You see a candle illuminating the area around it. And the light is good enough with in a few feet. An

energy saver bulb is lighting up all of its surroundings, up to tens of feet. A search light can push the darkness out of its beam way by hundreds of feet. Then there is a light tower, showing way, and giving hope over many many miles. Of course we all know what Sun is doing for all of us and the life on this planet.

There is another set of pictures. These have a different paradigm of similarities and relationship. You see some water being poured in a tumbler. It is containing some and of course it can take a little bit more of water. Concept of glass and water go hand in glove, in any case. So would be the image of a wallet and money. You see a bucket, call it bucket of water.



Same way it can hold some and have some more, a drum would hold still greater quantity of water. Then we can see huge reservoirs of some fluid. The image of an over-head water tank, half filled and half waiting to be filled, would serve the same purpose.

Now we shift the focus to human beings.

A person drawing ten thousand rupees per month with a family of five to support; enjoys his bi-cycle ride from and to the office daily. On his way, he stops at a specific bus stop. And he picks up one old man, for a lift over three km, to his office. What is he like? Match a picture.

A millionaire, a retired senior officer has been trying to shake-hand with Malik Riaz, the business tycoon. The former wants to be a multi-millionaire if not a billionaire. What is he like? Moneyed he is already!

An unskilled labourer had earned his part payment that Thursday evening. He went over to the usual road-side hotel and ordered for his favourite *bun-makhan* and tea. Just when he had done with delicious buttered bun, and started sipping tea, his friend arrived. Man with hot big mug of tea in his hands asked his friend if he would care for tea, with a hearty smile. The friend settling across the table, with a grateful smile, said yes. Okay, just get an empty cup. He got one, and the host labourer poured half of his tea for him. What is it like?



There was a senior officer on official visit to Murree. While checking out of Mess he was presented with a Mess Bill. And he had to pay for his boarding and lodging. It was quite a shock for him, since the host institution did not pay for him. Moneyed he was!

Who does not know Mr. Abdul Sattar Edhi. He nursed his sick mother for eight long years, when she died he was only nineteen. Came to Karachi in 1947, and was no

more than a peddler to start with. He opened a free dispensary, and soon bought his first hi-ace wagon to run as an ambulance. This purchase included a sum of Rs. 12,000, as loan. Today he runs world's biggest ambulance service. He was never moneyed to start with. What was he trying to be all along? Was not he rich always? What is he now?

Thought and ideas are like seeds. Flowers and fruits are the yield. Look at the very first picture once more.

May you be rich.

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## Little A Little



### SMILE SMILE SMILE

Smile a little, talk a little  
Walk a little, run a little  
Poke a little, tickle a little  
Smile smile smile



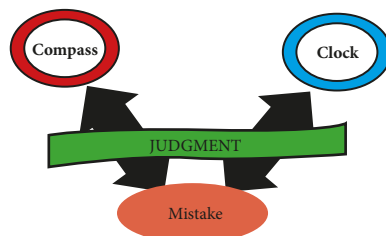
Eat a little, drink a little  
Suck a little, sip a little  
Play a little, fun a little  
Smile smile smile



Giggle a little, laugh a little  
Pee a little, pot a little  
Wash a little, change a little  
Smile smile smile



# Mistake



Wise people learn from the mistakes of others..., what an over simplifications! Let us enjoy 'Mistake', a little before we ponder. Then I wish to take you to a peep into a new day, with a clearer picture of self vs. mistake and of the world around vs. mistake.

Can we grow through Mistake? Yes, I believe so.

Do you and I make mistakes? An obvious reply would be 'Yes'. But we make this admission with a great deal of light heartedness. Fine, how many mistakes did you make yesterday? Who was the judge? What was, or is, the reference line or the code to testify? What did you do today, having known and learnt about the mistakes of yesterday?

Gosh a long list of difficult questions!

Soon we shall see much more through the kaleidoscope of Mistake. Many facets, colors and hues would be highlighted and shared. We will see lucky ones who make mistakes, and grow; and a majority of unlucky ones who feel 'right' almost always; whose judge is always their own self, their 'conscience'. They almost always win all debating bouts. And when they lose others are foolhardy, myopic, adamant and stubborn. Please proceed to study and, I request you, to develop a pattern to shape a tentative hypothesis. This should finally take you to a brighter, healthier and a happier day; the day when you will not be repeating your yesterday.

You were driving in busy streets of your city, with family and friends. And you bumped into the bumper of car ahead of you...Oops. The sound of cracking glass told you something. Yes, the right hand side head-light was damaged, but hardly any sign on the Prado's bumper. Bloody...eye-ball to eye-ball with the heavily moustached, calm and rather smiling driver of Prado. You were protesting, why the hell he had to apply sudden brakes that too in the middle of the road. He walked back to his seat and was about to drive off. Seeing your red face and rising volume, he said, "Should I call the police?" And off he went and back you came to steering wheel. "Bhai you were too close to that Jeep and were also holding your cell phone", came a voice from rear seats. What was the mistake? Who was the judge? Will you learn? And what will you learn?

Having driven down the right leg of a Y-Junction, on your way to Peshawar, you glanced away from the newspaper and you realized you were on the wrong route. "OMG....this Highways Department has gone to dogs. They cannot display a sign board, I am already late by half-an-hour". "Sir saray Pakistan ka yehi haal hai, (whole



Pakistan is in the similar state”, said driver. Infact you had told your driver, to take this road, since you had been along that route many times before.

Where is the mistake? Who made it? Who was the judge? Are you going to learn any thing before next trip or the next day, or would the driver be a shade better?

You sent your eldest son, a bright student, to Dubai. It was for your and his (moneyed) future. He had just passed his matric in grade A and wanted to study, however. But you had an old wound inside to be healed and treated. You knew you were poor. And now was the time in the form of Jalil Hussain, you and your family all could become *ameer* (moneyed). It was time to take a radical turn. Within two years you, along with family became rich and were on the route to be richer. The pride was growing, ego fattening and you could feel the ever increasing weight of your opinion and argument with friends and foe in the street.

After two years, Jalil, returned with still more Dirhams and Dinars, and you married him into a family you had dreamt of. She was the daughter of Sh. Azeem, whose house you had built as a mason eight years ago.

Within next three months, Jalil got his wife to Dubai and it implied closure of foreign-exchange tap. Months and quarters passed and you were fast descending to your nadir, the pauper state. Three daughters and a son were still to be married. And you were ‘poor’ again. Now you cry and curse Jalil, and add his mother also in your swears.

Where was the mistake? Was it of compass or clock? Who is the judge? Who, if any one is going to learn from it? When and how many?

These were the politically-hectic days of first six months of 1946. Cabinet Mission had given its recommendations. AIML had accepted it on June 8<sup>th</sup>, but “The British Government desired that while the constitution-making plan proceeds, an Interim Government, having the support of major political parties, may be formed at the centre. In consultation with the members at the Cabinet Mission, the Viceroy announced the formation of a 14-member Executive Council. The Quaid-i-Azam objected to it as the Interim Government had been formed without calling a list from the Muslim League. Moreover, parity between the Congress and the Muslim League, which had been agreed to at Simla, had been abandoned and a fourteenth member belonging to Parsi community had been included in the Interim Government. According to the Quaid-i-Azam, these modifications adversely affected the proportion of the Muslims in the Interim Government. The Quaid-i-Azam also objected to the inclusion of his name in the Interim-Government as he had made it clear to the Viceroy that as long as he was the President of the All-India Muslim League, he would not accept any office.”<sup>1</sup> At one point of time, Mr. Jinnah told the Viceroy, I have to get back to Central Executive Body (of AIML). Lord Mountbatten,

the representative of occupying monarchy and biggest colonial power, said,” Mr. Jinnah, You may not have your Pakistan”. Jinnah replied, “What has to be has to be”. This was his judgment on Compass (the direction to choose) and Clock, the timings. This is what made him Quaid-i-Azam. Only men of his stature could give a people a country to live in.

Decades down the line, in 2001, an assistant secretary of state of a non-occupying but oppressive and aggressive country put across seven demands to the ruler of the country won by Great Mr. Jinnah. This despotic ruler was, Chief of Army Staff, Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee, Chief Executive and President - all in one. This minuscule, cardboard leader, smaller than a tick and a mite surrendered to all, on telephone- what a judgment of compass and clock!<sup>2</sup> Did he make a mistake? What was the mistake? Who is the judge? Has he learnt from it? Ah! He still calls himself a General. Has other contemporaries learnt from what he did?

Mr. Boom Boom Afridi, famous or notorious, is nearing the end of his cricketing life, having been in and out recently. Watch his videos of last fifty matches (358 ODI and 48 Tests)<sup>3</sup> and try to identify what mistakes does he make? Does he learn from his mistakes? Who is his judge? What has been his rate of growth?

Last example.

Jamila was a beautiful, healthy young girl; surrounded and protected by the best of three loving and caring references: mother, father and elder brother(Adda). She had little demands, very few questions and was an obedient and good follower. She passed her matric in second division and the whole house was jubilant. By then she had also learnt to recite the Quran, to play ludo and another disc game. She could wash clothes like her mother did and help her in simple household chores, whenever asked. All she did was excellent. Adda was all honey and sugar for her. Never ever any of her three determinant perimeters of life pointed out any mistake in what she did. Seeing her flair for studies, she was put in college. It was a good ten km away. Her being an active college student was something above board for the family. Their total focus was her care, comfort and safe journey to and from the college. Two years passed and she finished faculty of arts failing in two subjects. It was an outstanding result for her family. They were simply exuberant and loaded her with tons of gifts, Adda leading. So that was the climax and end of her academic stint. By then she had learnt to cook two types of daal (pulses) curries, two types of mutton and beef dishes, and one type of halwa and one type of Kheer as well. Yes, spinach she had learnt by the age of twelve. She had also not worn any thing other than, shalwar qameez and dopatta. How nice she was!

She is now over fifty-five, amongst the wise, healthy and most contended people of the village. She is known by her innocent smile. She did not learn to cook any



additional dish, any baking, stitching, biking, riding, driving, handling of microwave and even tuning of TV. She remained away and safe from any mistakes in upholstery, painting, planting, any handywork, lawn-care or plant, harvesting etc. She has yet to ever ask and know the difference amongst switch, socket and plug. Her cell phone is operated by her daughter, say once a week. She has never done any shopping without being accompanied by her husband or son. And never has she visited any doctor or hospital without them. And to top it all, she has yet to board a train. Great she is, trouble free, mistake free!

Today people of her village love her and call her Malka Allah Lok or Jantay (Queen, the God-chosen or God-loving). What kind of non-demanding, non-challenging, least-testing God is this! Does 3: 189- 190, 45:12-13, 67:2, 76:2 describe and portray such an Allah<sup>4</sup>.

What is the nature and chemistry of 'mistake'? Do we need to study and understand it? How was this life time spent in making the transition from Jamila to Jantay? Who was or were the judge(s)? How did they fare? Is not making a mistake a potential blessing?

Let me conclude. Fortunate and lucky ones make mistakes, and grow!

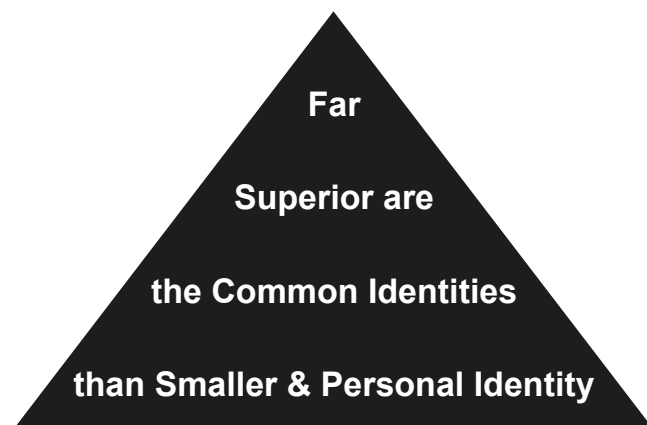
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## Inter-Personal Relations

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We all have friends, relations, colleagues, neighbours, subordinates, bosses, acquaintance and servants. One can easily add the family doctor, the favourite shopkeeper, the newspaper boy, the dairyman and the brother of brother's friend in this list. The parents of daughter-in-law or son-in-law, the cousin who is also the best friend, the teacher who loves you, the college administrator who has reprimanded you many times and the traffic police officer who booked you last month are the genuine additions to the same list. Those with whom you interact can include the beggar you come across daily and the good old lady who is now all milk and honey for some short-lived interests. We act with these people, influence them and get influenced. In some cases we are active in some passive. Sometimes we are on giving end and sometimes on receiving end. And the ends do change, howsoever; brief or long is the span. The relationship of husband and wife needs a special mention. It is closest of almost all, deeply interwoven, yet so fragile.

The plethora of interpersonal relations exist in seven colors of the light and all possible shades which arise out of the combination of any two of these and any possible permutations of these and their products. Therefore, each relationship has bright potential to become a unique bondage, very different from rest. A more objective and deeper look will unfold some pattern and some kinds of tentative hypotheses. And an exercise through inductive thinking will help us formulate certain hypotheses. One may call these the principles; the principles of interpersonal relations. It is an effort to develop some kind of generalities so as to analyze, interpret and predict the quality and health of interpersonal relations of two persons. The cream of aim would be a very happy, durable and long lasting relationships all around you.

The principles, rules, regulations and parameters that govern these tens and hundreds of relations, however, are a few and can be counted on fingertips. Would you like to know these? Surely the answer would be yes. Every normal human being would like to have best of equation with his or her near and dear ones. All of us would like to have well-wishers, those, who at least smile when we laugh and offer a shoulder when it is our turn to cry. Somehow sometimes these simple bondages of mutual respect, love, trust and faith turn too fragile. The relations become acrimonious and grow too painful to bear. The result could vary from ten minutes depression to loose stomach, acidity, migraine, sleeplessness, backache and the like. Or it could

mean a tragic suicide or a cold-blooded murder. That is the scope of this dreadful continuum.

Let us work together to minimize these troubles growing out of interpersonal relations. Let us do it to extend friendship trust, faith and a general feeling of well-being. Let us do it to have contended and smiling faces and medicine free side tables. Let us do it to have hoards of guests and dozens of greeting cards on eid and every happy occasion. How do we go about it? Here the set of principles, referred to above.

**Principle # 1.** Keep your Promises. A simple, innocent running sentence, ‘see you later’ is in fact a promise. Say it when you mean it. Once you have said it fulfill it. Be mindful it is a principle for maintaining good relations. So keep your promises. Make promises to hold them and do your utmost to honor these. Then there are significant statements like, will give you rupees hundred thousand by next Sunday or accepting a proposal of marriage. All of these, big or small, are very important. To be in time for a cup of tea or a meeting is equally important. Keeping promise is manifestation of your character. And this provides the most stable and sure foundation of your interpersonal relations.

**Principle # 2.** Equality. Respect the people as equal human beings. It includes your wife and children as well. Look at the person addressing you, talking to you as the son or daughter of the prophet Adam (PBUH). Yes, Adam is your father also. And you are no different by pedigree from the person who is in your audience. Are you? This is the start point and common platform to begin with. Treat all as equal. And always make a new happy and promising start with a new person.

**Principle # 3.** Price Tag. Your value or the price tag is equivalent to the benefits you accrue to others. May it be a solacing smile, gifting a Ferrari or offering a hot cup of tea. Give ‘hope’. Giving hope is sometimes dear like life. Believe in giving and not in grabbing and collecting. Based on the benefits you accrue, you can be rated good, better or best. Let me use Urdu word, ‘faiz’ for goods you deliver. Last prophet of Muslims said, ‘the best amongst you is the one who studies and teaches Quran. Then he said best amongst you is the one whose conduct is the best and then he said, best amongst you is one who is best for the people.

**Principle # 4.** Judgment vs. Evaluation. Do not pass the judgment but appreciate and evaluate. Defer the judgment as long as possible. You may use the neutral phrases. You may say ‘interesting’, ‘intriguing’ or simply ‘nice’ when you do not like the idea or the thing one bit. Check your gut reactions. Take time to express negation or rejection. Reinforce the person to think further, yield and grow. Do not block him or her. Your immediate disapproval will kill the creativity or at least drive

the person away from you.

**Principle # 5.** Act and do not React. Make right decisions for right reasons. Do not make decisions to counter the bad decisions of your friend or relation. Make persistent efforts to minimize your ego. Avoid enjoying negative symmetry. This is the most common malice. And many people simply enjoy their triumph, when they act as bad as they thought the other was to them. It is a pity, rather. When you delay the judgment you always find time to act and keep the initiative with you. While reacting you lose the initiative. Act to support, to generate a hope and to reinforce goodness.

**Principle # 6.** Who is Right? You could never be absolutely right in matters of opinion, interpretation and diagnosis. Do not grant yourself more than 90 % when you are dead sure and hell bent in your inferences and conclusions. Do not be cruel to exterminate the birth right of being wrong. The bottom line is that you may be wrong, very much like others can be. When you are a complainant do not become the judge. Being a complainant, you are party. The one you think has wronged you might have a heavier complaint against you. Listen to him or her and let him or her to listen to you. If you can settle very fine, if it looks impossible consult a common friend. Let him or her adjudge. Please do not be a judge when you are a complainant. And when you are asked to be a judge, do not become a party.

**Principle # 7.** Hearsay. Do not draw conclusions and inferences from hearsay. Do not base your judgment on hearsay. Do not be misled by someone reporting negatively on someone. Let that absent some one, be directly talking to you. If you feel time is at premium, talk to the person being reported upon yourself. Ask direct questions and seek the opinion or clarification, one to one. Won't life be simple and easy if you do not conclude from what you hear from your wife about the mother and what you hear from your mother about your wife? Similarly let the opinion of your boss be reaching you directly rather than through a colleague. And let friend 'A' talk to you directly than you hearing and believing and, worst, acting on what you heard about 'A' from friend 'B'.

**Principle # 8.** Elder and Younger. The concepts of 'elder' and 'younger' and their selective and preferred application create serious problems in the interpersonal relations. While simple equivalent of elder is 'older' and should not be anything else, it is never so for the one who is 'elder'. Simple characteristics describing and identifying a 'younger' should be the one with lesser number of years of age. However, it is taken to be 'chotta'; which generally implies one deficient in something, lesser in knowledge, raw, relatively wrong and one who has yet to learn. Thus the interpersonal relations are taken to be between a 'barra' and a 'chotta';

thus it becomes a tie between two unequal. It is a straight and square contradiction of divined rule of equality of mankind. And it is an opposite of Principle No.2 of this article.

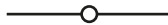
The matter of fact is that no two individuals are equal in knowledge, information or data; in skills i.e. how to do, how to perform or in attitude i.e. whether to perform or how much to perform. Thus irrespective of being 'elder' and 'younger' out of the two, one is always better, by merit on a particular issue or subject. By no means it, makes one 'barra' and the other 'chotta'; both are equal human beings, whatever be the age. Of course we will have to keep infants and babies, teachers and pupils; out of the context of interpersonal relations.

Another complexity arises when the focus is on the inter-personal relationships of opposite genders. Although there is no Mrs. Muhammad, Fatima Muhammad and Mrs. Ali in Islam, ladies world over, irrespective of their religion, would be happy to be carried by a male's name throughout their life. Ladies would happily take a back seat in a difficult situation, handing over to a male. Ladies would love to take a gift, receive *ediee* or let some one else pay for their bills including zakat.

If you are a male and wants a female to act and behave as an equal there would be problems. She would be at peace to be dependent, with none or a little responsibility. She loves to be a follower and the one being taken care of by a male or males. So, far the sake of good inter-personal relations and keeping her happy, please let her be in the place of her liking.

Five years ago when I undertook this assignment, I could enumerate only six principles. As I grew and revisited this article I could add another one. Now peeping through the window opening into sixtieth year, I have added one more. These are the eight principles, as of now. These can provide the foundation on which you can engineer the Taj Mahal of interpersonal relations. Ponder over these. You may find a couple already being actively and vigorously followed by you. You may find a couple of these, most suited to solve your problems. In case you find the practical translation of these principles too cumbersome write to me or wait for my next article.

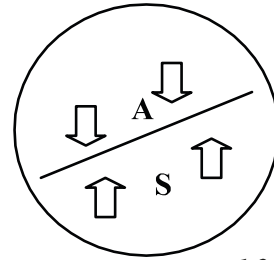
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## Values vs. Prejudices



Satanic or Self-centred Self Spiritual

All what I love, eulogize, praise and practice are values. And all what I despise, or reject and decline to do are prejudices. How simple! One established role of values is to develop socially enforced norms like integrity, accountability, and trust. So it is not as simple as it appears to be. Let us explore this simplicity verses complexity with an approach of a social scientist. It has not been easy to define 'value' even for lexicons.<sup>1</sup> We can develop a small bank of keywords, and terminologies to help venture further.

Values, Core Values	Social Values	Culture, Civilization	Justice & Injustice
Love	Hatred	Moorings	Moral, Immoral
Origin	People,	Family	Clan
Kinship	Conservative	Liberal	Ethics

There is an inferior self and a superior self. They are inseparable, two in one. There is a mundane self and a spiritual self. Born out of clay and mud<sup>2</sup> I do have all the biological measures of life and animal instincts. That constitutes some of me, call it 'S'. The beauty is that I do not stop or end here. He blew into me<sup>3</sup>, something which made me superior to all of His creatures. Later, He tested me in knowledge (names and, or definitions) and on successfully passing the test raised the level to be His viceroy.<sup>4</sup> That was my Angelic self, call it 'A'. And then He brought me here, and handed me His universe, leaving A and S to push, jab, punch and smash each other. Howsoever beaten, bruised and reduced to traces, none was designed to be eliminated. He left me and even let me to be my own God. Here lies the toughest of tests. What I am, a polished and modified form of apes, or son/daughter of a prophet? It is too huge a gap to be filled, too complex a riddle to be solved. He did and does try to help me through His injunctions<sup>5</sup>, whether I learn from His Books, or ignore, or go against these by setting my own isms, theories, customs and traditions. It is all my choice and my options. It was and has remained a wholesome and complex affair; one can call it 'the life'. I refer to a Punjabi master-piece by Faiz A. Faiz, 'Raba Sachya'.<sup>6</sup>

Justice, Charity, love and being liberal, all are values. These will all turn into

prejudices, of course to varying degrees, when I start raising boundaries around them. I explain it further. Examine these boundaries. 'Justice for some and for some period of time, or a one-time justice and, or using different set of laws for different people'. Now, read the last sentence by replacing 'justice' with 'charity', 'love' and 'liberalism'. Weaker, lower and more porous the boundaries, less prejudicial it would be. When administration of Justice is based on widely accepted universal laws- it will be a 'value'. And when Mr. Truman ordered to nuke the two cities of Japan, what was it for the children and unarmed civilians of USA and for those in those two cities of Japan? What a love and respect for the value of 'human rights'!

So could be the value of charity. How do I decide to give charity? Where, to whom, and on which parameters; was it for my 'family', clan or caste. First come, first served is another value, great if it is practiced without hatred towards *sunni* and *shia*; while giving a piece of land for the construction of mosque. How about (Elections) casting of vote. What a significant exercise it is. It embodies a national cause. It catapults an insignificant common street urchin to a king maker. And when I cast my vote for an inferior and non-deserving candidate, knowing it to be such, do I practice value or prejudice? I did it only because he was a Warraich like me and, or came from Alipur Chattah, the town of my parents. So are the rules of elections for those in line; from thumb imprinter to Chief Election Commissioner. And just see Imran Khan has even involved CJ of Pakistan in his list of culprits. All are as much prejudiced as they trample the values of trust, justice, honesty and fairness.

Family is a great reference for love, care and sacrifice. All are invaluable, values. The moment it means a son or a daughter preferred over other, one wife ditched against other, and an uncle is invited while other is ignored- it turns into prejudices. And you are all aware of the word 'step' in the inventory of relations.

Throughout the last century, the western world remained divided on the basis of 'origin' and 'roots'. His vice-regent was divided by race and ethnic groups, by language and areas, by castes and creeds and by religions and schools of thought. There were 70 different Bibles at one time, and Rousseau made fun of those. We are all familiar with Arabi and Ajami rift, so are famous divisions of Croats and Serbs, British and French, Sinahali and Tamil, Hutu and Tutu. How unequal were Jew and non-Jews in Nazi Germany!<sup>7</sup> All are good examples of prejudices. I wish these people and Muslim alike, could read, understand and assimilate the message of Quran 2:213 and 49:13. Similarly, for good two thousand years, unequal and unjust were the Israeli (Jewish) laws, for non Jews, till God sent Jesus Christ, pbuh. And today, if a Jew can only take birth from a Jew womb, who was Adam (pbuh) and how could first jew come into being? Otherwise all of us are Jew.<sup>8</sup>

Being conservative is an allegiance to a set of rules with a narrow lane, or a very



limited choice to go off the line. I would dare call it value the boundaries; howsoever, narrow do not hate or punish those not following it. And when boundaries govern and draw and affect the choices for my person only; being conservative could be a value. However, I must not force, debar and punish others as long as universal values are not crossed. On the contrary there are clubs in West and East like naturalists, gays, and vegetarian, kosher food eaters etc., who do not accommodate others.

This takes me to the world of business. Here the issue of values and prejudices wear the cloak of business ethics. Here 'ethics' is followed by a more specific groove called 'business ethics', and even narrower, the term 'stake-holder interests'. "The study of the general nature of morals and of specific moral choices; moral philosophy; and the rules or standards governing the conduct of the members of a profession." That is how the American Heritage Dictionary defines ethics<sup>9</sup> And business ethics comprises the principles, values, and standards that guide behaviour in the world of business<sup>10</sup>. There are a number of moral philosophies used in the business world. Namely these are; Teleology, Egoism, Utilitarianism, Deontology, Relativistic, Virtue Ethics and Justice<sup>11</sup> Teleology and Utilitarianism stand apart, most widely. Worthy readers may explore further, satisfying their areas and levels of interests. Let us see what causes unethical behaviour. David Gebler, says "Most unethical behaviour is not done for personal gain, it's done to meet performance goals"<sup>12</sup>. One may ponder, how much and where lies the dictates and influence of personal values and ethics vis-à-vis that of corporate culture.

The Arabian peninsula of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> century was a tribal society; where victim of a tribe could ask for blood-money or a life from the oppressor's or killer's tribe. Thus a whole tribe became a convict or oppressed tribe. And not reaching a settlement, two tribes declared to be at war; and feud went on. Value demands, that a killer is treated as a killer and only the culprit is punished through a court of law. And neither his father nor sons nor the tribe's men are punished or made to bear the loss. But it goes on, posted by Mark Tran in the Guardian; Bush administration would consider Pakistan as an enemy if not with US<sup>13</sup>. May I draw your kind attention towards the feud between the tribes called Geo-Jang group and (Army) ISI!

Who can make the law or set and prescribe principles? Tough question isn't it. Simple answer is; a person or a representative or an authority who is not party. Who is it, or can be? It is Him alone. Legislative bodies, at least in Pakistan are bound to exercise their right of law-making only as an extension and under the proviso of His laws, staying within the boundaries and *haddood* marked by him, all the time.

Prejudices in the name of customs and traditions are loved and lived like values, and are dearer than life. Examine the crime history of last ten years of Jatoi-District Muzaffargarh. It only represents what goes on in areas spread over hundreds of



square of miles, in Southern Punjab, Sindh and Baluchistan. *Pakhtun Wali* is a code of life equally dear to Pakhtuns in KPK. It is not only here, it is same the world over. Universe belongs to Him. Mankind, the best out of His creature is the de facto Heir. He has endowed him with the 'value', of rules of heritage, to ease the process of division and handing over of left-over. Of course the custom of Satti was one such implication derived by the prejudices of this 'man'<sup>14</sup>. In certain civilizations it is the right of eldest son to get all<sup>15</sup>. Here in Pakistan we are quite familiar with the laws of heritage. Will is one instrument, again a 'value'. Will is to help guide as to how the legal heirs can and may use the left-behind of one passing away. Will is based on two fundamental rules<sup>16</sup>. These can be summarized as follows:-

One putting down his/her will, cannot increase or decrease the lawful share of a lawful or legal heir, and one cannot exceed the use or utilization or disposal of more than 1/3 of the total left-behind.

I hope the predicament is solved through further study for those who never looked beyond 'serving' and 'giving' themselves and immediate blood relations. Prejudice steps-in, when one wishes to decide inheritance in life time. One tries and circumvent the values set by Him, the real owner.

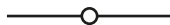
A conclusion, cannot be easy for such a complex battle of A and S. It shall never be easy when one or a family or a group of people is governed by tight-jackets of customs, traditions and self-interests<sup>17</sup>; where formal education is never meant to question yesterday and the father or mother and the social boss; when certificates, degrees and academic laurels are not to make a person grow intellectually, but by physical property? How big the chunk is occupied by A, out of your total self? And how strong is A vs. S?

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## Have a Living God

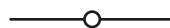
**The single most frequent message, He conveyed through innumerable prophets over eight or nine thousand years was, as to who He was.**

**He returns and He rewards, He is the doer, and the giver. To Him belongs all and to Him all shall return.**

**Through worship, different by nature and variedly frequented, He wants man to maintain a living God. Only a living God can feed-forward, monitor and help appraisal, the conduct herein. Otherwise life means a series of reactions. It will be a case to case, or a pattern of conformity, rebellion or that of indifference. It could mean winning from or losing to, all those who are around, all the time; in an unending cycle.**

**Have a living God.**

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# Children's Parents Parent's Children



I love my children. I have deep commitment to help them in all possible ways. I possess and nourish in me a deep desire to be amongst the best of parents. I just want my children to be the best. Obviously what I think is best for them is the best. My sincerity is beyond any shadow of doubt. No one else knows better than me, what is best for my children. All parents in this passionate and love ridden blind pursuits assume the role of almighty for their children. Obviously they are not god almighty, but they falter to become one.

A near hundred percent majority of parents fail to believe what they desire for their children; can be plagued by many ills. Some are short on knowledge, either in absolute terms or relatively. Some are short on the skills. What they desire they can not do themselves even if they have the knowledge. Usually the deficiency in skill is compounded for being short on knowledge. The third trouble; which many, fortunately acknowledge also, is their inventory of failures. Over the years which they have lived, their list of failures is correspondingly long; far longer. It is minimum two decades longer than their children's. Now they want their children to turn all those deficiencies into surpluses.

Let me shift the focus onto more lucky pairs. I refer to the parents, who are favourably placed with reference to knowledge and skills. They are in better position to offer suggestions and recommendations to their children. Here occurs another predicament. Some high achiever parents keep telling their children, for instance, "look at my matric marks, what have you done?" Or, "when I was of your age I was a first class cricketer, you have yet to enter a play ground." This subjectivity creates different kinds of problems for the children.

Great are the parents who first win the initial credibility, and maintain it over the years. They are certainly lucky to develop a sound base to move forward. In fact this is the position of strength to consolidate.

Weak are those who have to tell their children that listen to us we are your parents. Here are a few more words to help parents to review and enrich their initial credibility. Parents should be interested in the things their young ones are interested in. It could be a hi-tech hardware, or a computer game. It could be a toy, a cartoon program on TV or a piece of junk food. Parents should learn about these and thus be more knowledgeable and in turn improve initial credibility with their children.

They should improve the faith in equality of human beings. It will be hard, but you as parent will enjoy the change once children turn into co-partners, in every sense of the word rather than liabilities and dependants.

Develop the communication skills as parents, to talk to children. A rude, indifferent wayward teenager is a good test for your communication skills; and not the opposite. A well polished, well behaved and a civilized kid is otherwise an asset to have in the house. Some simple basic rules can help apprehensive and tense parents. Depending upon the desire to improve and ready to take some corrective measures; look at the list of points below.

- He or she belongs to Him- the Creator. You also belong to same Lord and Master. You are a humble being first and a father or parent later. He is the in-charge; the sustainer of all.
- Your children are as good or bad as you were in their age.
- If he or she is not as good as you wish or conform to your standards, then help the child attain that. Remember help yields the best when asked for.
- Act and do not react. You are far senior to your children by age; therefore, do not pitch them against you. Take charge of whole situation. See through and up to the end. This will help you to act. Act and act based on positive mental attitude-PMA. Explanation of PMA may not squeeze in here without being de-shaped. Act for the sake of positive end.
- A positive end can be measured by a number of criteria. One of the most significant and relevant criteria to adjudge a chosen end is its 'win-win' potential. A child must see a 'win; for him or her in the 'ends' you suggest or recommend.
- Do not be a judge where you are a party. Let someone else be the judge. Best thing would be to allow your rogue to select a judge. In the presence of a judge you would be at far greater ease to plead, suggest and recommend, as forcefully and as openly as possible. If there is no judge and situation do not permit to have one, then evaluate and defer your judgment. Defer it for as long as possible. You can attain and obtain positive results by being a co-thinker and, or a partner. First ask the children to give their opinion. Do not tell them that it is just sticking to a point and that he or she does not understand anything. Now learn to present your opinion to your children and not the judgment. Ask them to respect your opinion like you respected their opinion. Avoid calling your statement the last word of wisdom. Let them appreciate it. Invite them to look at the issue from other's perspective.

Be a leader of your children rather than manager. Before I highlight the deficiencies of manager's paradigm I will conclude to say learn to lead from behind. Knowing this change in position and mastering this art is the crux of

this effort.

Of course babies are managed. Some one has to feed them, change nappies, roll them, giggle with them and sing lullabies. Nothing like mother but let us face the truth. Can't a nurse do all this? Can't a qualified baby sitter do all this? Don't nannies do all this? Sure, as the children grow they would look up for your finger to hold. They need it then to straighten their feet and steps, to walk. He or she would ask you to lift him or her and put on the horse back or high bench nearby. He or she might ask you to hold the bike from behind as young rider peddles out into a straight ride. As the years pass by they need lesser and lesser of the management. These are the years when you should grow in the best sense of the word to be a leader parent. Learn to wind up your role as manager parent. What are the functions of leader parent? Leader parents first identify themselves and then help the children identify purpose and goals of life? The goals of individual child come next. Then the leader parents stand behind their children to see them tread for their (children chosen) goal. They do not manage them to walk the father's (or parent) chosen course. Leader parents harness family feelings. These feelings provide a strong canvass for the family, including parents; to make mistakes, laugh on them and grow together. Thus they all contribute to each other's efforts, enabling the family to expand both vertically and laterally.

Manager parents are involved in managerial paradigm. They remain operational both in their approach and in hour to hour handling. They remain locked up in petty matters and therefore fail to see the end of even their own life goals, what to talk of their children's. They do not let their young ones and loved ones grow; grow beyond what they can see. Whenever and wherever children want to adventure out they interfere heavily. To grow and to yearn for success is a natural process. It is His process. Tragically the petty almighty picks up the fight with the Almighty for the sake of his or her children. The consequences are never good. The troubles are both complex and extremely varied. Human being can be either proactive or reactive or be anywhere in between these ends of a continuum. Proactive people can be reactive sometimes and reactive people turn proactive occasionally. However, they quickly shrink back to their shells. Reactive persons, who otherwise fail to be leader parents, become over reactive towards their children. They tend to behave with their children as equal rivals. The tragedy is compounded when they use their parenthood as their soul superiority. This amounts to begging. And such parents, obviously, fail to feel the pain of their children. The pain, children undergo seeing their parents in beggar's role.

Some parents gather their superior size, louder voice, skill to yell, possession of authority and financial superiority to win battle against their children. This is the

worst exhibition of managerial paradigm of reactive parents. At the end of such episode, parents, usually fathers, “stand victorious in the middle of the debris of shattered relationships while children stand smashed, outwardly submissive but inwardly rebellious”. Many of wise children successfully suppress their reactions. However, continually put through such trauma the pile of suppressed feelings can surface in yet uglier forms.

How will such children remember their parents? Good Muslims are known for remembering the gone-bys in good words only and always. Let us be proactive in our lives. We can achieve it by reducing our areas of concern and by increasing our areas of influence. Learn more about it from Stephen Covey. Let us learn to be leader parents. Leader parents harness and foster family feelings. Family feelings, when not based on values are nothing but a set of prejudices. Values help identify life goals of the children, help choose better course to reach out and then stand behind and lead. That is the time when they feel mighty happy and bow their heads in humility before the Almighty, gratefully. What a glorious win-win end.

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## No Civilisational Clash

- First point first, none can call himself a Muslim who does not believe in Christ as a Prophet.
- If Muslims (Osama bin Laden and others) were against Christian world then most threatened personality should have been Pope and most threatened country Vatican. The matter of fact is that none of them has ever been targeted in the recent history by any Muslim.
- France, Germany and Canada are also Christian by religion of a people. Why none is under attack by Islamic terrorists?
- Above all, China is not a Christian country. Yet China has best of ties and most enviable international relations with almost all Muslim states. Why?
- Obvious and simple conclusion is that tension and enmity between America, its ally Israel and Muslim countries is not because of faith. It is because American-Israeli nexus is the biggest terrorist coalition.

**News Post 30 Nov 2001**



# Let Us Grow



AREA OF CONCERN

AREA OF INFLUENCE



DECREASE IT PLEASE

1. My food and tastes.
2. My dresses, combination of colors, & the choice tailor. My tailor stitches for MNAs and ministers only.
3. "I have cut out 2 Kgs of my weight in last one month, great me!"
4. "Uff my waist line...and tyre around.
5. The stores I go to and the bakery I use is the best in city.
6. The brand of tobacco & cigarette I smoke & the pen I use.
7. My bed, the type of cushion, foam and the shade of polish on furniture.
8. The type of bedding I use.
9. My choice of cologne and shampoo.
10. "You know I get my medicines from States"
11. My pet, 'Stupid', Aha...
12. My home, the decorations and neatness I love for my seat and desk.
13. My haircut, the gel I use and the hair-dresser I go to.
14. The protocol I would love to get.
15. The name and decorations by which I must be written with and called.
16. The carpet I love to have under my feet.

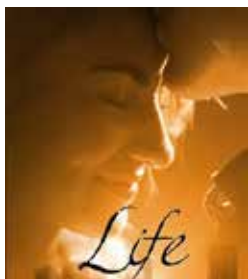
1. How many friends & people I invite for dinner and offer tea, daily or weekly.
2. How many patients I visit and console or offer bouquet.
3. How many pieces of clothing I offer and gift, to friends and needy around; every summer, winter or every month.
4. Shopping at stores selling Pakistani stuff. I ask for local made alternative, when offered an imported item.
5. Keeping an account of how many friends, relations and neighbours visit us, and how many stay for the night.
6. We try and receive every guest and see them off at the outer gate.
7. I write and use single name for me, & prefer friends and people calling me by the single name.
8. I accept all invitations and join the gatherings at the given time.
9. We try and dress up like the mediocre, who would be coming for the meeting.
10. Calling back every caller; known or unknown.
11. I pick up at least one roadside pedestrian, daily, requesting or otherwise waiting for lift in the car.

INCREASE IT PLEASE



	AREA OF CONCERN	AREA OF INFLUENCE		
 <p>DECREASE IT PLEASE</p>	17. These curtains I got from Dubai, and this carpet from Quom, Iran.	12. I make sure to file my income tax return in time.	 <p>INCREASE IT PLEASE</p>	
	18. O'oo my car, its double tone, the interior. I love the upholstery. You do not know the money I spend on my doll.	13. I have increased my amount paid in taxes to Pakistan by at least five percent, every year.		
	19. "No, way I am not going to give a penny to these snitches in CBR!"	14. I try to listen to others carefully; looking for a new view point or a fresh application of common values.		
	20. "We had a great photo shoot, let me show you my collections. Don't I look like a princess"	15. I know I can be wrong in my opinion, so do others have the right of being wrong.		
	21. "Wish you could value my contributions."	16. Why is it must to win a debate always? No it isn't, I try and see what is at stake. Usually people are fighting and develop differences on worthless things; losing invaluable friends.		
	22. "I noticed three of our staff did not rise from their seats when I entered the room"	17. I never shake hand while sitting. I give a warm hand-shake, plus a smile, looking squarely into the eyes of my addressee.		
	23. "How dare you talk to me like this!"			
	24. "Just wait for next month, I will teach him a lesson, as to what does it mean not inviting me."			
<p>Identify &amp; add your areas of concern.....so that you may reduce these.</p>		<p>Identify &amp; add your areas of concern.....so that you may reduce these.</p>		





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## I Wish Life was Short or?

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Time 13.30; you are yawning in your office. After that long stretchy yawn you again look your trays, no mail, nothing on table. You look up table dairy to be sure there is nothing left for the day. Yes nothing, even the coming day is free.

Long spans of inactivity and periods of nothing to do frequently intersperse your days, weeks and months. Many a times you pick up a newspaper, since there is nothing else to do. If one peers carefully, this purposeless picking up a newspaper is just the tip of iceberg. There is a horde of activity which has creeped in our routine to fill in the blank. Not only that, more unfortunately we make concerted efforts to grab and involve ourselves into the tit-bits, and purposeless activities only to fill in those gaps when we are doing nothing.

For a steer-less life, sometimes, such like waste pursuits and fill ups rise to occasion and hold the steering. Thereafter the life is wasted; it is lost.

Rest, recreation, sleep and play all in their essence are catalyst for work. Work here means useful and purposeful activity: an activity with plus algebraic sign. Some people go to sleep since there is nothing else to do. Take rest or pick up a long drive in the evening, since the day long non-activity was boring and tiresome. Many even start eating since there is nothing else at hand. A night long cards game will demand a day's long sleep. A wasteful night shall produce a wasteful day.

Now telescope your hours, days and weeks of useful work. Add up all those activities which refreshed you to restart with purposeful work. This total sum, call positive life. By the same argument out of the decades which you have already spent on this planet, all which you needed and made use of purposefully and with some aim was  $x$  time. What is the ratio between total life spent to time  $x$  is for you to work out for yourself. It will vary with every person. Do feel pleased, if the figures have some semblance of proportion; say 100:1

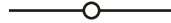
Which of the hoppy, pursuit or a regular activity is purposeless; could be a little difficult to decide. Let us say you picked up Yoga, do fill up your evenings. The purpose was to be stronger physically. After a year you found that a painful lumber is the only outcome. Certainly it was error of judgment and selection of a particular exercise and may not be termed as a useless activity. There could be other examples; like smoking, taking an extra cup of tea, today to kill those extra seven minutes of life may cling to you to weaken and dilute your proportion of  $x$  time.

Come to soldiering; an activity of purpose. A useful pursuit. What have you been

doing in your past ten, fifteen or twenty five years of soldiering, have you been leaning profession and practicing it? How many wars did you kill, how much of area did you conquer? Well, if not then, how many weapons can you handle, expert on how many, and under training on how many? How many of combat vehicles can you drive? How many of these are you learning these days? Well did you ponder to develop or improve upon the weapon that you are using for last decade? May be all above were not of your taste, then did you go to Afghanistan to learn your chosen pursuit? Did you visit Iraq-Iraq front for your soldiering quest? Why not count the year of soldiering in above terms. This was your life; work out x time and the ratio. What is the answer like? Please.

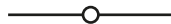
How many years have gone by? Were all of these required for purposeful work? Have you consumed all these usefully? Eliminate all those wasteful, blank and void periods. Certainly you will conclude to spare many: more than half or may be just one or two. Why not return those to God almighty? Why else use it more purposefully.

***Army School of Logistics, Logmag, 1992, Kuldana***



## Education is Vehicle of Change

- If you agree to this hypothesis, do you rate yourself educated?
- Testing the hypothesis, we should be able to measure the change and be able to develop some generalization. It will be necessary for its wider acceptance and fruitful utilization.
- One way or a partial process would be to enumerate and classify the mistakes, deficiencies and the shortcomings. Have you been able to pen-down some mistakes, faulty concepts and erratic inferences in last one week, a month or in a quarter?
- If education was able to fruition over past some years; you must have proudly registered what all you have learnt; or more precisely unlearned and relearned in the past month, quarter or a year. Very fine, even if nothing was un-learned, what all was learnt in last----- any measure of time?
- Or have your age and experience been able to take you out of this stage?





# Growth vs Getting Old



Are you growing or getting old? This question could be worth a zillion if you wish to have a new day at every day-break. Well one-half is already taking place; you need not make any effort.

Growth	Getting Old
Growth is creating, generating, processing, modifying, to yield, and deliver for benevolence.	It is amassing (time), collecting, gaining, gathering, piling, addition to body height and weight; and consequently wilting and withering out.

Some examples below will help dilate, simplify and elaborate the question. These pointers may help you categorize and measure the efforts of your yesterday. Heartiest congratulations if you were 'growing'. And a heroes' salute if you break the shackles and decide and start growing, from tomorrow.

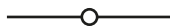
<b>First.</b> Did you introduce any new game? Any newer versions like One-day or Twenty-Twenty. Have you pondered about para-gliding, free-fall or sailing....which would be the game of 21st Century, or which one is getting obsolete and should be removed from Olympics?	<b>First.</b> Some games and sports were being played in the world when you were born, and as a kid could name these. For instance Cricket (Test), Football, Soccer, boxing, Hockey etc. Now you have added a great deal more to your vocabulary. May be you have learnt a number of new ones to play.
<b>Second.</b> Which piece of crockery did you introduce; butter-dish? Your mother of mothers five generations ago was cooking on coal and fire-wood, which fuel or burner did you add? Did you develop a hybrid multi-fuel burner, which could use coal, coal-gas, kerosene; natural gas and electricity... are working on it?	<b>Second.</b> You had more than twenty types of kitchen-ware, crockery and cutlery items in your home, two decades ago. And you have added; seen being added another five or ten new items. For instance ice-cream scoop, hand-held juicer, press-n-pour or microwave... Are you going to buy a new one next week.

**Third.** Which means of transport did you develop and modify? Are you working on a ni-cad, rechargeable single and two-man scotty? How have you been benevolent to your city/country with reference to the means of transport?

**Third.** Your father had a bi-cycle...later bought a motor-bike for him and you. Now you have a car. Your son is using a hybrid limo. And of course you have seen your skies being decorated with different airliners, year after year...

Last. When you add bricks around you and above your head, and add to the capacity of the fuel tank of your car. When you add to the covered area of your house, and number of houses. When you add to acres of land...and the number of personal body guards....Older you get, Decay you would. And you know, He can take away the toddler holding the finger of 90 years old grand-grand pa, leaving the old hag down and out, yet living. Grow; you should, make a choice to Create, Generate, Yield and Deliver for benevolence. Values have no boundaries. Wishing You a brighter Tomorrow.

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## *Dua-e-Yom-e-Aashur*

*Assalamualikum*

“We are what we do”

Nothing appears to change our conduct, whatever are academic qualifications, profession and level of earnings or age.

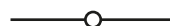
Customs, traditions, ethnic taboos and prejudices rule and dictate every moment and movement of life.

Will sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain and its commemoration help change your tomorrow? Will you learn to ‘give’ a little more and a little ‘better’ from Nov 16th 2013?

May I and may you.

Best of wishes and prayers for you on this *Yom-e-Aashur*.

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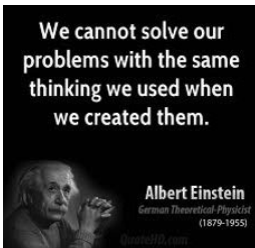
# UNLEARNING & Thereabout



## Definitions of Unlearning

“Knowledge grows, and simultaneously it becomes obsolete as reality changes. Understanding involves both learning new knowledge and discarding obsolete and misleading knowledge”

(Hedberg, 1981:3)



“...the process of reducing or eliminating pre-existing knowledge or habits that would otherwise represent formidable barriers to new learning.”

(Newstrom, 1983:36)

“Unlearning is simply the process by which firms eliminate old logics and behaviours and make room for new ones.”

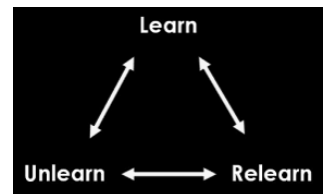
(Prahalad & Bettis, 1986:498)

“Unlearning is a process that shows people they should no longer rely on their current beliefs and methods”

(Starbuck, 1996:727)



## What is unlearning?



Unlearning is not about forgetting. It's about the ability to choose an alternative mental model or paradigm. When we learn, we add new skills or knowledge to what we already know. When we unlearn, we step outside the mental model in order to choose a different one.



## Types of Unlearning

- When we think of **learning**, we think in terms of content: the various facts and concepts we know in a particular knowledge domain (e.g., history , physics, psychology).
- "**Declarative knowledge**" (i.e., knowing that) is certainly important, there are other areas of learning as well.
- "**Procedural knowledge**" (i.e., knowing how).

### The process of unlearning: Three Parts

**First**, you have to recognize that the old mental model is no longer relevant or effective. This is a challenge.

**Second**, you need to find or create a new model that can better achieve your goals.

**Third**, you need to ingrain the new mental habits. This process is no different from creating a new behavioral habit, like your diet or golf swing. The tendency will be to fall back into the old way of thinking and therefore the old way of doing. It's useful to create triggers that alert you to which model you are working from.

### What He says: Who Question, Enquire, Explore ?

3:190. Lo! In the creation of the heavens and the earth and (in) the difference of night and day are tokens (of His sovereignty) for men of understanding,

3:191. Such as remember Allah, standing, sitting, and reclining, and consider the creation of the heavens and the earth, (and say): Our Lord! Thou createdst not this in vain. Glory be to Thee! Preserve us from the doom of Fire.



### What He says: Indicators/Signs/Pointers/Elements /Units of Analysis---- but for whom?



45:3. Lo! in the heavens and the earth are portents for believers.

4. And in your creation, and all the beasts that He scattered in the earth, are portents for a folk whose faith is sure.

5. And the difference of night and day and the provision that Allah sendeth down from the sky and thereby quickeneth the earth after her death, and the ordering of the winds, are portents for a people who have sense.

45:3. Lo! in the heavens and the earth are portents for believers.

12. Allah it is Who hath made the sea of service unto you that the ships may run thereon by His command, and that ye may seek of His bounty, and that haply ye may be thankful;

13. And hath made of service unto you whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth; it is all from Him. Lo! herein verily are portents for people who reflect.

45:3. Lo! in the heavens and the earth are portents for believers.

75: 36. Thinketh man that he is to be left aimless? [MMP]

Does man think that he will be left without purpose? [AYA]

کیا انسان نے یہ سمجھ رکھا ہے وہ یونہی مہمل چھوڑ دیا جائے گا۔ (مودودی)

### Unlearning: What they say about it

Unlearning is the new learning...

“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.”

So, what are you going to unlearn today?

Percipio is here!

What is “unlearning and relearning”?

Unlearning is an ever-changing, fluid process of exploration by using different sets of questions about everything we know and value to discover unknowns.

Literacy = Learning, Unlearning, Relearning

Po Chi Wu PhD

## The Shifting Paradigm: Learning to Unlearn

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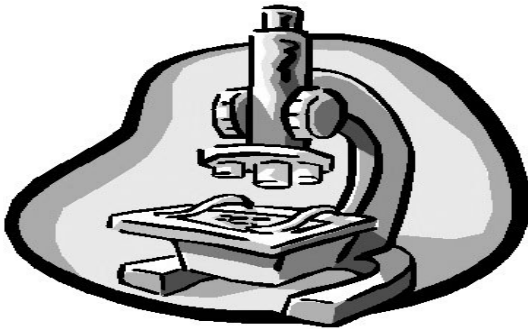
Writers such as Starbuck (1996 p.272) have suggested that people have difficulty in discarding obsolete ideas but that learning often cannot occur until after unlearning has occurred. Delahaye (2005) comments that it is only in the last few decades that unlearning has become a phenomenon worthy of consideration.

### Source of Knowledge: What they say about it

What is the source of knowledge? The complexity of how humans learn is illustrated in this excerpt from Plato's Meno (427?–347? B.C.):

I know, Meno, what you mean... You argue that a man cannot enquire (sic) either about that which he knows, or about that which he does not know; for if he knows, he has no need to enquire (sic); and if not, he cannot; for he does not know the very subject about which he is to enquire (sic). (1965, p. 16)

**Change is the Only constant You can rely Upon.**



**How students actually learn...**



"The literate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn" – Alvin Toffler



# ADULT LEARNING

## Pedagogy and Andragogy



- **Assumptions on which Andragogical Model is based:**

### [Adult Learner Theory] *Andragogical Model*



- Adults have a need to know why they should learn something. Benefits of learning and cost of not learning.
- Adults have a deep need to be self-directing.
- Adults have a greater volume and different quality of experience than youth.
- Adults become ready to learn when they experience in their life situation a need to know or be able to do in order to perform more effectively and more satisfyingly.
- One of the richest source of readiness to learn is the transition, people make when moving from one developmental stage to another. These are called “teachable moments”
- There are six such occasions. Which are these?



### **“teachable moments”**

- Beginning of the process of career planning.
- Acquiring competencies for the first job.
- Getting the first job.
- Getting oriented for the first job.

- Mastering competencies to perform better in the first job.
- When planning and preparing for the next jump.
- Adult enters a learning experience with a task centered (problem centered or life centered) orientation to learning.
- Adults are motivated to learn both by extrinsic and intrinsic motivators.



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GRAND  
MOTHER

Poems  
by



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GRAND  
FATHER

Our  
Grandchildren

You have always been right there for me

Right from the day I was born

I always knew you loved me

From the bottom of your heart

When I was small you'd pick me up

And put me on your shoulders

You always make my problems better  
& always comfort me

Your smile makes sun shine rise

The flowers bloom when you arrive

I am your moon you're my light

You're my shooting star, so bright

God made you a flower

Just like a beautiful angel

God made a wonderful grandma

Who never grew old and gave it to me

I may not see you every day

& may not talk to you

But I think of you &

Love you everyday

It's difficult to express in words

What I would like to say

There is a special place

In my heart & always will be

God made a wonderful Grandpa

A grandpa who never grew old

He made his smile of sunshine

God made my grandpa best

He made you nearly an angle

And He gave him to me

I love my grandpa



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# What Makes You Do What You Do

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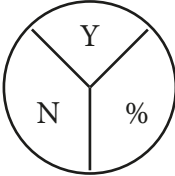


Never have I dealt with anything more difficult than my own soul, which sometimes helps me and sometimes opposes me.

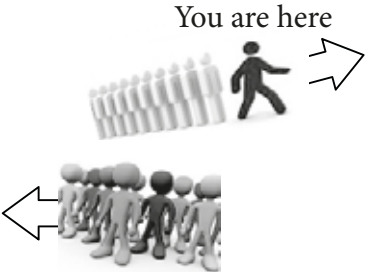
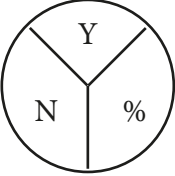
Imam Al-Ghazali

1. How does the title sound like? Simple, or mysterious, or really enthralling, taking you through a fascinating exercise of self-discovery. Or taking you through the intricacies of psychology of exhibited behavior. There are two parts of the following individual workshop on self-discovery-cum-self-improvement. An effort has been made to reduce the number of words and instead increase diagrammatic, pictorial and picturesque explanation.
  - a. **Part one**, deals with what makes you do, judging all by yourself through a hands-on help. A brief explanation of a type of decision-making (DM) prime mover is given. So be sure about the type and category of the DM. Do you fall in this category; fully, no not at all or partially? This step is followed by 'Yes, No' and an estimate by 'percentage (%)'; to help you award yourself. Next is the box, where you award yourself, Y or N or xx%. Life is not in shades of black and white, and it is neither fixed for good. That is the source of hope that men of prudence will ponder, amend and change. I do plan to run it as a workshop, as and when I get a chance to. May I mention for our new readers, that the author of this contribution is Chairperson and Head of Department of Management Sciences at HITEC University, Taxila. He is also a regular trainer and guest speaker at NIM Islamabad and Quetta. He has run training for the officers of NAB; and for the development of faculty at COMSATS, and HITEC University.
  - b. Part two and the last part, deals with how much the values set by leaders of mankind govern your DM and affect what you do. We will examine how much those values act as a reference line. He sent His prophets to teach us, what should be the basis of DM, and what would be the ideal way to act. Like previous part you will award yourself out of Y, N, and if none of these then a measured %. It will show the degree to which these values are deciding and motivating force in the DM.

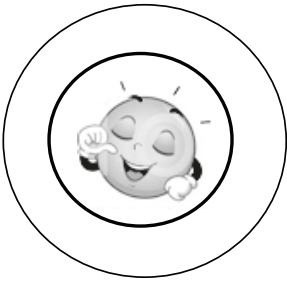
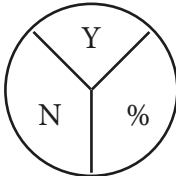
- 2. Part One: Seven Situations.** First six type-examples can be grouped under one sub-category while the last one forms another. It is not an exclusive list, however majority of decisions and major part of your life would be covered in these.
- a. ‘I do as the majority is doing. After all, all can not be crazy; there must be some extra-ordinary incentive ahead’.

	Yes, No or somewhere in between	Award yourself, either Y, N or assign most appropriate %; in the box below.
		


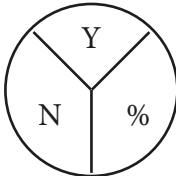
- b. ‘I hate to follow the crowd. I am not like them; I am not a commoner or among the street people. I follow the elite, or fly my way’.

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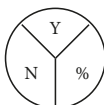
- c. ‘I am happy whatever and wherever I am. I have good wives, a comfortable house and two square meals. No issues and no worries. May Allah bless his soul, he left enough for me. I do not make waves. I thank my Allah five times a day. And he do not want to get into any trouble by following naughty and self-projecting ideas and the trouble seeking friends.’

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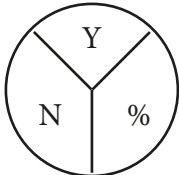
- d. 'No, way over my dead body. I will see how he/she/they:
- i. Get this marriage proposal through, or
  - ii. Buy this piece of land, which is our ancestral land, in fact; or
  - iii. Build a house next to mine. I will buy this plot whatever be the cost.
- How could I allow the killers of my father and brother to be my next door neighbor?'

	Yes, No or somewhere in between	Award yourself, either Y, N or assign most appropriate %; in the box below.
		

- e. 'I have great ideas. Usually I have superior and novel ideas, but do wait till some one or at least a few chosen show inclination and take a start. My spearheads are no less than two-star generals, and or out of celebrities, or my seniors; family big-wigs or at least party (political) or community leaders.'

 <p>You are here</p>	Yes, No or somewhere in between	Award yourself, either Y, N or assign most appropriate %; in the box below.
		

f. ‘How come these (two) are ahead of me? I will beat them any time; I have been winner all along, and second to none. Whatever it takes me to win the race...to richness, getting gold medal, to become chief, leader of the house, or... winning an auction. I have always made my critics to lick. Nothing succeeds like success. This world bows to winners and winner only. Discussion of right and wrong and rules is all bookish, Unhh!’

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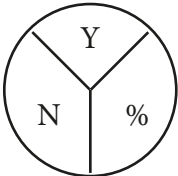
g. How do I decide what is **success**, or what was **being successful**? Here are three situations.

i. I got commissioned in the Army in 1968. I was a young captain when war broke out with India. I was at Comilla; escaped through Burma and reached West Pakistan, without being taken as a POW. War ended in one of the biggest military defeat. Fifty thousand laid their arms, and East Wing of the Country was lost. I got ‘A grades in all my courses, kept moving from good to better postings and topped it with better to best ACRs, later OER. War course qualified, I could have made two-star general easily, but for one three star in my Promotion Board.

ii. After retirement from Army I became the CEO of a production unit, in one of the Army-founded business houses. The factory was already down the hill, three and a half years later; about a year before the end of my tenure it was sold out half its real value. My rank had made me chief executive of a business unit, so I kept it first and foremost. My pay and monetary perks increased every year and on a growing scale. My last pay was almost double as compared to the one I had started with. My car also grew from 1200 to 1800 CC.

iii. God gave me a son and a daughter. Daughter led and joined Foreign Service after her CSS. I had to pursue her to get married to a leading

Pakistani-Australian businessman; son of a three-star general, and my course-mate. She is now an Australian citizen. Son became doctor through Army Medical College. Later he went for his specialization to UK. He is now a medical specialist at Heart Hospital, Harefield, London. He will be a British national, shortly.

a. Were you a successful army officer?	Yes, No or somewhere in between?	Award yourself, either Y, N or assign most appropriate %; in the box below.
b. Were you a successful business executive?		a.
c. Were you a successful father?		b.
		c.

3. **Part 2: Their Way.** This is the part, where universal and eternal values shaped and formed the ideal lane for conduct and exhibited behavior. These were the ways (*sunnah*) of His chosen men. They persistently came down to each and every people for good eight to nine centuries (10:47 Quran)<sup>1</sup>. They performed the role of a role model. Allowing us to choose out of the preferred way and the cursed way. God Almighty left it to us to pick either of the two. He was patient to see how His vice-regent behaves and exhibits. For His prophets, had since warned of bad ending and foretold of happy tidings. And last of His scripture was available to all, in its pure and original form (15:9). And Creator had made this life a test (67:2 & 76:2) to try us.
4. One could turn around and say, why and how could we act and behave like His chosen people. They were prophets; we are not. I respect your opinion and leave His books (2:213, 3:84-85 & 16:124) for you to decide for yourself (2:113). When He leaves the matter of judgment to the Day of Judgment, why should we be the managers of mankind. Even the prophets were to convey His message, clearly and vividly; only. He (himself) was the evaluator and the judge (2:210), to reward and award. Our job was to strive to our best (6:135). Here are just a few examples out of the conduct of the prophets of Islam. Let us see how much the *sunnah* (ways of prophets) has helped you do what you do?



The Quran discusses a certain conversation between an unrighteous ruler (Nimrud) and Abraham. The king who had ordered the building of the Tower of Babel. Nimrod became extremely arrogant due to his wealth and power, to the point that he made the claim that he possessed the power of creation. According to Romano-Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, Nimrod was a man who....set up a huge fire to burn Ibrahim for the later asked him to mend his ways (pbuh)<sup>2</sup>.

Have you, following this value to stand up and strive against an oppressor, unjust king or ruler ever stood up against a ruler, a PM, like Benjamin Netanyahu; a CM, your DG or CEO for the sake of collective good, putting your interests (even life) at peril?

Yes, No or  
some where in  
between?

Award yourself,  
either Y, N or  
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Moses led his people, told them what wrong they were doing and what should they do to mend their ways (2:54 Quran). According to the Book of Exodus, Moses was born in a time when his people, the Children of Israel, were increasing in numbers and the Egyptian Pharaoh was worried that they might ally with Egypt's enemies. After the Ten Plagues, Moses led the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt and across the Red Sea, after which they based themselves at Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments.<sup>3</sup> Following the same sunnah followers of last of His prophets had to migrate not once but twice. Muhammad (pbuh) could only convert about 130 people in three years; 610-612 CE<sup>4</sup>. Then he led his followers from Mecca to Madina Sep 622 CE<sup>5</sup>. Majority was never considered authority.

Have you, following this value tried to lead your people? Did you try to be president, prime-minister, chief minister or a public leader in any form? Did you teach, preach and motivate your community and lead your followers over long distances to practice and live by the way He wants? Recall exodus of 1947. Do you believe in numerical majority to be a certification for being right? Did your ancestors play a lead role?

Yes, No or  
some where in  
between?

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Last of His Prophet, did following without any dispute or controversy: a. Fought and led no less than seventeen battles. b. Married repeatedly, and to ladies who were far senior in age, widows or divorcees. c. Built and constructed mosques, and overviewed the construction of several; while none had a tomb and a minaret. d. Was head of a state, like Dawood (David) (pbuh) and Solomon (pbuh); for over eight years. e. Never in Islam there was any <i>sunni</i> or <i>shia</i> prophet; and you have read 6:159 Quran, too.		
Have any of above five examples out of the life of last prophet been able to Make you do What you Do?	Yes, No or some where in between?  <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	Award yourself, either Y, N or assign most appropriate %; in the box below.

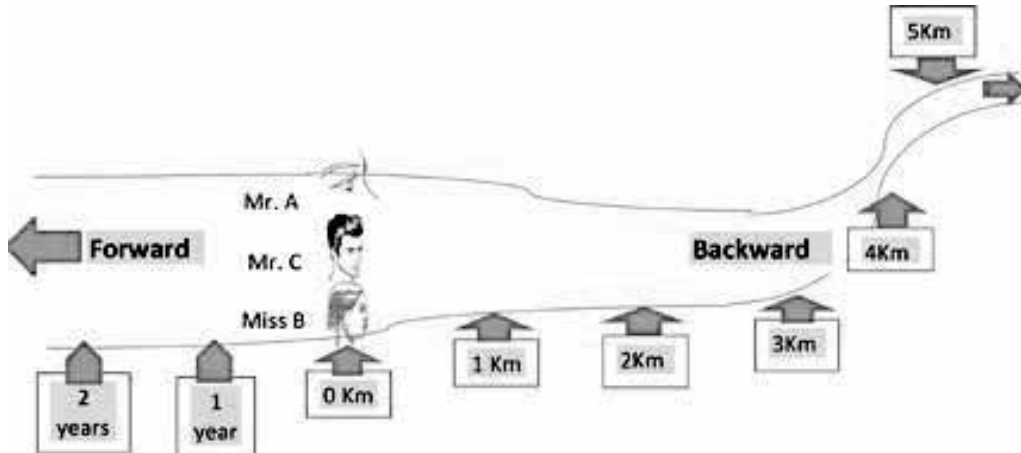
5. Conclusion. An article cannot fully replace an interactive workshop. As a reader you will have to go through this workshop all by yourself. I hope the crux and essence of the exercise on what makes you do what you decide and evaluate your success has come to a successful end. It should have met following objectives:
  - a. Discovering what actually matters in your life.
  - b. What are the major prime-movers and over-riding clauses in your day-to-day and long-term DM.
  - c. How successful were your successes for His world, countries and people?
  - d. Have you been improving and learning over your past life?, And
  - e. This exercise in introspect has been able to goad and restart the process of sifting bran from grain, hypocrisy from truth and taking you to a brighter and happier morning.
6. Enjoying your right of being wrong will help you grow; whatever be the age, social and statutory status. Select your values and value system.

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# What Do You See ?



## The Question?

Let us start with the question. While we were a child we used to ask a lot of questions. The life was an un-ending series of questions. Then we were much closer to the natural self; the way He had made us. And as the time passed, gradually we (the material X, Y, Z...N) turned out to be as acted upon by the parents, the society and the environments. And this process continued to shape us. Here is something very fundamental, either to agree with me or not to. To me, the change is perpetual, it is never ending; it is from Him, the Creator. It could be for better or worse, very slow; slow to very fast...of course choice rests with His viceroy. Do you know him? Many; a large majority may not agree out of tiredness, despair and for never exploring who they were....thus thinking to be and becoming their own god; the injured, wounded, handicapped, sick and 65 years old god. They think this is the best they could do, and that's it. They cannot improve nor do any better, now. And due to such inhibitions most of them even resist to grow. To them they had grown, and growth was a function of youth, therefore no more.

To me it all depends what you can see, and what is hidden, what you are blind to, oblivious and you think beyond you.

Are you ready to enjoy it? May this study help you to improve your eye-sight?

This diagram is one representation of an aspect of life. It is the diagrammatic, iconic

and symbolic model to do the experiment. It is to measure, what you see, how much can you see, and how deep and far can you see, whether, in the past or the future. There is a road marked with (kilometer) milestones. One arrow shows forward and the other backwards indicating the directions in life, while you stand at a pint. You have seen these things in past, and are familiar with. This road you have travelled in the past. Those at the 0 KM are looking backwards, and trying to see, what all they could, and how deep. It was at a, and for a fixed moment in time. It is not what they saw at different timings.

We all; the readers, are being represented by these three only.

I know by our age groups and other sub-classifications and parameters we could be put into two dozen of categories. And by number we could be 30 million or 300 million or 3 billion. Let us focus on the rule(s) and the principle(s) and the values, to be more benevolent in the life yet to be spent.

### The Past and Future

These three Mr. A, Ms. B and Mr. C when they turned their necks to future, they again saw very different from each other and to vastly varying depths in time. And one of them saw something new as well, never seen, devised and named before. Very much like, 'shirt', was never there, never named and used at one time, like, an 'aircraft', a 'laptop', a 'mouse', a 'remote sensor', a 'laser gun', an 'arterial stent', a 'synthetic heart valve' or a filter placed in veins to stop the blood clots. New things could be as small as a zipper, and as big as a new country. Please rest assure there was a time when there was no Pakistan, even the name never existed. Tomorrow will be a new day for those who can mend on yesterday, can see something new. Majority will be very happy and satisfied when they have to repeat yesterday, devoid of any new problem, new challenge and new troubles to face and find solutions(s) to...

### Answer to the Question

When all three standing at 0 Km were asked to report what do they see, and how far these things are, their replies were; same have been tabulated below.

Representative Person	What all is Seen	Seen up to which Distance
Mr. A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A cat crossing the road</li> <li>▶ A man carrying a tray full of food Rest the Road is all empty, there is nothing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ I do not know</li> <li>▶ 500 M</li> </ul>

Miss B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A dog, and ahead of it a puppy. There is no cat.</li> <li>➤ A bicycle rider, a young man in his mid-twenties or early thirties.</li> <li>➤ A rickshaw (cheng-chi) and a Hiace, later is over-taking the tri-cycle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Around 1 km</li> <li>➤ At a Km and a little plus.</li> <li>➤ 2 Km</li> </ul>
Mr. C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A bus, looks like a huge bus, or a long vehicle and a tractor with a trolley.</li> <li>➤ Five motor-cycles, two of them racing, looks like youngsters. The racers could create problem.</li> <li>➤ Four cars, three small, and one looks like a Prado or Land Cruiser.</li> <li>➤ 4 or 5 cycles, All looks like office going employees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Around 5 Km or a little over.</li> <li>➤ Between 4th and 3rd km.</li> <li>➤ Spread over between 3rd &amp; 1st km.</li> <li>➤ Around 1 km and may be closer.</li> </ul>

### A Concluding Summary

The exercise and the experiment or the imaginative case study can be summarized as under.

What some see, like a cat, others find it to be a dog. None could see a cat.

What one sees, no else finds it in life, e.g., only one spotted a man with a tray full of food. Others were blind to it, or it never fell in their priorities.

Some had no idea or perception of distance. They remained oblivious to it...and never bothered about multiple parameters of different things.

For some road of life was serene, no issues at all. Had no demands and no challenges. If they could have food, sleep well, and wrap them in right clothes for summers and winters; nothing else was required.

Some could see who was overtaking whom. How those over speeding could be menace. And therefore something was required to be done in advance.

There could be more conclusions, more inferences can be drawn. However, keeping the list short, let us turn towards future.

### Future

The future could be very interesting, adventurous and full of opportunities for some. These some are those who see a lot, much different than how their parents and people of previous generation saw. They look back not to repeat yesterday. And

of course there are those, who find the easiest, most proven and tested solution in yesterday. May I submit, after years of testing and collection of data, I found girls to be 80% of their mothers. I thought boys would be about 20% of their fathers; no my hypothesis was proven wrong; they were at best 10% of their fathers. Some were anti-fathers; about 2%.

### Conclusion

I have said almost all under this title, with relevant and partial conclusions at the end of each sub-head. May you see more, fog reduced, with all relevant parameters and helping to shape you a better future. Sure when I am made to face new questions and asked for clarifications and explanations, I will do better, yield better and deliver to be more benevolent.

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## Your Estimation - About You

Know Yourself

To know yourself, you will have to talk to your manufacturer.

Know Yourself

Do you believe you are the best of His creature?

Are you really!

Know Yourself

We were born alone & we will die alone. While on this planet we must accept & glorify our act of faith through other people.

Know Yourself

Don't use logic to find reasons for the mistakes you make again & again....

Have you reduced making mistakes; by not calling some of these, mistakes.

Know Yourself

Lucky are those who make mistakes....

A mistake is a ray of hope, when new!

Know Yourself

Arrogance attracts hatred and envy. Elegance arouses respect & love.

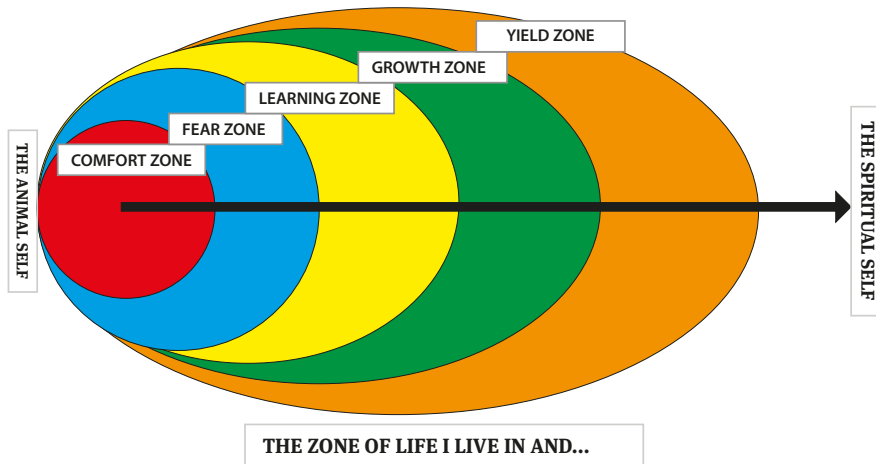
Know Yourself

**Whenever you estimate yourself, you underestimate yourself!**

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# LIFE: A REVIEW

- 1. General.** A few days ago a friend had sent a circular image showing life classified into some eccentric circles. Those circles were named by the zones. That labelled diagram became the seed for this article on Life. If one could find time to pause and review the zone, he or she has opted to live in and where others are living, and why, it would make a very interesting study. Here you find the whole inventory of zones I could develop. To start with, it may be an interesting question to learn and know where I am or our family is living as of now. Rest assure it is not going to be an easy exercise. Talk to your near and dear ones, discuss with them, what is the consensus like?

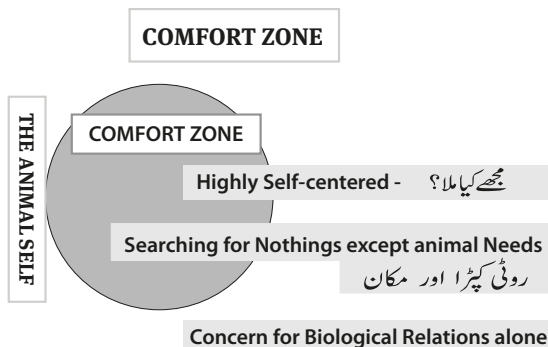


- 2.** Life had been addressed by me many times in the past. I had written about the topic, from different angles, windows and perspectives, as the years unfolded; and the sight could turn into vision. The process shall go on, as long as she can breathe. I will refer to all the previous articles and the brief write-ups in the References.
- 3. Comfort Zone.** Let us start with the zone, which is offering Comfort. (The one on extreme left in our scheme of progression.) It is next to my animal self. Now let me start by asking the manufacturer. How does He describe me by my chemistry, role and responsibilities? Here it is; 95:4-5. [Surely, We created man of the best stature. Then We reduced him to the lowest of the low.] O' My God, I could be one extreme to the other. From Animal Self, my biological being, the breathing, eating, sleeping, reproducing and dying, being to the 'best of stature'.



Confusing it is, isn't it? Looks like my deeds would decide my fate. We will try to unfold it as we progress. Some of course are living happily in their Comfort Zone. And are not ready to come out of it. They are happy gathering, collecting and piling for themselves and their blood relations [off-springs]. The slogan *roti, kapra aur makan*; may be an appropriate denotation. They are only concerned what they 'get'. Lesser the effort, shorter the way, minimal of risks, happier they are. They have to go nowhere; nothing pulls them. And let no one bother them.

4. **Fear Zone.** One may find the 'fear zone' by birth i.e., by default. And never knowing where they have been living for generations. Or maybe one finds it much later, accidentally or after exploring that there are other zones as well. The natural instinct of social mobility may help some dwellers to peep



outside and see those in Comfort Zone and a glimpse across the fear boundaries, on the opposite side. The residents of Fear Zone, lack confidence; lucky some of them know it too. However, biggest trouble comes from their perpetual fear. They fear all, either as enemies or at least the ones who are all set to take away their jobs, their possessions and all they have been able to earn and gather. Thus they feel very insecure. Hence locks of all types, sizes and categories are their mainstay. Health, happiness and safety lies in and rests in taking no risks.

- a. The foci of their success and failure, both lie in someone else and somewhere else. If they were successful, it was because of a good relative or friend or well-wisher.
- b. If they failed or continue to be poor it was because the father was poor, and never provided for their education and the rest. A stone hearted uncle could be another reason for not doing well.

So they stay smug and hug the fear tight. Let the stupid venture out!. Fear dwellers remember the stories of all who fell off the cliff, in pursuit of hiking; ones who drowned crossing the canal and the cousin who crashed to death in the plane heading for Dubai. Though he was advised not to go abroad. He was told to be contented with what God had given him here in the village. Some of the residents of fear zone try and edge out their head, turn back; seeing the competition and threats all around.

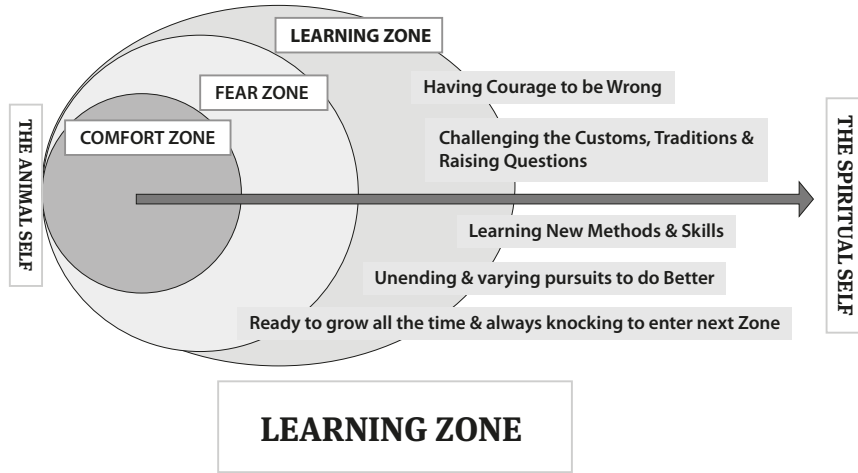
- 5. Learning Zone.** That is where relatively courageous people live. They dare make mistakes. They are brave enough to face a new day at the day break. They enjoy making new mistakes. They feel bored when they find all what they left last night was at the same place. They look for change. For them life is synonymous with change. They have a fair idea of something waiting for them in the distance, sometimes not that far. They are the ones who say welcome to new ideas, new objects, new artifacts, and look for new methods to do things. They can even dare ask who devised and made pressure cooker, and how it works. Their mothers, sisters and wives might laugh back but they don't. They can make new rules for the games being played for centuries. Only such minds



can discover more and more, as to have a remote control of the water tap or developing a device 'Pis-pis Door Handle'; whereby a door handle at a public entry i.e., a hospital would be disinfected automatically after every touch by the human hands. For such sky is also not the limit. For they represent Him and are His lieutenant in His universe. [2: 30. And when thy Lord said unto the angels: Lo! I am about to place a viceroy in the earth, they said: wilt Thou place therein one who will do harm therein and will shed blood, while we, we hymn Thy praise and sanctify Thee? He said: Surely I know that which ye know not.] They are always vibrant, and thus ready to jump to the Growth Zone.

- 6. Growth Zone.** This is almost a logical follow up in the life for those who dare learn; since they are the ones deemed to grow. They seek superior identities. They ask Him, who I am. He tells them, blows His spirit in them and thus they justify being best of His product. [95:4.].

They dream for a new world, much like Christopher Columbus and Tariq

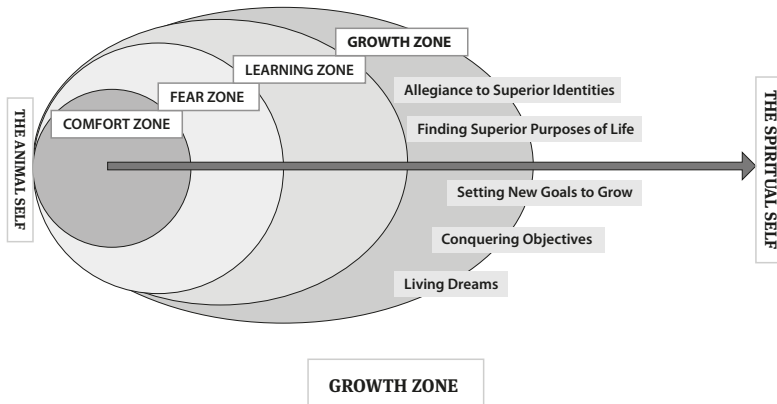


bin Ziyad did. They act and exhibit like Sultan Muhammad II. [Mehmet the Conqueror 1450, conquering Constantinople by launching offensive from land.]. People in Growth Zone never suffer from despair or depression. Never ever they commit suicides. They enjoy the inspiration of a new dream when they wake up every morning.

7. **Yield Zone.** I could reach to this Zone. Why cannot there be one beyond it. O' my Lord show me the way and the trail to reach and climb to the next Zone.

پرے ہے چرخ نیلی فام سے منزل مسلمان کی  
ستارے جس کی راہ ہوں وہ کارواں تو ہے

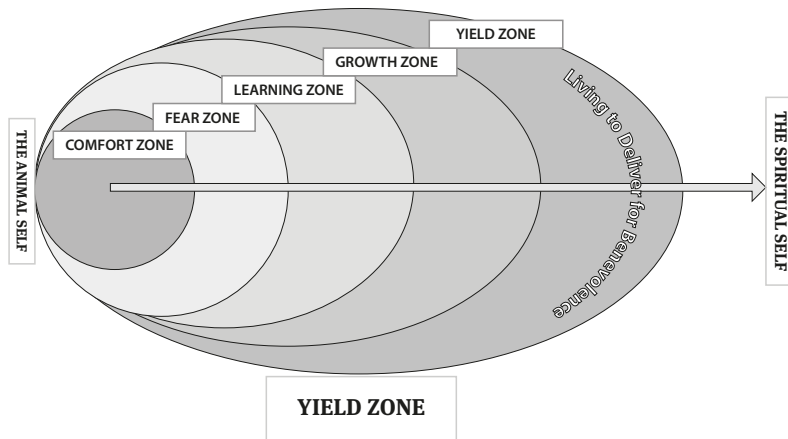
Such are a few, but always there around us. They live for the benevolence for the rest of His creatures. They come to yield, to deliver and to be benevolent; every day and every moment of their life. They simply 'give'; giving a little



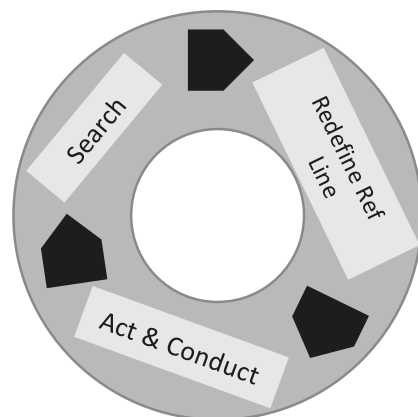
more than yesterday and a little better than yesterday. Look at the lifetime of Muhammad Ali Jinnah; he spearheaded the movement to create a new country introducing and then translating into reality a new definition of 'nation'. Can you follow Mother Teresa; fine Abdul Sattar Edhi was near home. There are others if the search is on the right lines. Mao led his people so did Yasser Arafat. Gird up your loins, start your today with the promise not to repeat the dull and drab like yesterday. Not by measuring what others did not do for me; but the opposite way. First give yourself a smile in the mirror, a broad one with shining



eyes; great now carry it on for rest of the world; especially those whom you find without it. It will give them a hope to start with.



- 8. A Probable Methodology to Conclude.** There must be a way forward for those, of course, who wish to move on and have hope to move on. Things move in a cycle, there is no victory and no defeat. One can take anything as a unit of measure. For some it could be a day, for others a week could be more workable. However, some may love to be growing with new idea or concept. These steps are of course for not those who wish to stay in Comfort Zone, or those who are only the breathing, eating and talking dead. Just three steps to follow; simple and each one comprising just one sentence. But before proceeding further,



please be clear how your manufacturer has described you. In essence know who you are.

**Part I.** Keep searching for the truth, the values, laws and the principles.

**Part II.** Keep measuring the distance or the deviation of your beliefs and conduct from the ever-improving reference line, drawn as a result of search, above.

**Part III.** Keep improving the exhibited behavior in the light of discrepancies, deviation and shortcomings measured as the result of the above exercise.

Enjoy this never ending cycle, as long as you are living.

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## "First Line"

First Line of defence is held by First line forces. First line forces fight First line enemy. If this is not the situation, then---

- Has First line forces been deceived and mislead?
- Has First line forces been degraded to lower levels?
- Has First line defence been diluted, ignored or abandoned? Or
- Has the responsibility of First line defence been shifted to other forces?

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# Paradox Pakistan Paradox



Pakistan was made when the first non-Muslim got converted in Indian sub-continent (Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah). First amongst the converts were the people from Jain religion. They were amongst most oppressed in Southern Sindh and first to come in contact with Muslims. Untouchables were the next to be touched by the superior civilianization. There are many non-Muslim writers, both European (Percival Spear) and Asians (Dr. B R Ambedkar) who have attributed the spread of Islam in South-east Asia to the superior universal values of Islam.

Equality of mankind (Quran 6:98), Oneness of Allah, concept of Him, being the owner of everything (property and life), being the life giver, being the ruler of all and the concept of death and accountability before Him after death and consequent reward in hereafter...? All those fundamentals were seen being practiced in the lives of conquerors from east (711-12) and three centuries later (10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Century) from north-east (Mahmud of Ghazni: 971-1030) and onwards.

Sufi, saints, waliullahs and pirs were another name for love of humanity, embracing all and sharing with all what they possessed and what existed on the surface of earth. All this led to two nations theory and Pakistan came into being as an ideological state by the parameters of political science.

Why contradictions and confusions prevail all around today? Why President of Pakistan can turn around on his head on firm promises in broad day light without a shame? Why a common Muslim-Pakistani finds him or herself deep down in paradoxes of all kinds? Have a look at the scale and enormity of these paradoxes. The list is not short.

- a. **All Embracing and All Loving.** We were all to be the sons and daughters of one pair (Quran 7: 189). We were the one not to differentiate amongst any of the prophets (Quran 2:136, 2:285, 3:84). But sunni do not marry shias. Many Muslims think Moses to be Jew and Jesus to be Christian. And Prince Charles come to Pakistan and lectures us on three great Ibrahimic religions! And all nod in acceptance and happily become a Mohammedan rather than a Muslim! And feel proud to stand shoulder to shoulder in equality with Jew and Christian brethren.
- b. **Muslim Ummah.** We were one Ummah (Quran 23:52). BNP says we have



nothing in common with Punjabis, Altaf Bhai says five nations live here. Mr. M K Achakzai (P M Kh) says four nations live here.

- c. **Foreign Elements and Nationals.** Only Uzbeks, Chechens and Arabs are considered and titled as unwanted, illegal foreigners, not the Americans. A few years ago, the illegal foreign nationals (Americans), occupying Jacobabad Airport refused to allow Gen Moien-ud Din Haider, the then Minister for Interior, to land.
- d. **Writ of the Government.** When an unidentified, RPV (remotely piloted vehicle) enters airspace of Pakistan, it is neither challenged nor shot down. When a Pakistani village or a house or a group of people are hit by a missile launched by US drone, writ of government is neither damaged nor its sovereignty undermined. Strangely enough no formation commander conference is called and no operation is launched against external, blatant, unabated aggression.
- e. **War on Terror.** There is no other country in the world which surpasses USA in killing unarmed, innocent civilians. The exercise to deploy, occupy foreign territories and to kill, on the basis of racism and economic interests started by America in 1775 (1775~1800 American Revolutionary War). It has aggravated and grown with every passing year. American illegal occupation forces killed 14 Filipinos for every one American killed during four years long drawn war (1899~1913 Philippine-American War). Killing of 240,000 innocent Japanese in 1945, just in one week, could be an old episode for some. Americans killed just 90,000 Vietnamese and dropped thousands of tons of de-foliage agents on the tropical jungles. Pictures of the bones of Vietnamese laid out on road and being crushed under US road rollers are available on internet. Current score of Iraqis killed is 600,000; and the game is not yet over. America is an occupation force in Afghanistan and it is killing and destroying that country. Its economy today has become narco-economy, opposite to what it was under Taliban rule. Pakistan is still an ally of America on war on terror. Laugh, if possible.
- f. **War: A Solution to the Problems.** All the analysts and wise people come on media to teach and preach that war is no solution to the problems. All parties must sit across the table for negotiations. Most of such exponents are America return and have read and known the lessons of history. America has found and practiced war as the solution to almost all problems. Since 1775, American armies are at war at some scale, in some part of the world. They have not rested their guns yet. Why not follow America, the world leaders and the superior civilization?
- g. **Respect for Democracy.** After a long wait, in the back drop of simmering FATA,

PATA and Swat; Pakistan National Assembly decided to meet and find the solution, at this epic decision-making body of the Nation. It was resolved, about three months ago, that all military operations would come to a halt (in Swat). There shall be no fighting and use of armed forces, all problems would be solved through parley. Nothing happened, neither government nor Army made any change in their approach. America was deeply worried and annoyed on such a move of peaceful negotiations. There appeared to be no political will, and all in line seemed to have resigned; necks hanging down bound for self-destruction.

- h. Assisting and Helping Pakistan.** There are series of American Congress bills and amendments (e.g., Pressler) which did their best to strangle the economic and social growth of Pakistan. Pak-US trade is amongst the lowest as compared with other countries. Yet it runs into deficit. US made sure we get loans from IMF, so as to keep a tight noose over Pakistan rather serving the purpose of our growth. Deferred F-16s and its payment issue is not an old one. *Baitullah Mahsud* has never been targeted by American weapons; even on the request of ISI. Similarly some of the wanted criminals are residing in Kabul. Weapons and equipment for militants in Pakistan come from Afghanistan and no where else. BLA is being trained by Indians and financed by USA. Chinese influence in Gawadar has been neutralized. After killing of Chinese engineers China is very quiet. Pakistan Army used to have two corps strength as reserves against India. After General Musharraf decided to take a U-turn on Afghan policy for prolonging his rule, we first ran out of reserves then we were asked to get deployed within the Country and now Pentagon sends out a letter of appreciation on each round of artillery fired on Pakistanis. US also start waving dollars in quick-fix aid the moment our gunship helicopters take off and our jets dive down to strafe at some target within the geographical boundaries of Pakistan. For sure it will get some kind of negative reaction from the people and Army will become further insecure, hated even more and get weakened and consumed in the process. The once beloved Pak Army is now being viewed as some kind of mercenary army fighting for dollars and better munitions.
- i. Disapproval and Annoyance.** Nek Muhammad was killed, the moment there was some kind of truce. Dambadola was hit, when Governor NWFP was on his way to sign some kind of peace documents. He (Gen Aurakzai) had no idea, while Gen Musharraf said we did it! Americans claim they did it (Pentagon Report 2006). Nizam-e-Adal Regulation of Swat was frowned upon for making peace. Any move which can let us consolidate or allow Pakistan armed forces to withdraw and permit them to look across the borders annoys USA. Why should America be happy to see any potential of resistance when it decides to upgrade

its war on Pakistan armed forces beyond drone attacks!

- j. **Unsound Joke.** Mr. Zardari threatens the world; if we fail you will all fail (Moot in Tokyo April 2009). You can not afford to fail. Therefore, he adds appeal to begging of money. Does it not look like an unsound joke? Who does he think is interested in the survival of Pakistan if he is leaning on its enemy!

It is time to conclude this effort, on paper. What to do with these paradoxes. Has final doom descended? Should I dig my head in sand and wait? My answer is no. We are Muslims first, therefore, not the quitters. We made Pakistan when we were having 8% of literacy rate and media was two Muslim press and thirty-five Hindu press (1940). Count on areas of strengths there are at least three, as of now. And pick up enough courage to tell Americans you are our enemy. We are not fighting with you but please leave us alone. We do not need your billions, you fire next drone and we will shoot at it. You be out of this Country and go and live and stay on American soil. We have a long list of our ailments, but it is we who have to wrestle with and mend our ways.

***Better Pakistan, April 28, 2004***

## The Message of the Day - 16 Dec

So what if it is the morning of 16th December.

Stand up. Search for superior identity. Better than the one you are now locked into. May it be a notch higher.

Get out of 'I', 'Me', 'Mine' and 'Ours'. Be a Muslim. Be owner of the world He, made you in-charge of. Be responsible for it, play your role, be benevolent; or better than the one, if you are already one. He gives you an opportunity to be His best product.

If it is too tough or beyond you; be a Pakistani.

Serve this Country. Develop a resolve. You do have a circle of influence and arena to play your role. Start giving better than yesterday, start yielding superior than yesterday. Remember and NEVER forget your allegiance to the superior identity.

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# *Sab Say Pehlay Pakistan*

First and Foremost is Pakistan i.e. the National Interests



**To:** Dr. Iqbal

اقبال کے نام:

Let me write back to Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal today. He had vision, objectivity and the ability to move and motivate a whole sub-continent, He, could goad, men like Muhammad All Jinnah into leadership and be his follower, later each remained proud to be each other's follower. Iqbal had the insight of a true philosopher. All and sundry acknowledge it. As a political thinker he could draw the parameters of an independent state as early as 1930. This was the end of the most troubled decades for the Muslims of India. Khilafat Movement had failed. Hindu extremist parties like Arya Samaj, S'hudhhi and Sanghthan were resurging. It was then; he proposed creation of an independent Muslim state or states going by the cannons of real politik. He wrote a great deal for us. Since he could write and I cannot. I have chosen a pearl out of many pearls of wisdom. It is one his poem titled ( وطنیت ). Why am I doing it? For he Dr. Iqbal, failed to make it clear what comes first. Or at least his message could not reach the government in Pakistan, in year 2001. Or may be the shock of fall of two buildings in New York was too strong for the memory of those in power. Somehow the identity was lost or if not completely, some serious damage was caused to the raison de etre. What, am I? First of all is it my ethnic grouping, racial discrimination, sect, division by language, or is it based on my being native or migrant. Sure one cannot write the way he did. So all I ask him is to review, revise and amend this poem. In his poem, as it follows below, he traced the dictates of 20th Century, on political thoughts leading to the notion of nationalism. Which in turn led to the political divide and the world witnessed the two World wars!

Dr. Iqbal please, do either of two.

**One:** Clarify to present leadership and men in government as to who we are? Pakistani first or Muslim first. Where lies our interests? And also educate and convince the leadership of PONM and MQM on the same issue. For they also need to know who they are.

**Two:** Change the title of this poem to Sub Say Pehlay Pakistan and make necessary changes in the contents. It is your poem and it is your country you make the changes. I cannot do it. Dr. Iqbal I am helpless. I am too weak in Urdu. I cannot make amendments to your poem. Please Dr. Iqbal, I beg you. Do either of two.

اس دور میں مے اور ہے جام اور ہے جم اور  
 ساقی نے بنا کی رویش لطف و ستم اور  
 مسلم نے بھی تعمیر کیا اپنا حرم اور  
 تہذیب کے آزر نے ترشوائے صنم اور  
 ان تازہ خداؤں میں بڑا سب سے وطن ہے  
 جو پیرہن اس کا ہے وہ مذہب کا کفن ہے

That is the beginning. Nationalism has been equated to birth and creation of new god. Tragedy is that Muslims have also reshaped and reconstructed their point of focus, which used to be *Kaaba*; and whatsoever is the paradigm of this modernity under new god i.e. nationalism, is the death wrapper of religion, the divined religion. He goes on to reveal and teach us:-

یہ بُت کہ تراشیدہ تہذیبِ نوی ہے غارت گرِ کاشانہء دینِ نبوی ہے

Nationalism is the product of modern civilization; and that this neo-god. In other words the narrow national interests are nothing but the death message for the religion of prophets.

بازو ترا توحید کی قوّ سے قوی ہے اسلام ترا دیس ہے، تو مصطفوی ہے

You, Muslim, draw all the strength from oneness of God (Allah), the real concept of Allah. This was and is the focal point of your strength. The name of your country is 'Islam' Lo, you are Mustafwi, the follower of last prophet. Islam is your first and Islam is your last.

ہو قید مقامی تو نتیجہ ہے تباہی رہ بحر میں آزادِ وطن صورتِ ماہی

If you are locked up in geographical boundaries, or parochialism or racial bondages then you are destined to doom. Do not be divided in these physical parameters. Live in the ocean: enjoy the barrier less country like a fish does.

ہے ترکِ وطن سُنّتِ محبوبِ الہی دے تو بھی نبوت کی صداقت پہ گواہی

Migration or hijrah for the cause of Islam is the practice of prophets. Why cannot you follow and exhibit this tradition. Standby the truth of prophet-hood by your deeds.

نظارہء دیرینہ زمانے کو دکھا دے اے مصطفویٰ خاک میں اس بُت کو ملا دے

Let the old story be repeated. Smash this god of nationalism.

گفتارِ سیاست میں وطن اور ہی کچھ ہے ارشادِ نبوت میں وطن اور ہی کچھ ہے

By the tenants of politics, country means, different than the meanings it carry in the teachings of prophet. By the teaching of prophet of Allah country means, 'Da'ras-salam and outside Da'ras-salam is Dar-ul-Kufar.

The cut-throat competition amongst the nations is due to this (nationalism). The whole fight in trade and commerce is also due to this.

Our politics is devoid of truth and virtue due to this reason (nationalist approach).

خالی ہے صداقت سے سیاست تو اسی سے کمزور کا گھر ہوتا ہے غارت تو اسی سے

اقوام میں مخلوق خدا بُتی ہے اس سے  
قومیت اسلام کے جڑ کٹتی ہے اس سے

And behold poor and weak gets annihilated because of Ibis.

اقوام جہاں ہے رقابت تو اسی سے تسخیر ہے مقصود تجارت تو اسی سے

The division and dissensions amongst the mankind are due to this. And the very foundation of Muslimhood and universal nationhood is undermined due to this.

Last three verses highlight the curse of nationalism. And who would disagree as to what was the most significant cause of WW I & II. Was not Adolf Hitler the great exponent of nationalism? And what is motivating Sharon to annihilate Palestinians today. It also explains why Bush is found on killing spree in Iraq and Afghanistan. France and Britain remained at war against each other for hundred years. Should

my vision be as myopic as my immediate interests? Can a Muslim be alien and unwanted in *daras-salam*? A Muslim should be at home in His universe, unless his or her activities are injurious to the teachings of Islam. Can I let America attack Afghanistan and Iran from Muslim soil? May people with prudence and vision today identify the right identity for themselves. And I also pray that they place you Dr. Iqbal, in the rightful place. May they not in their blind rout degrade you also. O' Allah may they not.

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## Men in Blue

Death is inevitable. Allah Almighty addressing the last prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) in sura 21, ayaat 34-35 said, none out of mankind has been given eternal life, before you. Therefore you will also not get it. And every living thing shall taste the fruit of death.

There will be as many deaths as are the living creatures. Dying, therefore, is not a big deal. And more so when we (Muslims) believe the moment of death is in His hands. It is His job, fixing moment of death and a place of death, the moment, who created us.

It is hardly of any significance to Him, who dies, when and where. Since all His creators have to perish. Yes, it is of utmost importance and of prime significance as to what one believes and what are the deeds as long as one lives. The direction you choose and the amount of struggle you put in, is all in your hand, neither the result nor the number of the days for which you live.

You all, who found their moments of truth in the blue skies we salute you. You wore blue to the end. Thus you all proved your allegiance to your tasks, your jobs, and your roles to the end. You touched the wire running at full with chests open, eyes focused on dials and hand on knobs and instruments. You all preferred to die in perfect formation of your leader ahead. He could not have left you on this mission? He led you from the front.

You have done us great. You are our heroes. May God bless you, May God bestow His special mercy on you. O you men in blue.



# Saneha Rawalpindi

The Rawalpindi Incident

Nov 15, 2013

## SOME QUESTIONS TO PONDER AND ANSWER

1.	Did the last prophet design, write and put into practice successfully a constitution for co-existence in a state, comprising Jews, Christians and Muslims? In this new state of Madina (old Yathrib), Jews were in majority and Muslims in minority. Ref: Al Raheeq al Makhtum, p263.	Y
Q. Have you done it, plan to do so, or any one in your family or friends who has done or has any such plans in future?		
2.	The last Prophet fought seventeen (or twenty-one) battles in person. And he planned more than three scores of punitive expeditions and battles. Ref Kitab al Mughazi, Vol II, Sahih Bukhari.	Y
Q. Any one of you, any family member or any such community or group or tradition to report or cite?		
3.	Was Prophet David a King, was his son Prophet Suleman a King and did Last of Prophets rule a state for ten years?	Y
Q. Any one who has heard of or read about this practice of the prophets to be followed?		
4.	Did the Last Prophet write about eight letters, addressed to the heads of states? Ref: Al Raheeq al Makhtum, pp 476-493.	Y
Q. Any one who has done it, heard from imam masjid to follow it as suunah? Or any reference to it, as <i>muakkada</i> or <i>ghair muakkada</i> ?		
5.	Did last Prophet marry daughter of his closest friend and companion; age difference about one and a half year between the friends.	Y
Q. Any son-in-law here with such age difference with his father-in-law? Or any father-in-law here? Any culture in Pakistan or family following this practice?		
6.	All prophets of Allah, covering a span of about 8, 500 to 9,000 years from different countries areas and cultures had one name. Ref: Al Raheeq al Makhtum, p75.	Y
Q. Anyone here with one name? Any such custom, tradition or practice to boast, report or quote?		

7.	Last Prophet married a lady fifteen years senior to him and a widow twice, of two pagan husbands.	Y
Q. Anyone who having heard and read it, tried to follow it? What percentage is following it?		
8.	The Last of His prophets married two of his daughters to the sons of his uncle (Abu Lahab); both, Utba and Utaiba were non-Muslims. Ref: Ref: Al Raheeq al Makhtum, p123.	Y
Q. How many of you knew this? How many follow it? What percentage of population inter-marries like this?		
9.	Last prophet wore two loose pieces of cloths (chaadar, tehmand or dhoti), most part of his life. He wore a collarless <i>kurta</i> also. On return from Iran he picked up liking for pajama also. Ref: bab 455-463, <i>Kitab al Libas</i> , Vol III, <i>Sahih Bukhari</i> . <i>Al Raheeq al Makhtum</i> , p95.	Y
Q. What percentage of Muslims of KPK follow it? What percentage of residents of Agra and Lucknow follow it?		
10.	Prophet Ibrahim, Shoaib, Saleh, Lut, Jacob and last of Prophet's, travelled widely across countries, both for business and serving people to improve their lives; for His sake.	Y
Q. Anyone here who practices it? What percentage of people follows it here in Pakistan?		
11.	Prophet, Muhammad, darood-o-salam; built nine houses in his life time. All were single-room houses.	Y
Q. Any one who loves it?		
12.	For every Friday congregation there was one Azaan. Whenever there was rain or extra cold, words of Azaan were amended, asking people to offer prayers at their homes. (Ref bab 431, <i>Kitab al Azan</i> , Vol I, <i>Sahih Bukhari</i> )	Y
Q. Any follower of this practice? Anyone who can quote or narrate the observance of this practice?		
13.	The number of mosques gradually grew to nine, in the life span of the Last Prophet. None had a tomb or a minaret. And none had a separate room or any segregation for the ladies.	Y
Q. Have you heard, read about or seen any such masjid in present times?		

14.	Last Prophet, when heard about the death of Najashi, King of Habsha; asked his companions to form up for last prayers i.e. funeral prayers “for your brother”, he was a Christian. And Prophet offered his funeral prayers. (Ref: Narrator Abu Hurara, Tirmizi)	Y
Q. Any such example of the Prophet’s ‘followers’ to quote or narrate? Any evidence in love of this...		
15.	The last of His Prophet was neither Sunni nor Shia. And so were all His prophets.	Y
<p>And you MUST violate it!</p> <p>HOW MUCH WE LOVE MUHAMMAD, darood o salam! And may we know and realize our conflicts and hypocrisies.</p> <p>And may we know, learn and set out what we should do next?</p>		

Your Name, please: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Friend and Foe

Where do we stand, and in which direction we are moving to in the inter-state and international relations? Can we re-look and re-evaluate and re-assess; especially the conflicts. Sure we can. Who is whose enemy and why and for how long? Were they enemies always? Are they still enemies, or have they become friends? If so why and since how long? How could they do that? What Islam has to do anything in international conflicts? Of course Islam means His deen, by His lexicon. The other name for Islam could be Abrahamic religions; 2:130-132 Quran. Were Jews and Christians shocked! May another horror and shock await you; read 2:62, and if that was not enough read 3:84. What role religions have played in inter-state and governmental relations? Or did religions had to do anything in this game.

West Pakistan



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# One Nation Two Countries

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This article is in the fond memory of Honorable Minister of state Mr. Mahmud Ali, May Allah rest his soul in peace. He is no more with the living Pakistanis. He departed from this world couple of days ago.

The occasion was a reception organised in the honour of delegation from Bangladesh. Hon. Mahmud Ali, a veteran and unique breed Pakistani was very bold, very brave and therefore looked most beautiful. He was the second speaker after Mr. Zahid Malik in the evening of 8th June 2003. Mr. Malik is President Council for Nazriya-e-Pakistan, and the aforesaid Council arranged this reception. He was both, man behind the gun as well as leading the show from the front. The third speaker was the chief guest and the head of the delegation from Bangladesh, Mr. Anwer Zahid. Mr. Zahid was ex Minister of Information of Bangladesh. He is currently chief executive officer of Inqilab TV. Amongst the invitees were many big names, many heavy weights and towering personalities. I could mention about a dozen but will mention only two over here. One was Mujahid-e-Awwal, Sardar Abdul Qayyum and the second Lieutenant General Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan, retired. By their type and category they would belie the line of thrust and the focus of the congregation.

Mr. Zahid Malik began with the welcoming words. He presented his thoughts in well-blended mix of acrimonious history of seventies. He followed it up with the praises for the strides made in the field of economy, trade and commerce. He eulogized the upholding of national pride and a discernable national identity. Bangladesh had never let the Indian hegemony to over shadow the sovereignty of Bangladesh against the fears of many in Pakistan. About the past he only wished it had not happened. He wanted to get over with it by calling it a bad patch. The apology for the excesses was forth coming. And to cap his ideas, good wishes and prayers were in abundance for the Pakistan-Bangladesh fraternity. The language he used pleased almost all.

Mahmud Ali though in his advanced stage of the physical age roared with conviction and in razor sharp words. He welcomed wholeheartedly the members of delegation from East Pakistan. He reiterated and dwelt emphatically that Bengalis wanted, created and stood for Pakistan. 1946, when they were asked to vote for their choice; 97 % of them voted for Pakistan. In 1971 did someone ever ask their opinion - None. Therefore, creation of Bangladesh was never an authenticated, popular demand, verified through democratic norms. To him will of majority was always for Pakistan. Bangladesh was never created but forced through the power of the gun. Mahmud

Ali categorically said, 'I do not accept this situation.' We are Pakistanis and belong to one nation. He was never apologetic about the events of 1970-71. He summarized the situation in the phrase, One Nation Two Countries.

Mr. Zahid, the leader of the delegation was most eloquent and most impressive both in his form and content. He was heard in pin drop silence. He was very clear in his standpoint. He referred to 1971 as the year of war of independence. He was proud to have won it. He described the role of India as a destroyer of Pakistan and not as a creator of Bangladesh. He said India only dismembered Pakistan. And it was done for no love of right of self-determination of Bengalis. Many examples were quoted from the recent history. India supported Russian occupation of Afghanistan in 1980s; India supported Vietnam's hegemony over Kampuchea. India has never supported right of self-determination of Kashmiris, that of Nagas, Mesorams, Assamis and those of south Indians. Mr. Zahid took pains to elaborate as to who were their neighbors? He described Tripurans, Assamis, Mesorams and Nagas as their neighbors. They supported Bangladesh in their struggle for independence, while India was only interested in the truncation of Pakistan. He said it was a dilemma for Bangladesh to choose the right set of neighbors, while India always demands that Bangladesh should be obliged for winning them over the independence. Leader of the delegation spoke with clear vision and better understanding of the obtaining realities. He expressed that people of Bangladesh have love and respect for the people of Pakistan. There is no past hatred. They wish to come close, as two equals, sovereign people of two brotherly countries. In concrete terms, Bangladesh would like the Pakistani entrepreneur to invest there. We would like to see the trade and commerce to flourish with Pakistan rather than with big brother India. We would hate to be the dumping grounds of Indian goods. The chief guest expressed his deep desire for cooperation and mutual support in the field of defence as well. He was at his peak when he said our problems are same, our aspirations are same and our enemy is common.

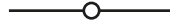
Those who profess to be one nation will have to wrestle with some complex and kinky questions.

One, have the people of Bangladesh ever protested against the forced dismemberment of Pakistan? If not why?

Second, Awami League of Mujibur Rahman was the winner of 1970's election. Mujib had all the right to be the prime-minister of Pakistan, which was denied to him. Will the real politic now bear with and allow confederation of any sort?

Third, India has successfully manipulated SAARC to suit her regional objectives to the detriment of those of Pakistan. Will she let the erstwhile enemies to join hands and be strong again? And stand together against India? Will it be possible as long

as India is as strong as it was in 1971 or as it is now in comparison to its western and eastern neighbor?



## Do We Remember

We apologize to Allah of Adam and Muhammad (Peace be upon them) and we owe apologies to Allah of Moses and Jesus Who commands Muslims as one nation, since leaders profess in West Pakistan First.

We owe apologies to those who assembled in 1906 at Dhaka to establish All India Muslim League to politically unite Muslims of India. We owe apologies to those who assembled 1930 at Allahbad and conceived to unite Muslim majority areas of sub-continent into one country.

We owe apology to those who assembled in 1940 at Lahore and resolved to unite Muslim majority areas of India to form independent Muslim states. We owe apologies to Quaid-i-Azam and his great warriors of struggle for freedom to have neglected nation building and throwing away half of the country.

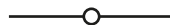
Do we remember the vivisection of Pakistan? Do we remember the shameful defeat of 1971 on December 16? Do our armed forces remember the shameful surrender on that very date? Are we mindful of our narrowest of narrow interpretations of Islam and its tragic consequences?

Are we mindful of the damage to the interests of Pakistan due to our parochialism and nepotism?

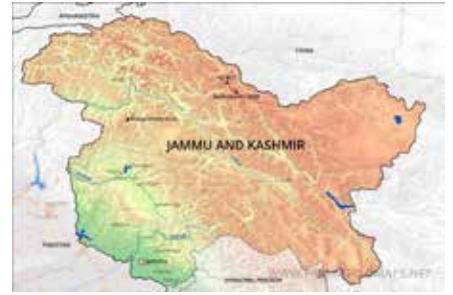
Let us remember this day of great tragedy and resolve to:-

- Be a Muslim first.
- Drop all practices, which are damaging; the country left out of Pakistan.
- Think collectively and work hard to build Pakistan.

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# Road Map: Kashmir



It is with reference to letter published on 7<sup>th</sup> May under the title “change hearts”. The afore-said letter ended with one possible change and that was some kind of road map on Kashmir finalized by the Bush administration.

Many of our columnist and analysts are expressing hopes of a genuine concern by the USA for a settlement of Kashmir issue! Well they might be right. Somehow I find them ready to be bailed once more, to be bitten once more and to be betrayed once more.

Let me put across a rather brave exercise, on the analysis of envisaged road map.

First: this will not be based on the superior values of equality of people and nations.

This will not be based on the euphoric charter of UNO.

Second: this road map will not be based on the UN resolution of Jan 1948. The ground realities have changed. The biggest change is manifested by the Uni-polar world.

Third: this road map will cater for Indian interest more than that of Pakistan. People of Kashmir would play the last fiddle. They would be asked to feel happy with whatsoever is coming their way. Just see how American might have liberated the people of Iraq. And how satisfied should they be today with marine boots on their bottom.

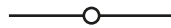
Fourth: this road map will suit the American interests at first place. What could be those interests?

- a. Never let these two countries, India and Pakistan, of the American hook. Both must keep looking and seeking the appeasement of the only super power.
- b. Ensure us at presence at the common back of possible rivals , China and Russia.
- c. Tame the nuclear capabilities of Pakistan. Remote sensing, vigilance and monitoring as well as intervention, if need be, will be far easier from close quarters.
- d. Afghanistan has not proven a very palatable occupation so far. The same objectives can be achieved by the presence or with the assistance of a more dependent and docile Kashmir and Kashmiris. Kashmir should be able to afford better Karzai stuff, if need be.
- e. With these geo-political objectives and goals the envisaged road map may turn out to yield at the end of the tunnel and independent Kashmir; or two or more divisions with one as independent.



There are many questions still unanswered. One, to what extent will India resist an independent Kashmir? Will India be happy if Azad Kashmir and Northern Areas are turned independent and rest of Kashmir made real *Atoot Ang*. Two, to what extent will Pakistan resist such an arrangement? Will the regional forces i.e., Russia and China resist division of Kashmir if America has to continue its presence in any form or in any part of Kashmir?

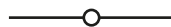
A quail has made a nest in grapevine in our home, and it has three chicks as well. You may like to capture the scene in your camera.



## Mission vs. Vision

It is a continual debate and discussion at a number of fora and board meetings. May these be business houses, public and private sector bodies and academic council meetings, all tend to debate, and muddle the meanings and implications of mission and vision. The literary and dictionary meanings are clear to many, however, things get hazy and shadowed when it comes down to writing these down. More often than not the finalization is left to senior's choice and issue closes on a subjective note. Here is an effort to distinguish and draw lines for an objective approach and handling, in future.

Mission	Vision
It is short term	Long term, and ever green
Present and measurable in operational terms	Long term and Futuristic
Narrow/Broad	Broad
Changeable	Near permanent
Guiding and controlling	Massively inspiring
Specific	Overarching





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## When Saddam When ?

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The war started in the small hours of March 20, 2003 by the terms of reference of Bush. Well you were always at war for last years. When enemy fighter jets in your air space picking out assorted ground targets, aren't you at war? When your country is divided into fly zones and no fly zone, aren't you at war? When UN inspectors, 21<sup>st</sup> century name for spies, search your closets and count your weapons and rounds of ammunition to report to your enemy, aren't you at war? When your Al-samood missile are dragged out of igloos and driven to division sites, only days before Bush's ultimatum, are you still at peace?

Then came the countdown of 48 hours. And you were still waiting. Waiting for What? Waiting for that particular bomb shrapnel which is destined for your head. When you will react Saddam? Will you be more effective after having been bettered and pestered by tomahawks and cruise missile or now? Now. Hit with whatever you have. Life lies behind risk and sacrifice. Hit now.

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### **Saddam and WMD**

August 1945, American president Truman used MWD on this planet for the first time. Not one but two, motivated by the destruction caused by the first. It was in retaliation to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor, we know, is not on main land America and look where they are today; how close to Baghdad. What do they deserve?

By American media, both electronic and print, they have 10,000 plus WMD. It was US who provided Iraq with chemical weapons for its war against Iran. Since killing Iranians was no sin and suited American interests. Who has WMD and who does not have is a matter of coinciding of interests, other related factors and the timings of the wrath of boss. The world can find these with Pakistan, Korea, Iran, China, or.... When the boss wishes the world to see that way. And then boss will come running to punish what an unequal world!

American's unjust, brutal, savage, impetuous and berserk behavior is a matter of proven history. The question is who will save the world, who will hold his hand, who will check this naked force and when?

Some analysts fear even France, Germany and Russia may succumb and settle down into some; sort of easy or uneasy groove on economic convenience. UN, that talking shop for the third world representatives may carry on for some time, say a decade. Saddam you are on the anvil now. They are breathing down your neck now. Where is your air force, where are the chemical weapons?

If Baghdad has to fall once more after 1258, I expect you to stand like the Tipu of Sirangapattam. He was on his horse back in 1799, you be with your WMD. Come on Saddam let it be another 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram.

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### **Why did they attack?**

There are many, many angles to ponder, reflect and understand from the ongoing Anglo-American aggression on Iraq. The space and format of letter does not allow one to express comprehensively but in bits and pieces.

One question is why the Anglo-American axis attacked Iraq? The answer is a list of multiple objectives:

- To stall and arrest the emergence of parallel centers of power in the world.
- To strangle the health indicators of fast growing of economic of Germany, France and Russia. Russian economy, of course, does not fall in the aforesaid group.
- To occupy a strategically located country in the Middle East. From here American military directions.
- To benefit from the consume oil reserves of oil-rich Iraq while it will help conserve own mineral oil deposits.
- To kill the weakest and with much ferocity thereby sending strong message of deterrence to all and sundry.
- To keep the war machine warm, well-oiled and its cutting edges sharp.

Rest all that you hear from the specimens of superior civilization are superior lies.

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### **Capture of Saddam**

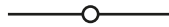
Man is mortal. All are created to perish but some are destined to leave behind their indelible accomplishments for times to come. Current history is marked by five events. First, demise of Soviet Union; second attack on twin buildings and pan of Pentagon in America, third by American's attack of defenseless Afghanistan, after the defiant and principled stand by Mullah Omar; fourth, American attack of Iraq in

blatant violation of UN's and now fifth, capture of Saddam Hussein.

Saddam you were a proud symbol of resistance to the international and no-holds barred terrorism of Mr. Bush. And he was fully aided by Mr. Blair. The two spearhead and exponents of western civilization.

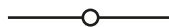
Never give in. Life isn't what Bush knows; it is, as Imam Hussain knew it. We Pakistanis, less the military part of government, wish you an honorable death. May you not live like Yahya Khan. May you live like Tipu Sultan, Uday, Qusay and your grandson, young Mustafa.

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## Learn from History

- I will have to refer to my letter published on December 29 in these columns. The contents of the letter have generated considerable response. Thanks are due to all sharing criticism, appreciation and partial reinforcement. I must make a mention of the e-mail from Bhopal, India.
- The point of focus was to learn from history. Eyes closed and minds bigoted history cannot help native. History cannot help when point of focus is self sustenance only.
- Past, present and future is a continuum. Musharraf might be ready, Vajpayee is not prepared to shed the past. History helps you generalize and identify values. Stand for these values. Only the brave stand for values and only right education makes you brave. And brave is the one who with reference to contest is ready for sacrifice for the values adhered to.
- Hitler, Bushes (both senior and junior) Mussolini, Nero, Javed Iqbal (killer of 100 children) and General Dyer all are names for us to derive and deduce values. They will keep appearing in history.
- There will be a Muhammad Ali in every street of the villages, towns and cities of Pakistan. However, there was one Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He is renowned and remain known for he stood for values. Kashmir is not a territorial issue.





# 16<sup>th</sup> December! Once Again



Officers, in other words, the leadership of Pakistan Army keep counting their performance in the grades they get, the type of courses they do and high prestige attached to the appointments held. In praise of new Chief of Army Staff (COAS) one said the only 'A' in war course. All individual gains. There are some who count on the medals their unit got in SAF games or Asian games. Yet there are some who count the number of Shaheeds (martyr) his or their unit has. There are some who boast the money their unit made while on UN duties, some money earned from the welfare projects. None recalls or count on the enemy killed, area conquered, weapons destroyed and the number of enemy attacks repulsed. Well, there is a minority, who boast of fixing and straightening the civilians and the politicians. Along with such achievements they also speak loudly of setting the civil departments right.

1971 was a military defeat. If there is any hope of revenge, it can only accrue out of the cognition of 'defeat'. The defeat had many a contributing factor. Writers like Dr. Safdar have done a great deal of work. Of course Hamood ur Rehman Commission Report is a dedicated work for the very purpose. That was thirty-six years ago. Have we Pakistanis as a nation consolidated the reasons of military defeat or political failure, whatever we want to call it. For army men, generally dump it as political defeat. We could have crystallized by now answers to some of the following, very fundamental questions: -

- Q-1. What was the genesis of our nationhood?
- Q-2. What is the genesis of Bengali nationhood?
- Q-3. How can we compare and draw parables amongst Muslim nationhood (*ummah*), Pakistani nationhood and Bengali nationhood?
- Q-4. If we broke once, what are the chances of our breaking again?
- Q-5. Do we, Pakistani really wish to stay and exist as Pakistanis?  
Can we priorities our options, or there is no other option?
- Q-6. If we wish to exist as Pakistanis what all we MUST do and what all we MUST NOT do.
- Q-7. Where has the last eight years of dictatorship taken us to, as a nation and as a Country?

Half of these questions demand writing of books. However, more than books we

need to hammer out a consensus on the reasons and more than that crystallizing the way out or way forward. It is of utmost importance is to act with prudence and to continue living as a nation.

Involvement of army in running the government can create funny and very deceptive images to the common man. Let me collect and present a collage of attractive pictures:

- a. The day Army takes over the services of govt., run railways, road transport and departments like Post Office; everything seems to improve. Common man finds many things happening in time and more efficiently.
- b. The traffic police become active. They are seen in far greater number on the roads and discharging their duties more dutifully. Many drivers, otherwise could not careless of police become more disciplined. They start looking for red light signals and become more sober and responsible. This leaves an overall good impression on every body's mind. Praise for the Army becomes due. They are praised for the Army's way of life, the good order and discipline they can enforce.
- c. Common man finds bureaucrats attending to public for longer time and with greater interest. And this obviously results into expeditious settlement of their problems. And there one can hear the thanks giving of an old lady or an old man for the Army to be and to stay in power. They are also heard praying to Allah 'O Allah keep the Musharraf's shadow on our head may he always be our president.
- d. Common man finds more cleanliness as the municipality gears up out of fear. The road contractor completes the long outstanding portion of the road. The observer the beneficiary is then compelled from the core of his heart to praise Army and wish for the continuation of Army rule.
- e. Yet another benefit is the cheap bakeries and confectioneries. Each cantonment, however, many are hardly pure cantonments; offer one or two good bakeries. These are run by 'good' army units. These are relatively cheap, though low on quality and variety. And such products and services rendered by Army are considered to be relatively through more honest hands, therefore more valuable.
- f. And the last one here, part of this script is the defence housing societies. Ironically word 'Defence' rather than fight against and resistance against enemy has become synonymous to a posh housing society. All the beneficiaries are, both proud to live there and look forward to uniformed authorities for ever improving facilities and safety and security. Those who have yet to enter are equally, rather more keen, to join the quality living and the business bonanza set up by people in uniform.

Bravo bravo! All praises. In operational terms, as of immediate results and irrespective of what damages are caused to the army's own role; it is all very flowery. Should I also join the well wishers of Army rule for I have got a plot in each of the defence housing societies! Yes, while forgetting that I was part of the Army who lost half of Pakistan. Why haven't I been cut to half? What has happened in last eight years? Let us have a fresh look, this time from a different window. We do not need any chronological order.

- Air force and artillery has been extensively used within the borders. Killing extremists effectively. Who is suffering?
- President Rafique Ahmed Tarrar sent forcefully back home. Great, he never resigned. One man picked up and made the Prime Minister. Mr. Jamali, knew well whose lieutenant he was. Never he found himself responsible to the people, nor people ever gave a second thought to his being booted out. He was brought in and sent out by whom? By the armed lawlessness. Who suffered? Another man asked to get ready and be prime minister for forty five days. He obeyed and discharged his duties. Who made a robot out of him the brute force but the supremacy of constitution and law? Who was the sufferer? Next man selected and then made to be elected. It was ruthless disregard to democracy, rules, laws and respect for the people. Flouting of rules and lawlessness was on the increase, all the time. It was both vulgar and machinated use of G-3 (the rifle), since all the time, there was a puppet parliament in place.

There were only one or two odd voices of dissidence and exhibition of moral character, in the parliament. Allama Tahir ul Qadri resigned from his seat as MNA on electoral disorder. And later Mr. Javed A Ghamdi resigned from the seat of Council of Islamic Ideology, (CII), when this body was circumvented by the government. While during unprecedented five years of life of parliament, nation watched the growth and consummation of characters like Dr. Sher Afghan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Mr. Sharif ud Din Pirzada, the legal advisor, to first CE and then President. It was March 9th when Chief Justice (CJ) of Pakistan was unsuccessfully browbeaten to resign. He refused to lay his arms of law before the unlawful G-3. Country witnessed new serge of resurrection and a great struggle by the lawyers' community to restore unlawfully deposed CJ. They were successful finally. This nation owes a great deal to Mr. Munir A Malik, president SC Bar Association, Mr. Atizaz Ahsan, head barrister of dysfunctional CJ, MNA and a PPP leader, Mr. Ali Kurd, barrister and Mr. Justice (retired), Tariq. They all proved to be people of great character. We all thought that way but it was not. The nation was wrong, the people were stupid; one man was



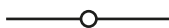
right and thinking the other way. November the 3rd, Emergency was enforced to remove the CJ through yet another unlawful tool. Dr. Shahid Masud, Mr. Hamid Mir, Mr. Kamran Khan all dumped, into oblivion by shutting down Geo, a relatively out spoken channel. Since only one man knew what was right and what was in the interest of the Country, how could different analysts, scholars and observers air the voice of disagreement? That one man is still adamant. He says he knows media was being irresponsible. Immediate gains, however, were self preservation. One man rule continued, well the robes were changed.

The valiant armed forces that were to be the pride and beloved of nation were deployed all over, not on borders but within Pakistan. They were on their own protection in the main cities; on their own safety, security and guard duties. Week after week month after month and year after year they had to protect themselves from their own people. Twenty six recruits at Punjab Regimental Centre were blasted in retaliation to killing of eighty boys by Pak Army, on the orders of one man. It was a mosque in Dambdola, Bajore. It was in pursuit of American agenda. On and around western border they were to kill own kith and kin, own nationals, and Muslims called only a few years ago to fight Russian occupation. All this was done, meeting the demands of biggest terrorist of history under the title of war against terror. What a cruel joke. Well it is so, and going on. Troops deployed and even stationed at various cantonments of NWFP and Baluchistan are in perpetual state of stress. Wish it was a positive pull, wish it could be for doing well in their firing standards and for the preparation for next war. No it is against the civilian brethren. Troops are not permitted to go to bazaar. They are captive of their lines and training areas. When they move out for leave etc, they move with their personal weapons. The weapon is loaded, bullet in the chamber with only safety lock to release. Soldier is told many times a day; younger are told more frequently than the older ones, that 'they' are terrorists. Well, who? Neither the teller knows nor does the one being told ask. What a quagmire.

My dear Pakistan where do I stand, she is here again, the 16th of December. Why she haunts me? How to face this date? What answers do I have to the questions she asks from me? Help me Pakistan?

Pakistan replies: Did you help me?

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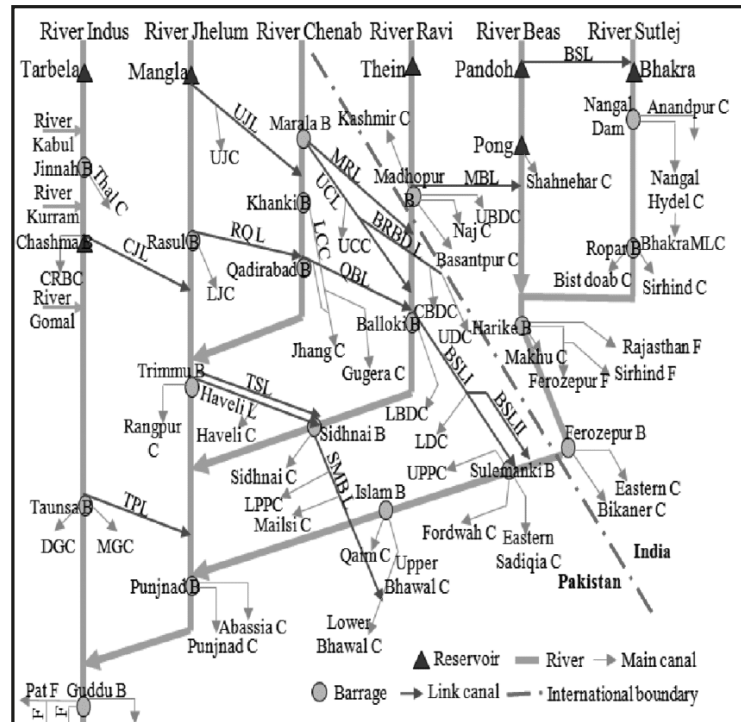


# Pakistan's Water Problems

In 1947 there was enough water for each one of us. The per head quantity was close to 5000 Cu Ft. It has now been effectively reduced to around 3000CF, keeping the population as a constant. Baghlihar Dam and good nineteen of such schemes and projects of its like are part of a India's grand scheme, not only to dry out our jugular vein, but also to render us defenseless as well. Now think of a country, may it or may

not be your motherland, which is agrarian but does not have water in its rivers and its water based, defences are rendered toothless. Surely the situation is very critical. It is the question of our survival it isn't irrigation water alone.

I do not know who said it first but this adage has been now repeated many times. 'in future the wars will be fought on water.' This opinion has now been re-affirmed many times in our short history and now a confirmed fact that Hindu leadership of United India never accepted the creation of Pakistan. For Pakistan could not have been born without the vivisection of India. Those interested in the history of their motherland know, how M K Gandhi expressed the tearing apart of his heart on the idea of vivisection of India. This question is how many Pakistanis fell the same on the vivisection of Pakistan? Most commonly referred as fall of Dhaka. Remember Bengalis became Pakistanis well before Punjabis, Balochis and Pathans. I have excluded Sindhis since they passed a resolution in 1938, at Bombay assembly, very



much close to the Lahore Resolution of 1940.

Indus Treaty was signed in September 1960. That was the time when India was happy and satisfied to take the waters of three rivers only. These were Ravi, Beas and Sutleg. Water of rest of three rivers were at the disposal of Pakistan. These were Indus, Jhelum and Chenab. The combined annual discharge of rivers was 175 MAF according to the, Hazara post 1970 Report. This data is based on the measurement of average flow at the point where rivers enter the plains.

After losing Ravi, Beas and Sutleg to Hindustan and to make best use of the left over waters we developed link canal system. These were eight in number. These were the canals, which fed dried rivers from the wet rivers. What have been the Indian mega plans. It aims at drying out Pakistan and turning it into a *Registan*. Not only that the water based defences of Pakistan would be under control. First experiment of its kind was carried out by India by closing Hussaini-Wala Headwork, Tehsil Ferozwala, right in 1948. Thus drying Dipalpur Canal. With Chenab waters under control of India, Marala-Ravi Link Canal (MRL) and Bambanwala-Bedian Ravi Link Canal (BRB) could be controlled by Hindustan. This would effectively take care of campaigning season in general and the water based defences in particular.

Now lets us have an over look at regional scene. India was too happy to see America odds with Pakistan at the occasion of September 9, 2001. She did her best to have beaten her archrival by somebody else. Hindustan the emblem of two nation theory, offered everything America needed to beat both Afghanistan as well as Pakistan. Pakistan the mother lap of 'terrorist' somehow evaded the situation, beautifully made up for India to see the end of her enemy number one. Well she is again happy to see the U-turned Pakistan. May be she considers it a turtle turned posture of Pakistan. The bird's eye-view is given below. 25 to 30 chanceries and consulates have been opened in Afghanistan close to the Pakistani border. One Indian bank has recently opened a branch in Kabul.

Many foreign-based Indian are trying to purchase real estate in Pakistan. They are ready to invest as well. Their immediate area of interest is industrial area close to Lahore, Sheikhupura and Gujranwala, and Hi-tech service industry.

Storing, blocking and diverting irrigation water of Pakistan. In order to achieve this Hindustan is building: Salal Dam, Wullar Barrage, Kishan Ganga (Neelum River) Hydal Project, Baghlihar Dam, Seventeen to eighteen smaller dams and hydal projects.

Baghlihar Dam is near completion and our government has woke up now to press the doorbell of World Bank. Many of above projects are in advanced stages. For

instances good 16 to 17 Km out of 22 Km of tunnel to siphon away the water Of Neelum River has been completed.

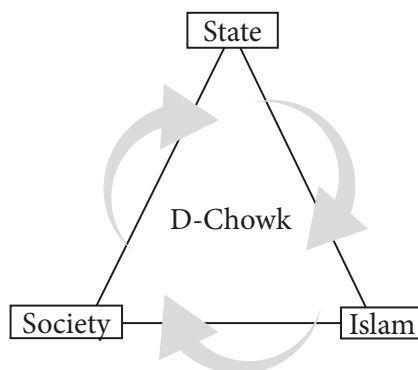
World Bank was a signatory as a financial body only. It was never a guarantor. All it can do is to appoint a neutral expert to give a technical opinion. May India abide by it! Otherwise WB will appoint an arbitrary court. WB will foot the bills only. Today only the gates are to be fixed on the spillway. India has been able to buy time off since 1999 without stopping its work even for a day. Pakistan did insist to defer the work. If Israel could flout the verdict of ICJ who will force India to listen to the verdict of arbitrator. After all what happened to the case of shooting down our Naval plane, by the Hindustan Air Force within our own territories? It was a maritime radar and patrol aircraft. It was hit 7 km inside international border and its wreckage landed about half a km inside Pakistan. Our security forces close to the scene, especially Rangers tried to rush to the place otherwise Indian would have carried away the wreckage and place it inside their territory or take control of the place of wreckage and declare, it was territory. In fact they did come to the place and they were first to reach! Our Air force or Navy have yet to shoot down any of their P3 Orion or IL 38 LRMP. To conclude, we have remained inactive rather passive. Our energies have been lost in self-aggrandizement. We never learnt our job rather focused on grabbing and amassing with total disregard to principles, value system and good governance. President Musharraf said with reference to regional and international

matter, "It is an unjust world". If this premise is true, the deduction is not to practice injustice Strive and struggle for justice. Muster all efforts to implement and stand by justice.

And one ideal word for this formula for struggle is Jihad. In order to save Pakistan from becoming desert let Hindustan know you are ready to offer sacrifices. Confidence building measures (CBMs) would lead nowhere. For Hindustan CBMs are road to victory and tools to overpower Pakistan economically as well as politically. For us CBMs are a sweet pill and a sedative.



# State-Islam-Society



Here is a hard copy in your hand, of floatin thoughts about an ever dynamic and comple relationship. Look at this triangle, it is neither static nor of a fixed size. It is revolving around its centre and centre is eccentric as well. So it rotates and wobbles too. Not only it rotates and wobbles, the direction of rotation also change! I do not know which actor to discuss first. However, I shall not touch non-state actors.

## State

State meant sovereignty, and territory and a set of characteristics including government.<sup>1</sup> It should also embody collective will for collective 'good'. Government in Pakistan is headed and led by the PM in Pakistan. The ability to administer and maintain law and order is depending upon two major factors. One the law, itself and second the effectiveness and efficiency of the law-enforcing agencies. But do not be led away, as if this is only function and role of a government.

In the wake of two episodes at D-Chowk in a span of two years the ▲ is losing its shape and the constant sum of its angles (180 deg). It wobbles more when these short-sighted gain-oriented so called leaders see their part of triangle shrinking or squeezing. Ultimate cry is for armed-forces. How naive was Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri, he wanted some senior representative of Army to come and negotiate with him, while he docked himself up in the aircraft, at Lahore airport; refusing to get down. I quote one of my short-writing here. "First line forces ..... hold first line defences..." Sorry Imran Khan, the claims of enlightened leader....did not help you. You cried for armed-forces to hold elections for you!

Two solutions have been applied so far; one negotiations and the other forceful eviction. Both are symptomatic and short-lived. Both of these are devoid of ability to address the core of the issue, or the fact of the matter. In fact these solutions or courses of action dissuade you to a level, preventing even from defining the problem.

## Society

Of course it is a complex of interactive and interdependent expanding and squeezing set of values and prejudices. It includes customs, tradition and, both, written and understood rules, dos and don'ts. It helps the individuals and groups of all forms and sizes to live in a state of balance. Each can grow within its realms of responsibilities and obligations. Society lays the expectations,<sup>2</sup> jurisdictions and levels of stratified

subjugations and hierarchy; thus saving from anarchy. We leave aside debate (Burke vs. Engle) whether society determines the state of vice versa. A society where there are no obligations and no responsibilities or travelling on this road, fails to exist as a human society. Then there is only one set of rules and laws, the law of jungle. Then one part of society can destroy the facility (Metro Bus) of others. In jungle they live for their *roti* food and carnal.

آزادی افکار سے ہے ان کی تباہی      رکھتے نہیں جو فکر و تدبیر کا سلیقہ  
ہو فکر اگر خام تو آزادی افکار      انسان کو ہے حیوان بنانے کا طریقہ

And ensure it by the size of their nails, teeth, the sting, venom and ability to bite [the parliament attackers of PTI]. Some are good at disguise, escape and hiding. For an in-depth review of metamorphic study in political philosophy of state and society influencing modern times, may I refer to Hegel, Paine, Hobbes and Rousseau.

## Islam

I find it far easy to handle this last and third actor and factor, as compared to above two. Whenever they [our leaders and mob rising for ناموس رسالت are called by the government or they themselves convene a conference, they bear and carry and use all such titles which were never used by any of His prophets (pbut) spread over 8,500 to 9,000 years. Their source of Islam does not lie within the confines if His books and the conduct of His chosen people. None of them attire, talk or conduct like His chosen people.<sup>3</sup> Their sources to quote are beyond His representatives to mankind. They lay their own boundaries, which are quite exclusive. Each chunk has a name and title, some by cities some by schools some by names of *peers*...some by clans and tribes.... And they still have 6:159 in their Quran, and they also have 42:13. And they dare call them Muslims too.

## Conclusion

The state and society relationship with all its aspects of primacy, authority to use violence, right of property even right to choose religion or defining the domain of religion has been changing all the time. Of course it is slow and steady and remains allusive to myopic minds and sights. The political map of world has been ever changing. Simple societies; gatherers and hunters had no states.<sup>4</sup> Natives of Botswana and large parts of Kalahari Deserts are considered to be the oldest people.<sup>5</sup> Then there were city states, good a thousand of them, then territories expanded and tribal chiefs, prince and rajas, kings and emperors came into being. They gave

rise to dynasties. No more.... I can insert here map of Central Europe of 1360. But can you, you the hooligans of D-Chowk, be the vice-regent of His universe [2:30]? You hatred grown, prejudiced fed chunk leaders, how would you know His physical world and conquer to be benevolent for His mankind [45:3-5, 11-13; 98:7]? Who are you? What a simple question to ask.<sup>6</sup>

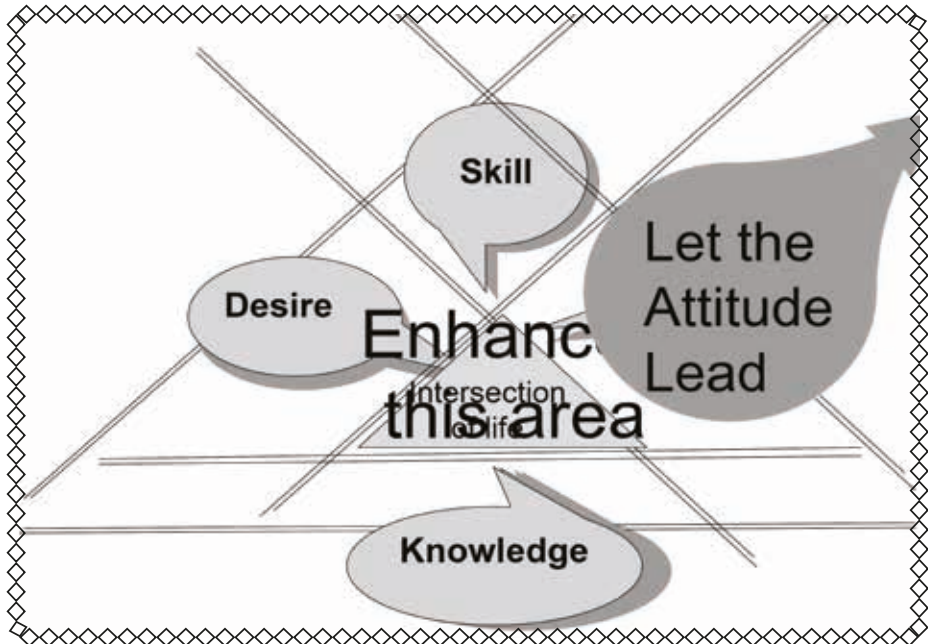
How victorious you feel with hands raised in V, having damaged and destroyed the private and mostly public property. See what you left behind, tons of filth and garbage....which *chaleeswan* whose *Namoos*?

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## Life - Attitude





# Women's Day 2019

Attended the Intl Women's Day, celebrations at Ramada Hotel on 7 Mar. It was a very objective and purposeful exercise. A little belonged to the raison d'être and the history of the Day. Over 90 percent of the time was spent on various steps and stages of legislation within Pakistan, progress made by different provinces and how they differed, role of CII, role of NA and PA of KPK and the standing committees. Intl Women's Day, is commemorated on 8 Mar. It is similar to the happenings of 1 May at Chicago; as to how protesting women were dragged and beaten by the police on 8 Mar 1907 in New York. Hundreds of working women of a dress factory were molested and put behind bars.

The Seminar was addressed by Senator Farhatullah Babar, Dy Speaker of KPK, parliamentarian woman from PA of KPK, women activist from Sindh Ms. Benazir Jatoi, one Ms. Maleha one research worker, Ms. Khadija, two leading ladies from KPK PA, CEO of SPO Mr. Saleem Malik [Strengthening Participatory Organization] and Blue Veins. Senior most in protocol was Her Excellency Ms. Margaret Adamson, the ambassador of Australia.

Some salient points, I thought worth sharing were:

- a. Law on Sexual Harassment (SH) took 10 yrs to be passed.
- b. Domestic Violence Bill was moved in PA of KPK. It was opposed by some mualanas.
- c. Definition on rape is not fully agreed upon, the issue of age and genders is not





- yet settled.
- d. Fed Ombudsman received 453 complaints on SH, 107 out of these were by male.
  - e. The laws on *Khulah* differ in provinces. There are serious problems on what to do with *Haq-Mehar* and the children, if any.
  - f. Laws on minimum marriageable age is 18 in Sindh while it is 16 in all other provinces.
  - g. Being pro-women is taken to be anti-men, which causes lot of problem.
- Over all province of Punjab was rated doing the best on acct of women rights and laws and structures saving it. Incidentally there was no mention of Baluchistan! I met Ms. Margaret Adamson, since I have been sending our bi-monthly, BM to her for last 3 yrs, and to Australian HC for last 7 or 8 yrs.



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## Success vs. Failure

Be responsible for your success  
and failure, alike. Let the foci  
of both, success and failure lie  
inside you.

No one likes to be called weak,  
but how easily you blame others  
for your failure and sometimes  
credit others for your success.

You are weak as much as you  
find reasons of your loss and  
gains in others.

And you know stronger are  
happier than weak ones.

# SAARC, Sovereignty and Prudence

Twelfth SAARC summit was held with great funfair and sigh of relief by the host country. The religion cooperation body has been plagued by many a factors and for a long period of time by now. These factors were far and numerous to be explained in detail. Many of the business of SAARC were dealt and handled in grey areas rather than in black and white. I have coined the phrase 'third factor' through generalization from the scarlet thread of the multiple ailments and symptom of sickness, SAARC suffered and is still suffering. Very briefly, here are some pointers towards the third factor.



The charter of SAARC treats all its seven members equitably, assigning equal weightage to their interests, common issues and problems. Practically this has never been the practice. India has always considered itself to be surely a regional power always demanding a special status for its opinion, concerns and the interests. India has resorted to arm-twisting and big brother role at equal frequency and somewhat similar intensity with all of its neighbors; be it any.

SAARC was meant to deal with common and collective issues alone. However, we Pakistanis always wanted to take a mileage on Kashmir; a bilateral issue. It was equally true for Indians. They always tried to brow beat, coerce or to score a win over Pakistan on the issues of her interest like cross border terrorism, Jehadi movements, Pakistan's support for freedom struggle in IHK and, or Pakistan's nuclear and missile programme. By implication Pakistan thought it prudent to remove the castings of Ghauri and Shaheen missiles from the roads of capital before the summit!

Specific to this summit there was another third factor. Many in Pakistan, may they

be wrong, believe that there was some kind of covert understanding between the Head of States on Kashmir. And this understanding, assurance or pact on Kashmir is against the principled and long-standing position on the right of self-determination of Kashmiris. Some are using the term 'sell out' for this alleged understanding. Whatever is the truth and the matter of fact between Musharraf and Vajpayee, Mr Khurshid Kasuri made one public statement. Speaking in Urdu he said, "UN resolutions on Kashmir are too old now and do not hold much water..." How dare, but he said it!

Late in the evening of 11th September 2001 our Chief Executive appeared on TV screen, visibly perturbed. His prudence had forewarned him. He deduced and decided to abandon a righteous, popular and friendly government in immediate neighbor. Not only that he was setting out on a new course...I do not know whether of sovereignty or prudence.

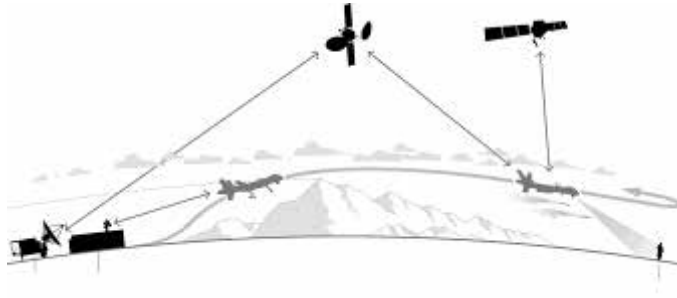
When sovereignty was put to test his prudence told him to disassociate with Taliban government.

When sovereignty was put to next test his prudence, at Camp David, decided to accept sending troops to Iraq. By now we had proven our credentials in the Muslim world, especially in neighborhood. When Iranians were asked the hard questions they pointed their finger at us. When Libya was asked, they followed the Iranian prudence.

This time the test came further close. It was for those at home (Pakistan). And prudence told the boss to point the finger at Qadeer Khan!

Were we the signatories of CTBT? Were we governed by NPT? Which science has progressed without the help, consultations and support of other scientist in the same field, the world over? Daily scholars, physicists, men of eminence from culture, literature, sports medicine come and go across the international borders. They think, act, exchange and perform at international level. German scientists developed American nukes, who doesn't know it? India and Iraq had close collaboration on chemical and biological weapons. May 1974 India; a non-member of nuclear club detonated its device. Was Dr. Kalam put to debriefings? Now he has been made President of the country.

# Drone Warfare-Target Killing: In the Perspective of International Law



1. **Introduction:** It is an academic study undertaken as part of the curricula of M Phil IR, under the discipline of International Law (Intl Law). The scope will cover the drone warfare, with focus on target killing in AfPak, since 2001. The canvass would be its being Just in Cause and Just in Conduct, under the International Law. The sub-heads of the Study are:-

## 1.1 The Significance

## 1.2 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)-Unmanned Aerial System (UAS).

## 1.3 The American Legality and Justification

## 1.4 Laws of War: Divined, Historical and Modern Sources

### 1.4.1 UN Charter

### 1.4.2 Geneva Convention

## 1.5 Conclusion

2. **The Significance and the Scope:** It is a human issue; it pertains to some fundamental rights, and the fundamental responsibilities. It is at the roots of global peace and prosperity. It also covers the divined dictates on how to fight the wars. The Creator's will and mega design gives every human being the status of being His best creature (Quran 95:4). From here we move to the laws and principles of war, but before that the Drones.
3. **UAV to UAS:** As the name suggests, UAV is an aerial machine, flying much like an aircraft but, without a pilot, or an operator, or even a passenger. Thus it has become something very special. It is popularly called drone. "The US fleet has grown over forty times from 2002 to 2010"<sup>i</sup> This was exactly the time of Iraq war followed by Afghanistan war. US led NATO forces used drones extensively to target and hit precise targets, mostly individuals. "They have been used – most notoriously as tools for assassination ...a fundamental public suspicion towards

the idea of robotised warfare”.<sup>ii</sup> Today more than seventy countries own drones; of some kind and are being used for multiple purposes. The UAV has been now developed into a well-integrated system, of warfare. For definition and a brief explanation, see the end note.<sup>iii</sup> UAS, now essentially comprises a ground based operator, one or more UAV, linked by satellite and the drone borne weapon system.<sup>iv</sup> The drone can do all what a manned aircraft can do with same kind of missions and same kind of weapon system. The profound separation of operator from the target, the UAS removes the risk of retaliation from the target. Though UAS makes it a one-sided war, with almost no risk to the operator, it has added and aggravated to the problem it had purported to solve. “A former deputy chief of the US mission in Yemen , Nabeel Khoury, said that "the US generates roughly 40 to 60 new enemies for every Al Qaida in Arabian Peninsula operative it kills in Yemen".<sup>v</sup>



3.1 Under the current operational arrangements, on Afpak borders; the operator sitting at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada i.e., roughly 7,500 miles, can hit the target within 30 seconds. It includes picking up the target and missile (mostly Hellfire) hitting the target.<sup>vi</sup> The safety in which operator languishes, makes it a highly unequal fight.



3.2 We now move onwards to the US interpretation of legality to conduct such warfare. The killing of an individual or a mass of non-combatants through drone or carpet bombing remains to be illegal. Of course drone, for its accuracy tends to reduce the collateral damage, but it is only in relation to other weapon systems.

4. **The American Legality and Justification:** Mulla Mansoor Akhtar was hit, moving in a car, along with his driver on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Read a detailed study on US drone warfare against Taliban and its ramifications.<sup>vii</sup> Rousseau said war is between things – states, political communities and individuals fighting them are there as combatants...<sup>viii</sup> they are representatives of the cause being fought over... After 9/11 the US invoked its right of self-defence. Thereby finding a legal cover to use its armed forces against Al Qaida, in Afghanistan. “UN legal experts argue

that UN Resolution did not in fact authorise the use of armed forces and that the mechanisms provided by criminal justice were sufficient because Al Qaida had committed criminal acts of terrorism rather than acts of war”<sup>ix</sup> “However, three days after 9/11, the Congress authorised the President to use necessary and appropriate force against nations, organisations, or persons he determines planned, authorised, committed or aided these terrorists attacks.”<sup>x</sup> This implied, US Congress authorising the US President to be at war with any country he deems fit to pick as enemy. It implied there is no war zone, no combatants and no courts of law to apportion blame and no executioner to administer the punishment. It was all in one, the President of the USA. “In April 2012 CIA director, John Brennan offered the US’s views: there is nothing in international law that prohibits us from using lethal force against our enemies outside an active battlefield, at least when the country involved consents or is unable to or unwilling to take action the threat.”<sup>xi</sup> Yet another analogy, is it legal for a state to let or abet another state to kill its citizen or native on its land? We will see Intl Law, Geneva Convention, Human Rights and other such international codifications which govern and guide the conduct of war, with focus on Drone Warfare.

**5. Laws of War: Divined and Historical:** Just the references here; The divined rules on conduct of war are as old as Torah (Old Testament).<sup>xii</sup> So is in Mahabhart. <sup>xiii</sup> And Quran.<sup>xiv</sup> I close it here with reference to the Conquest of Mecca, by His last Prophet.<sup>xv</sup>

**6. Laws of War Modern Sources:** It is heartening to see that humanity as it developed and, so called, out of the influence of Church, did not forget the messages of the Creator of the universe. “In the history of the early Christian church, many Christian writers considered that Christians could not be soldiers or fight wars.”<sup>xvi</sup> The list of intl declarations and agreements run from 1856 to 2008. Before moving over to the UN Charter, Geneva Convention, and International Humanitarian Law, here are some essential terms, used in the modern laws. Starting with, “...two distinct ways of looking at war—the reasons you fight and how you fight.”<sup>xvii</sup>

**6.1 Jus ad bellum:** It concerns the legality of the threat or use of military force.

**6.2 Jus in bello or Lus in bello:** International humanitarian law only applies in an armed conflict.... it regulates both the conduct of war and the protection of the destitute and victims. Its purpose is to regulate how wars are fought, without prejudice to the reasons of how or why they had begun.

**6.3 Combatants:** Combatants are all members of the armed forces of a party to the conflict except medical and religious personnel. Members of a levée en masse are also regarded as combatants. Combatants cannot be punished for their hostile acts and if captured can only be held as POWs until the end of



hostilities.

**6.4 Civilian Immunity:** The meaning given in Additional Protocol I of 1977. While a number of States have not ratified Protocol I, the obligation to uphold the principle of distinction is also valid as customary law. The civilian population enjoys immunity so far as it shall "enjoy general protection against dangers arising from military operations" and "shall not be the object of attack."

**6.5 Geneva Convention and International Humanitarian Law (IHL).**<sup>xviii</sup> Very briefly; it covers:

6.5.1 Protection of persons who are not or who are no longer participating in hostilities and it restricts the means and methods of warfare.

6.5.2 Providing specific rules to safeguard combatants, or members of the armed forces, who are wounded, sick or ship-wrecked, prisoners of war, and civilians, as well as medical personnel...and civilian support workers of the military.

**6.5.3 IHL and Red Cross:** The Red Cross and the Geneva Conventions were born when Henry Dunant witnessed the devastating consequences of war at a battlefield in Italy. In the aftermath of that battle, Dunant argued successfully for the creation of a civilian relief corps to respond to human suffering during conflict.

**6.6 UN Charter:** The world recognizes UN to be the supreme central authority, with UN Security Council and its General Assembly to be the most effective structures. The Charter was signed on 26 June 1945 at San Francisco.<sup>xix</sup>

**7. Conclusion:** Paragraph 4 ante covers how US Administrations have interpreted right of self-determination. And how do they wish to conduct war, especially drone-warfare; flouting UN Charter, Geneva Conventions, all treaties and agreements. Paragraph 6 ante encompasses the world of laws. 'Jus' is the riding clause both for reason of war and conduct of war. Here is the gist of preceding discussion.

7.1 Use of drone for reconnaissance, surveillance, and as UAS is violation of sovereignty, of the two countries under focus. Drone in foreign airspace





would be UFO, and can be shot down.

7.2 No human-being who is not in a distinctive uniform, i.e., not part of warring faction, is not carrying a weapon to fight or has not trespassed intentionally a marked and reserved premises cannot be a target. Drone attack violates it.

7.3 Anyone put under cross-hair, needs to be given a warning to put down the weapon or choosing to flee the war zone. Drones violate it.

7.4 There has to be a declaration of war<sup>xx</sup> and a declared war zone. So that belligerents can make a decision to fight, go for negotiations, reaching for truce or to leave the war zone. Drone warfare violates it.

8. The values of justice, equality and abiding the laws, conventions, charters and agreements shall live.

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from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and...."

The scourge and atrocities of two World Wars had shaken the world to the hilt. The desire for international peace, codification and respect for human rights and to be able to dispense justice led all efforts to forge such a charter, set of laws and constitute bodies to honour these goals. Chapter VI and VII, precise dealt with Settlement of Disputes and Actions with Respect to Threats to Peace...and Acts of Aggression. Article 35, 36, 37, 39, 44 all deal with the nature of dispute, member's right to approach UN, role of arbitration, permission and use of appropriate force, and the role and responsibility of Security Council to intervene and make arrangement to resolve the dispute. Article 51 deals with the right of self-defence by individual or a collective effort. Article 92 lays down that International Court of Justice shall be the principle judicial organ. Retrieved on 26 Oct. 16

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## Giving

By giving you will become a happier, stronger and a richer man. You can grow one bit, by one notch every day. That is the reason He has given you another day. This article started with one worded title. I want to close it by another one worded concept. Call it the conclusion.

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THINKERS FORUM PAKISTAN

آج آپ نے پاکستان کو کیا دیا؟

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THINKERS FORUM PAKISTAN

ووٹ کا استعمال سوچ سمجھ کر، اچھا نمائندہ بہتر حکومت

# Relations through History and Culture: Pak-Russian Ties

Major portion of this Study was read as a Paper at the Seminar held at 'State Museum of Oriental Arts' Moscow on June 6th, 2012

*With His name (always and every where) the Most benevolent and Most merciful Peace and security be upon you "O mankind! Lo!, We have created you from a single (Pair) of male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know each other. Lo! the noblest of you in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is knower, Aware. (Quran 49:13)"*



## PART I

### GENERAL

1. **Introduction.** It is indeed a great honor and a matter of pleasure for me to stand here and present before this august house. Thank you very much.
2. A Brief Account of Russia. We have flown over 3,600 km, crow flight, to be here in Russkaya Zemlya, the great land of great people. May it be Ruthenia or Rossiya---it is the biggest country in the world. The country spreads over 17 million 75 thousand and 4 hundred square km in Eurasia.<sup>1</sup> It covers more than 1/8<sup>th</sup> of Earth's inhabited land area. It spans over 9 time zones, while the population stands at 142.9 million.<sup>2</sup> Russia is also number one in mineral and energy resources. And second largest oil and gas producer. It has world's largest forest reserves and least astonishing its lakes contains 1/4<sup>th</sup> of world's fresh water. When words get summarized they get reduced to figures. I have added a schedule to include figures on, vital statistics, population, education, communications, infra-structure, and industry. This schedule would also help present a comparative picture of last ten years.<sup>3</sup> [Not Included].
  - 2.1 Russian culture has rich history and can boast a long tradition of excellence in every aspect of the arts, especially when it comes to literature, philosophy, classical music, ballet, architecture, painting, cinema and animation. All this have had considerable influence on the world's culture.<sup>4</sup> The country also has a rich material culture and a strong tradition in technology. With 81%

Russians, 3.7% Tatars, 1.4% Ukrainians, 1.1% Baskirs; speaking and using 27 co-official languages, Russia has to be rich in all senses of the word. Politically we can trace from 9<sup>th</sup> century. In 10<sup>th</sup> century and 11<sup>th</sup> century 'Kievan Rus' was one of the most prosperous states in Europe. Coming to relatively recent times, a researcher can start from Tsars of Russia 1574, to Russian Empire 1721; the Peter the Great, to establishment of Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic 1917, to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 1922 to Russian Federation set up in Dec 1991. Such has been the story of political development of a vibrant, politically assertive and ever growing people. The Soviet era saw some of the most technological achievements of 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It is spearheaded by first human space flight.

2.2 Culturally rich in diversity, according to the Census 2010, some striking figures are as follows; urban population is 74% while rural is 26%; number of births per 1000 of population is 12.5 while number of deaths is 14.2; total births were 1789 and deaths 2031 per thousand persons. Natural deaths under one year of age were 13.4 per thousand babies. Life expectancy as of 2009 was 68.7 years. According to the census of 1989 Soviet Union was 70% East Slav, 12 % Turkic and rest were below 10%. Atheist or irreligious stand at 20%, Muslims around 15%, and there were sizeable minorities of Russian Orthodox. There are about 200 different languages and dialects in Russia. 90% of the population used Cyrillic script and nearly 70% spoke Russian language. Out of these there are 18 such languages which have one million or more speakers.

3. The major area of thrust of this Study is Pak-Russian relations. How much of these are influenced by the dictates and dynamics of history and culture will be one significant area of interest. We do have half a dozen or less of common words with Russian language. We all have read or at least listened to the fairy tales of Caucasia. We have been talking of the heavenly mountains of Caucasia and its mysterious and beautiful valleys, unparallel in the world. We have in our society *Sahih Bukhari*, one of *shaha satta*, Bukahris, Durrnais, Tatars, Mughals and some Mongols as well. Fearing Siberian winds in winters, and waiting for geese, pintails and ducks from same place are part of our lovely relations. All of us know well about Khan Khagan Genghis Khan (reign 1206-27) and Hulagu Khan (reign 1256-1265).<sup>5</sup> And how our relation with Afghanistan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Russia has been influenced by the shared civilization should be fascinating and intriguing, both.

4. **Layout.** After this brief but a rounded touch of the great xxxxxx.

**4.1 Part II**, is a handsome account by volume, of the three neighboring cultures

and civilizations i.e. Indian, Central Asian and Russian. It xxxx.

**4.2 Indian subcontinent and Soviet Union.** This would be relatively a brief part xxx.

**4.3 Part IV,** I will be rather deliberate. First, covering **USSR relations with Pakistan** in first three decades after the independence of the later. This would give us a deeper look into the relations of two countries. Cold War period and military invasion of Afghanistan were salient features of the history. Post Cold War are the two broad but definite divisions. Next are the **Russo-Pak relations**, commencing 1991. And the last lap started in 2007. I should be covering the gamut of relations starting with the areas of thrust, as described by Russian Prime Minister Mr. Mikhail Fredkov.<sup>6</sup> We will cover the areas of cooperation, and structures and multiple developments as these have taken place in the last five years; going by a yearly calendar.

**4.4 Towards the end** xxx.

## PART II

### HISTORY AND CULTURE: Role Played

**5. The History and Culture of the Indian People.** Let me pick the thread from the other end this time. The people of Pakistan belong to Indian subcontinent archeologically. Any study of history of mankind may it be under the title of anthropology or archeology will be based on the canvass of Indian plate or the triangular subcontinent or the south Asia jutting between Arabian Sea and Sea of Bengal dipping into Indian ocean. Historian Ramesh Chandra Majumdar<sup>7</sup>, popularly called the 'dean of Indian historians', took 26 years to complete his gigantic work. It covers the Indian history from prehistoric times to the establishment of the modern state in 1947.

**5.1 Indian culture.** Indian culture xxxx. Regarded by many historians as the "oldest living civilization of Earth", the Indian tradition dates back to 8000 BC. It has a continuous recorded history since the time of the Vedas. It is believed to be 3,000 to over 5,500 years ago. Several elements of Indian culture, such as religions, yoga, and cuisine, have had a profound impact across the world.

**5.2 Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb.** Ganges Yamuna Culture is a euphemism for the mutually participatory co-existence of Hindu and Muslim culture of Northern India. This term is used for the culture of the central plains of Northern India. Important names in the region and referred to be the center of this culture are; Lucknow, Kanpur, Faizabad, Ayodhya, and Varanasi (Benares).<sup>8</sup>

**5.3 South Indian culture.** This phrase refers to the culture of Karnataka, Tamil

Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. South Indian culture with its visible differences forms an important part of the Indian culture. The South Indian Culture is essentially the celebration of the eternal universe through the celebration of the beauty of the body and motherhood.

**5.4 North Indian Culture.** North Indian Culture represents the rich cultural heritage of the seven North Indian states. North Indian Culture predominantly derives its roots from Indo-Aryan traditions and customs, with assimilation and impact from other cultures over long period of history. From Gandhara of 1 Century BC to Taj Mahal of 16<sup>th</sup> Century are all part of North and North-western Indian culture. *Gandhara* was also a proposed name of *Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa* Province in Pakistan.<sup>9</sup>

**6. Central Asia.** The idea of Central Asia as a distinct region of the world was introduced in 1843 by the geographer Alexander von Humboldt<sup>10</sup>. The borders of Central Asia are subject to multiple definitions. The most limited definition was the official one of the Soviet Union, which defined Middle Asia as consisting solely of Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The wider definition, which includes Central Asian lands that have never been part of historical Russia. It is the core region of the Asian continent and stretches from the Caspian Sea in the west to China in the east and from Afghanistan in the south to Russia in the north. Also called the "stans" (as the five countries generally considered to be within the region all have names ending with that suffix. Despite the uncertainty in defining borders, it does have some important overall characteristics. Central Asia has historically been closely tied to its nomadic people and the Silk Road. As a result, it has acted as a crossroads for the movement of people, goods, and ideas between Europe, West Asia, South Asia, and East Asia.

**6.1 Geography.** Central Asia is an extremely large region of varied geography, including high passes and mountains (Tian Shan), vast deserts (Kara Kum, Kyzyl Kum, Taklamakan), and especially treeless, grassy steppes. The vast steppe areas of Central Asia are considered together with the steppes of Eastern Europe as a homogeneous geographical zone known as the Eurasian Steppe. Much of the land of Central Asia is too dry or too rugged for farming.<sup>11</sup>

**6.2 The history of Central Asia.** It has been and translated and defined by the area's climate and geography. The aridness of the region made agriculture difficult, and its distance from the sea cut it off from much trade. Thus a few major cities developed in the region; instead, the area was dominated by the nomadic horse peoples of the steppe for millennia. The nomadic lifestyle was well suited to warfare, and the steppe horse riders became some of the most potent warriors in the world, limited only by their lack of



internal unity. During pre-Islamic and early Islamic times, Central Asia was a predominantly Iranian region that included the sedentary Eastern Iranic speaking Bactrians, Sogdians and Chorasmians, and the semi-nomadic Scythians and Alans. The ancient sedentary population played an important role in the history of Central Asia. The Study of Central Asian people was most diligently pursued by Russian scholars under the Tsars. The name of Radloff and Barthold are known widely. Central Asia is sometimes referred to as Turkestan. And we in Pakistan are well aware of these words, names and phrases. From the 17<sup>th</sup> century, up to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, most of Central Asia has been part of the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union. As of 2011, the “stans” are still home to about 7 million Russians and 500 thousand Ukrainians.

7. **Russian Culture.** Russian culture started from that of the East Slavs, with their pagan beliefs and specific way of life in the wooded areas of Eastern Europe. Early on, the culture of Russian ancestors was much influenced by neighboring Finno-Ugric tribes and by nomadic, mainly Turkic, peoples of the Pontic steppe. In the late 1st millennium AD the Scandinavian Vikings, or Varangians, also took part in shaping the Russian identity and that of Kievan Rus' state. Kievan Rus' had accepted Orthodox Christianity from the Eastern Roman Empire in 988, and this largely defined the Russian culture of next millennium as the synthesis of Slavic and Byzantine cultures. After the fall of Constantinople in 1453, Russia remained the largest Orthodox nation in the world. At different points in its history, the Country also was strongly influenced by the culture of Western Europe.

Let us now take an account of similarities and commonalities of Russo-Subcontinent cultures.

8. **Counting Similarities & Commonalities.** During excavations in the territories of former Kievan Rus, silver coins (*dirhams*) of Indian currency of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> centuries were found.<sup>12</sup> Archeological discoveries made in vast areas of Central Asia prove strong economic ties, in applied arts and architecture with India. Through out the medieval period, political and cultural contacts as well as trade in these regions continued. *Bhagvad Gita* was published in Russia in 1788.<sup>13</sup> The first to come after Islamic conquest of Central Asia were the two famous Khwarzam scholars, Abu Rehan Alberuni and Abdurrazak Samarkandi. Contributions of Alberuni in science, philosophy, arts and customs and traditions of Indian people are outstanding. Some of early Sultans of India had their origin in Central Asia. Their rule renewed and expanded trade and cultural contacts. During the long period of Mughal rule, names like Bukhara, Samarkand, Tashkent, Merv,



Khiva became an integral part of Indian cultural concepts and literature. The oldest written account of India in Russia was found in 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> Century. It was Slavonic translation of a Latin tale, which describes India as 'a rich country not on fire' but 'all shining in gold'. Filipp Yefremov is another important name to mention. Tsar Alexei Mikhailovich was the first Russian ruler to make attempt to establish direct diplomatic relations with Grand Mughal.<sup>14</sup> Lastly in this regard I may mention publication of a book *Bharta-Rus. An Introduction to Indo-Russian Contacts and Travels from Medieval Times to October Revolution*, by PM Kemp in New Delhi.<sup>15</sup> **How and how much role the commonalities and shared cultural values can play in the interstate or bilateral relations, in contemporary times, is an intriguing question.**

- 8.1 However, all the major Sufi Orders have come to Pakistan from Central Asia. Naqshbandia Order was founded by Bahauddin Naqshaband in Bukhara in 14<sup>th</sup> Century and Qadriya Order by Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani in Baghdad in 12<sup>th</sup> Century but has come to Pakistan through Central Asia. Other Sufi Orders like Suharwardia etc. which are found in Pakistan, have all come from Central Asia.
- 8.2 Prof. Emeritus Dr. Ahmad Dani, a specialist of Central Asia and Russia and Founder of Society of Asian Civilizations Pakistan says 60% blood of Pakistanis is from Central Asia. Surprisingly, Islamic Law, Islamic traditions and culture were adopted by the people of Russian Turkestan before the advent of Islam in the region in the middle of 7<sup>th</sup> Century. The reason was that Arab traders used to visit the area for trade and business purposes on the old Silk Route which was the only trade route in the world at that time as the sea routes and air routes were not discovered by that time. The Arab traders used to spend months and years after camping at one place or the other and naturally used to interact with the local populace who were highly impressed by the moral and legal standards of honesty, fair play, justice, decency, respect for elders and love for juniors. Thus through a gradual transition they converted to Islam.
- 8.3 Role of History and Culture. History and culture is what binds people in their customs and traditions. In their value system, exhibited through languages, art and civilization. But how much do the commonality of culture affect the interstate relations is yet to be evaluated. We have viewed, seen and examined briefly Russian, Central Asian and Indian cultures. How can a student of this subject overlook Anglo French rivalry and almost a never ending war. It started in 1202 and comes down to 1815.<sup>16</sup> World War I was fought mainly in Europe. All the belligerents were very closely knit in history and culture.

England sided with USA, and fought with Germany. We could examine the Korean case in the same context. Korean culture is prevalent and in practice over the length and breadth of Korean peninsula. How about North and South relations across thirty-eight parallel. Next door is Japan, seen as an ex-occupier and an imperialistic country by the Koreans. They share similar culture and the edges of same waters. There is a rich middle-east culture. The hub of so called three great Ibrahamic religions. They share same geography, waters of River Jordan and tales of Arabian Nights. Yet the two banks of Dead Sea, just 12 km apart are most intolerant of each other. How are the relations of Israel with its neighbors, and ironically how are its relations with America.

### PART III

#### INDIAN SUBCONTINENT AND SOVIET UNION

9. **General.** This part is the study of the evolution of Russian attitudes towards South Asia. Of course our area of focus would be Indian subcontinent to begin with and Pakistan to end with. It was Czarist Russia which contended for the domination of Asia during 19<sup>th</sup> Century. This exercise in geopolitical leadership came to be known as Great Game. British imperialism was the principal rival. Creation of Afghanistan as buffer state between the two was a kind of settlement in South Asia. Soviet Union, who followed Czarist Russia, gave totally new dimensions to the competition with the West. The emergence of USSR as one of the two super powers was the underlying factor. A socialist bloc emerged with USSR as leader to contest American imperialism, or the capitalism. **And this four decade long period is now known in the history as Cold War.** For our purpose and interest we will go by the year 1947 as the watershed for tracing the relations of USSR and South Asia. In 1947 India and Pakistan won their independence from British Raj.
  - 9.1 During the period of Cold War, which ended in 1989; Pakistan and India were aligned in two opposite blocks. India and Pakistan had their array of indigenous problems in addition; they were drawn into global rivalries, being in opposite blocs.
  - 9.2 Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan from 1979 to 89, engaged Pakistan deeply and with adverse affects. However the ramifications have taken dreadful consequences, and there appears to be only a foggy end, thirty years down the line.
10. **Tsardom of Russia and Mughal India.** The Tsardom of Russia (also known as Tsardom of Muscovy, was the name of the centralized Russian state from Ivan

IV's assumption of the title of Tsar in 1547 until Peter the Great, who laid the foundation of the Russian Empire in 1721. From 1550 to 1700, Russia grew at a great pace. However, this growth was primarily westward. Peter the Great, ascended in 1682 and transformed the Tsardom into a major European power, after a military victory over Sweden and Poland. Mughal emperors were descendants of the Timurids and Genghis Khan. They defeated down all resistance down the Khyber Pass into the north Indian plains. The Mughal Empire began in 1526. At the height of their power in the late 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, they controlled most of the Indian Subcontinent. Its population at that time has been estimated between 110 and 150 million, over a territory of more than 3.2 million square kilometers (1.2 million square miles). The Mughal Empire reached the zenith of its territorial expansion during the reign of Aurangzeb. During his lifetime, victories in the south expanded the Mughal Empire to more than 1.25 million square miles, ruling over more than 150 million subjects, nearly 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the world's population.<sup>17</sup> East India Company entered the subcontinent in early 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Company became the forerunner of British Raj. We can telescope the period till 1858, when East India Company was withdrawn to let British royalty to rule India directly through the office of viceroy.

11. **Russian Empire, USSR and British India.** Peter the Great defeated Sweden in Great North War and forced to cede huge territories. His interest in West led him to find a new capital, Saint Petersburg. Later it was known as Russia's Window to Europe. The Will of Peter the Great, as given in '*Des Progres de la Puissance Russe*' by M. Lesur published in Paris in 1812, carries about XIV paragraphs. Here is paragraph VIII for you, "Bear in mind that the commerce of India is the commerce of the World, and that he who can exclusively control it is the dictator of Europe; no occasion should therefore be lost to provoke war with Persia, to hasten its decay, to advance to the Persian Gulf, and then to endeavor to re-establish the ancient trade of the Levant through Syria."<sup>18</sup>
12. Elisabeth (1741-62) was next, then came Catherine (the Great) II (1762-96). She defeated Ottoman Empire in Russo-Turkish wars, thus taking the boundaries of Russia to Black Sea. Tashkent was captured in 1865, Samarkand three years later, and Kiev in 1873. The advance towards Indian sub-continent continued. It was about middle of 19<sup>th</sup> Century when Russian shadow started falling across British vision in India. Britain had just succeeded to the Sikhs in Punjab and was busy consolidating the territories now called Khyber Pakhtoon Kha (KPK). From around 1730s to 1896, if one could have a map, Russian hold grew from the northern tip of Caspian to Wakhan, on the southern slopes of Pamirs.<sup>19</sup> Thus two imperialist powers, two colonial powers, expanding fast, their domains and areas

of influence were coming closer and closer. The modern state of Afghanistan came into being in 1709 with the rise of the Pashtuns, when the Hotaki dynasty was established in Kandahar followed by Ahmad Shah Durrani's rise to power in 1747. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Afghanistan became a buffer state in the 'Great Game' between the British and Russian empires. The classic Great Game period is generally regarded as running approximately from the Russo-Persian Treaty of 1813 to the Anglo-Russian Convention of 1907. The Great Game ended as the United Kingdom entered the post WW2 post-colonial period. Now USSR had emerged as a victor, holding one pole of the bi-polar world along with USA as the only rival. This was also the beginning of two new states emerging out of British India; India and Pakistan.

## PART IV

### USSR-RUSSIA and PAKISTAN

13. **General.** The creation of Pakistan in August 1947 was not seen as a favorable development in Moscow. The Soviet Union regarded the division of Indian Subcontinent as 'the divide and rule' strategy of British policy. Russia had earlier labelled the Muslim League as a tool of the British, from its very inception.<sup>20</sup> The Moscow paper, *New Times* wrote on July 4, 1947, that British calculations were based "on an aggravation of national antagonisms" and "on the creation of a situation that will favor British interference in India's internal affairs"<sup>21</sup>. There was no customary message of congratulations for the Governor General. Rather it moved slowly in extending its diplomatic recognition to Pakistan. The first move to establish diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Russia was not made till April 13, 1948. The first Pakistani ambassador presented his papers as late as Dec 1949.
14. Stalin viewed the independence of Pakistan and India as a myth and continued to regard them as appendages of Anglo-American imperialism. During a speech in Poland in Sep 1947, Andrei Zhadnov a close friend of Stalin drew the battle lines between the two camps clearly, the democratic and imperialistic.
15. **The Non-Aligned Year.** At the time of the emergence the existing international system was characterized by the tight bi-polarity of the Cold War. Pakistan faced serious problems of security and development. The process of partition had the worst adverse impacts territorially, economically and financially on Pakistan. Issue of Kashmir and river water disputes were critical and of immediate concern. The Kashmir dispute could not find a place in the early agenda of the Commonwealth Conference, where, after a strong protest by the then Pakistani Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, it was only informally discussed.

Some scholars and historian name it the period of search of 'bloc' or alignment but more popularly it is (1947-1953) known as the era of non-alignment. The expert on Asia, Zhukov, speaking to the Soviet Academy of Sciences in June 1949, discounted the rotten notion of any middle road between capitalism and socialism. He dubbed nationalist leaders like Nehru and Gandhi "lackeys of imperialists" and "betrayers of their nations"<sup>22</sup>

16. However, two events in the first part of 1949 caused Russia and Pakistan to take a fresh look at their relationship. The first was India's decision in April 1949 to remain within the Commonwealth. In contravention to India's own past declarations, it was a clear sign that she was leaning towards the Western countries, the US-led camp, and thus on the opposing side of the USSR. The second was Indian Prime Minister Nehru's announcement on May 7, 1949, that he had accepted an invitation to visit the United States in October of that year. In reaction to this, the Soviet Union extended an invitation to Pakistan's Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, in 1949 to visit Moscow. Inexplicably Liaquat Ali Khan went to United States instead, thus shelving his visit to Russia.
17. **Western Bloc and Cold War Period.** Pakistan decided to join the Western security alliance system, SEATO in 1954 and CENTO in 1955. It was a rather an abrupt change in its earlier non-aligned foreign policy. This phase in Pakistan's foreign policy is generally regarded as the Era of Alliances (1954-1962). The following reasons can be forwarded for this change in Pakistan's foreign policy.
  - 17.1 Although the Western security alliance system was aimed to check the spread of communism, yet Pakistan hoped to acquire substantial economic and military aid to bolster its defences against India, with which it had an outstanding dispute over Kashmir and had fought a limited war in 1948.
  - 17.2 Pakistan felt that with its membership of the Western security alliance system, it could seek a solution of the Kashmir dispute.
  - 17.3 The elites of Pakistan were under the Western influence and were advocating Pakistan's joining of Western alliance system.
  - 17.4 Ideologically, Pakistan was more akin to the West (US) than to the Soviet Union.
18. Mikhail Gorbachev was a revolutionary leader, as he was the first to promote liberalization of the political landscape (Glasnost) and capitalist elements into the economy (Perestroika). USSR was deeply interested in reducing the costly arms race. The Soviet Hosting of **Tashkent Conference in January 1966** was a land mark in the history of Soviet policy towards Indo-Pak and more so for Pakistan. If a party could derive complete satisfaction from the Conference it was Soviet Union. Soviet diplomacy had achieved dramatic breakthrough. Now USSR had

emerged as a peace maker while America was escalating war in Vietnam.

**19. Pak-Russian Relations.** Soviet efforts to cultivate Pakistan stepped up after Tashkent Agreement. High powered delegations exchanged visits, and cooperation in economic assistance also increased. USSR provided \$176 million while overall trade reached a level of \$326 million, as against \$3.7 millions ten years earlier.<sup>23</sup>

Very briefly:

- 19.1 A delegation headed by Air Marshal Nur Khan, CAS visited Russia in July 1966.
- 19.2 FM Ayub Khan visited Russia in Sep-Oct 1967, however arms flow to India continued.
- 19.3 1968 Russian Premier Kosygin visited, and announced a limited supply of arms and ammunition. Pakistan terminated the lease of Badaber (Peshawar) Base to USA.
- 19.4 General Yahya signed an agreement for construction of Steel Mills at Karachi, while in Moscow in June 1970.
- 19.5 However, the events of 1971 dramatically took an about-turn for Pak-Russian relations. Since Russia following its long standing stance, supported politico-military uprising in erstwhile East Pakistan.

**20. Russian Military Intervention in Afghanistan (1979-89).** Soviet invasion in Dec 79 set in motion a major destabilizing process in the region. US found it an opportunity to settle the scores with USSR. USSR blamed Pakistan, Iran and even China for fomenting dissident activity. The number of Afghan refugees reached 300, 000<sup>24</sup> The refugee camps were not only boarding and lodging shelters but gradually became the source of recruitment for freedom fighters. Gen Zia provided for a conduit to American support, supplies, arms and ammunition and training for Afghan resistance. President Brezhnev refuted the charges of expansionist designs against Pakistan and Iran. Andrei Gromyko in his speech in Jan 27, 1980 at Damascus refuted that Russia was trying to reach to warm waters. He blamed US and Pakistan for their intervention in Afghanistan, and considered it as threat to the security of Russia. To top, Pakistan was warned that it risked a direct military confrontation with Soviet Union. Pakistan was asked to stop its support and assistance for Afghan resistance. This was told to Agha Shahi, FM of Pak by Gromyko in New York during the UN General Assembly in 1980. Mr. Gromyko rattled its nuclear sword also.<sup>25</sup> February 1989 Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan brought about a major and a strategic change in the region. It was almost a negotiated defeat. However, there was yet another surprise in the offing. **A new country titled Russian Federation came into**



**being out of Union of Soviet Socialist Republic. It was Dec 1991.**

21. December 1991. It was a uni-polar world after 1991. One out of the two superpowers had declined. From over 22.4 million square km it reduced to some 17 million square km. Fifteen (15) states broke away from USSR over a short period.<sup>26</sup> From Gorbachev to Boris Yeltsin to Vice President Rutskoi gradually realized to have better relations with Pakistan. Nov 92 Sardar Assef Ali, Minister of State for Economic Affairs, visited Russia. Dec 92, Rutskoi returned the visit.<sup>27</sup> Both sides discussed a draft agreement for cooperation on the political, economic, commercial, scientific, technical and cultural fields. The joint communiqué issued at the occasion focused on developing relations with Muslim states devoid of ideological obstacles. It supported Pakistan's proposal of:
  - 21.1 Five Nation Conference on Nuclear Non-proliferation,
  - 21.2 of Nuclear Free Zone in South Asia, and
  - 21.3 it mentioned settlement of Kashmir issue on the basis of international agreements.
22. The growing relations could well be indicated by the inauguration of an international conference held in Moscow in April 92. It was on the relations between Pakistan and CIS. It followed a series of exchange of delegations at various levels. The gamut of subjects, concerns and interests also increased rapidly. It covered defence, outer space technology and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. International Affairs, January 1993; a monthly magazine in Moscow, had a chapter titled "Russia and South Asia". Taking the process of improvement further, Boris Yeltsin invited Benazir Bhutto to visit Russia in Dec 94. It was also a move to address Pakistan's growing concerns on Russo-Indian relations. Assef Ali again visited Moscow in July 94. Sep 95 leader of Russian Parliamentary delegation to Pakistan, Alexander Vengeroovsky disclosed that Russia was ready to supply military hardware to Pakistan.
23. The next land mark was visit of Nawaz Sharif to Moscow in April 99. Russian termed it as new chapter in the relations of two countries. The creation of a commission for inter-governmental trade and economics was signed. In response to the request of Nawaz Sharif, Russian FM, Igor Ivanov stated "that Russia had fulfilled and continued to fulfill an important mission, aimed at the normalization of relations between India and Pakistan."<sup>28</sup> Both sides spoke in favor of asserting the principles of stability and security in the world. And working for creating a multi-polar world. In Sep 2000 the Security Chief of Russian Govt. Sergei Yastrzhembsky, visited Pakistan. Russian Security Chief termed it as 'cautious optimism'. He tried to stipulate a condition of 'concrete deeds' before the Russian



President, Putin, could visit Pakistan. Minister for Interior, General Moin-ud-Din briefing included efforts undertaken by Pakistan to fight terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal immigration and computerization of related data. Moin-ud-Din agreed to conclude an extradition treaty with Russia. In May 2001 Russian Ambassador, Edward Shevchenko met with Federal Minister for Privatisation, Altaf M. Saleem. Saleem expressed the hope for Russian investment in financial sector, gas companies and industrial mega projects like Pakistan Steel Mills and Pak-Saudi Fertilizer Company. Russian Ambassador stressed the need for exchange of experts and expanding the existing economic and trade interaction.

24. New Era: April 2007. The spell was broken by a landmark visit of Russian Premier, Mikhail Fredkov in April 2007.<sup>29</sup> It was almost four decades that a Russian leader had visited Pakistan. Fredkov termed his visit an 'important step' for strengthening bilateral ties, with special focus on economic cooperation. Follow up of Fredkov's visit should have been more vigorous and more objective. However, it remained below par. Minister of Petroleum visited Moscow on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. And a MoU was signed laying down the road to joint collaboration in oil and gas sector.<sup>30</sup> The stepping stones in the years to follow, measuring the progress in the relations are enumerated below, year wise.

## 25. 2008.

25.1 Qureshi, F M of Pakistan met with the Foreign Ministers of Russia and New Zealand, at the 63<sup>rd</sup> UN General Assembly session in New York. Qureshi and Russian FM Sergei V Lavrov, both looked for common understanding while important political developments were taking place in the area.<sup>31</sup>

25.2 Russian gas company, Gazprom was interested in participating in the IPI project.<sup>32</sup>

## 26. 2009.

26.1 Gilani and Putin agreed to re-launch their inter- government's commissions by the end 2009 to revitalize bilateral relations with focus on infrastructure development, energy, rail-link, heavy industry and up-gradation of Pakistan Steel Mills.

26.2 Russia announced its support for the resumption of composite dialogue between India and Pakistan,

27. 2010. "Without any conditions here we are your allies in full sense of the word" said Putin while meeting Gilani on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), in Dushanbe.<sup>33</sup>

27.1 There was hardly any worthwhile defence hardware agreement between the two countries, except Maverick helicopter deal in 1969. Pakistan had expressed its interest now in buying MI-35 Attack Helicopters.

- 27.2 Pakistan's Chairman Board of Investment (BoI), Saleem H. Mandviwalla, visited Russia in Oct. Rao Ves, an electric power company also expressed its desire to set up a plant of 200 MW in Pakistan.<sup>34</sup>
- 27.3 Pak-Russia inked MoU to pursue joint projects and cooperation in oil and gas sector, in Nov. The MoU was signed between Federal Minister for Petroleum Naveed Qamar and Russian Minister for Energy, S I Shmatko at Moscow.
- 27.3 Business prospects were also discussed with Bank VTB, one of the leading universal banks of Russia and largest in terms of authorized capital. National Bank of Pakistan will also open its branch in Russia, it was agreed to.<sup>35</sup>
- 27.3 28.5. MoU was signed between Ministry of Narcotics Control of Pakistan and Federal Drug Control Service of Russia, in Oct.
- 27.3 Russian investors were keen to invest in joint ventures in Pakistan, stated by Oleg Gorbulin the Chief Executive of Russian national Investment Agency during his visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
28. 2011. President Dmitry Medvedev and Asif A. Zardari, met in Kermlin on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This was first visit by Zardari. Both expressed that enhanced cooperation would develop strong bilateral relationship.<sup>36</sup> The areas identified were; trade, investment and joint projects in the field of energy, infrastructure, metal industry and agriculture.
- 28.1 Both sides showed interest in implementation of projects related to creation of a system of transmission of power from Tajikistan to Afghanistan and Pakistan. (CASA-1000). And also building of gas pipeline Turkmenistan- Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI).
- 28.2 Four MoU were signed: on Air Service, on Energy Cooperation, on Agriculture Cooperation, and on Promotion of Investment.<sup>37</sup>
- 28.3 Sixth Meeting of Pakistan Russia Consultative, e-Group on Strategic Stability held in January in Islamabad.
29. **Conclusion.** We have examined through very selective and a powerful telescope a period of about thirteen centuries. **It covered almost one fourth of the globe, starting from permafrost of Siberia to the warm waters of Indian Ocean. It covered from east to west no less than a spread covering nine time zones.** I will have to dare oversimplification and brute summarization. The telescope focused on three areas; history, culture and the ever fluctuating interstate relations. History and culture provided a far more permanent and solid grounds to the peoples to stand on, rather than diplomatic, political, economic, war and peace undulations.

- 29.1 Our mountains are awesome and rugged yet the routes are silky. Our headgears are from Karakul and we share same Chai (tea). We cherish same winds, birds and dogs. We were and shall continue to be Asians sharing long, deep, beautiful and mysterious roots embedded in Caucasia.
- 29.2 States would form and transform. Systems and governments would continue to evolve, dissolve and reform. Administrations would range from cautious to bold, leaders would range from introvert to extrovert, but we the people would live on like life....[In Russian; in the English phonetics: *Ei kak reki fistraychayutsia, tak fistraychayutsia luzi. Va Maskaway*]

**Translation: And as the rivers meet in sea, thus people meet in Moscow.**

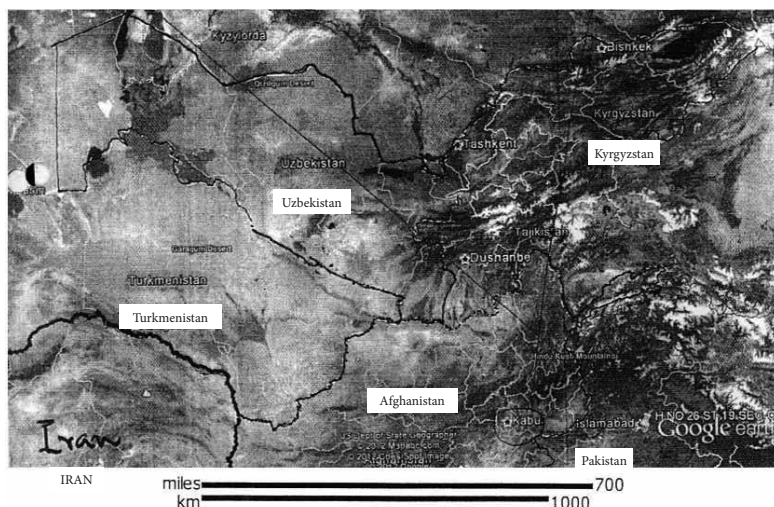


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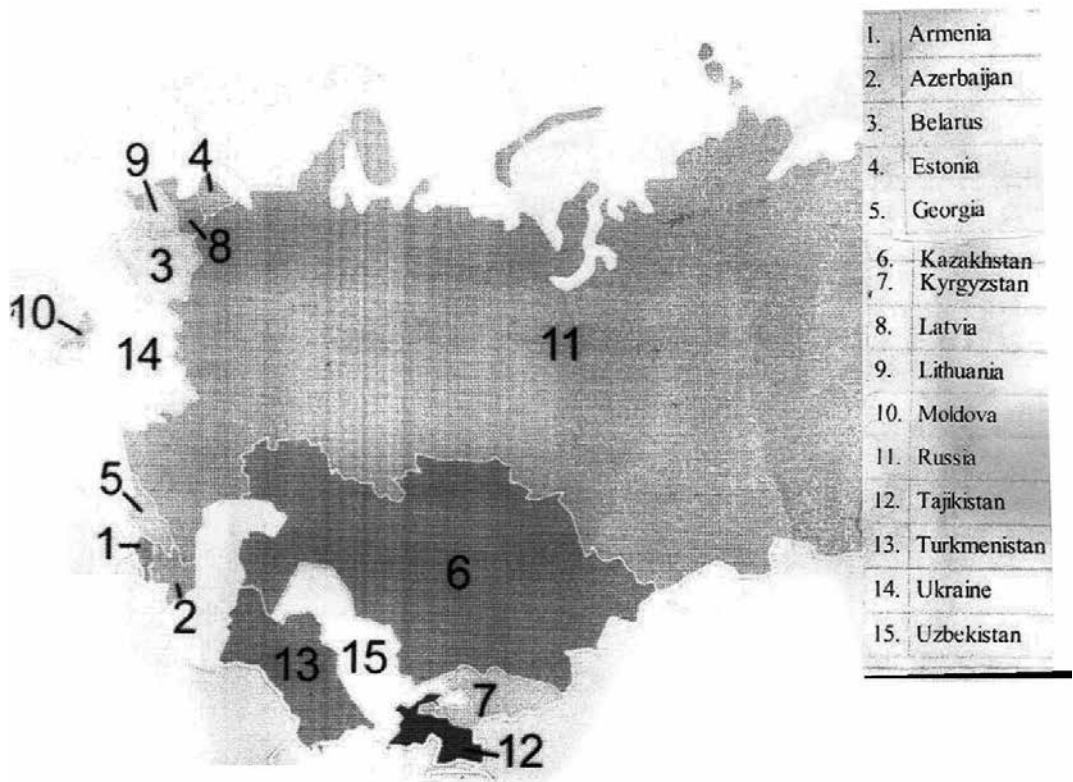
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**Fig4. Map. Russia and its Republics (1956-91)**



Dr. Sergey Kamenev standing. From the right Mr. Zafar Iqbal Ch, Councillor, Dr. Tigran Mkrttychev, Mr. Qayyum, Cultural Attache; the Lady, one of the two speakers from Russia.

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# The Founding Father's Vision: Foreign Policy



Pakistan is the only country in the world which has been created and founded in the name of Islam. Its ideals, covenants and rules of business of governance were to be taken from the teachings of Islam. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (QA) only lived for one year after winning both, independence from colonial masters and carving out a new country. QA laid down the foundations of a number of diverse institutions. It included fiscal, administrative and economic and constitution-making bodies and organizations. In each such institution he proclaimed principle of enduring values. Today from hindsight, historian and researchers, "...marvel at his genius as well as feel more acutely the sense of loss at the all-too-brief time Providence allowed him to guide the new state."<sup>1</sup> He exhibited "...firm commitment to fundamental principles indispensable for the maintenance and promotion of international peace, progress and prosperity of humankind..."<sup>2</sup> Here is an excerpt from his speech,

"There lies in front of us a new chapter and it will be our endeavour to create and maintain goodwill and friendship with Britain and our neighbourly dominion, Hindustan, along with other sisterly nations so that we all together may make our greatest contribution for the peace and prosperity of the world."<sup>3</sup>

"Our foreign policy is one of friendliness and goodwill towards all the nations of the world. We do not cherish aggressive designs against any country or nations. We believe in the principles of honesty and fair play in national and international dealings and are prepared to make the utmost contribution to the promotion of peace and prosperity among the nations of the world. Pakistan will never be found lacking in extending its material and moral support to the oppressed and suppressed people of the world and upholding the principles of the United Nations Charter."<sup>4</sup>

"There is nothing that we desire more ardently than to live in peace and let others live in peace, and develop our country according to our own lights without outside interference, and improve the lot of the common man."<sup>5</sup>

The expression and commitment of QA for Pakistan to be "---a Muslim, liberal, democratic and modern nation state naturally predisposed him in favour of close relations with democratic countries."<sup>6</sup> It was part of history that All India Muslim League had supported Allies in WWII. QA had paid special tribute to "the United

States as having acted as beacon of light and had in no small measures served to give inspiration to nations who like us were striving for independence and freedom from the shackles of foreign rule.”<sup>7</sup> Equally warm were his words for the French ideals of liberty, fraternity and equality.

Pakistan was always averse to becoming part of the eastern and western blocs. To be taking sides was never in the national interest of Pakistan, and the ideals of world peace and prosperity. And till 1953 Pakistan kept itself off the dictates of cold war, but for the security concerns, which India raised for the existence and sovereignty of Pakistan. For sure Pakistan sought protection from tyranny of power imbalance and humiliation of dictation.

It was not only QA, but also his stalwarts to follow, who were equally committed to the ideals of equality, justice and peace and prosperity for all. Khan Liaquat Ali Khan said, “--- the state started without any narrow and special commitment and without any prejudice in the international sphere.”<sup>8</sup> The Foreign Minister followed the same ideas, and echoed. Sir Zafarullah Khan said, “---Pakistan followed the principles of ‘Friendship towards all states, but with regard to each individual question, standing on the side of fairness and subject to that to help and succour the weak.’”<sup>9</sup>

Pakistan was always favourably inclined towards west, for the principles of democracy and being averse to the atheist communism. “Pakistan and its leaders continually sought to strengthen ties with Washington....Pakistan can never go communist declared Fazlur Rahman, a prominent Bengali member of the Cabinet. In the early nationhood Finance Minister Ghulam Muhammad, was engaged in strenuous efforts to secure American capital and investment for solving the country’s desperate economic problems. Defence Secretary, Iskander Mirza...led in July 1949 a military mission to USA to explore possibilities of securing arms supplies.”<sup>10</sup>

After arriving in Karachi, and before taking over as Governor General of the State created by him and his Muslim League, QA received a message from the Secretary of State of the USA, George C. Marshall. “Greeting Jinnah in his capacity as the President of Constituent Assembly...wrote:

I am confident that the Constitution you will present to the people of Pakistan and to the world will reflect the steadfast devotion of the leaders of Pakistan to the principles of democracy and peace, and that it will serve as a living charter upon which may be based the political, social and economic progress of the people of your new nation.”<sup>11</sup>

The concept of ‘Islam and *Ummah*’, over arched the international relations of Pakistan. It has been made part of the Constitution of Pakistan. Here are three excerpts from the Preamble:

“Whereas sovereignty over the entire Universe belongs to Almighty Allah alone and



the authority to be exercised by the people of Pakistan within the limits prescribed by Him is a sacred trust;”

“Wherein principles of democracy, freedom, equity, tolerance and social justice as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed,” and

“...People of Pakistan may prosper and attain their rightful and honoured place amongst the nations of the World and make their full contribution towards international peace and progress and happiness of humanity”<sup>12</sup>

This universe belongs to Him. All mankind comes from the first man He created, thus equal by birth, same rights and equal responsibilities. He made man His vice-regent, taking oath from each, (7:172-73) not as descendant or part of a clan or especial pedigree. We stand as duty-bound ‘benevolent’ for the universe, Narendra Modi inclusive. It was especially disturbing to see the other day, some youth hitting the face of effigy of Modi with shoes. This model exercise was planned by some soft-drink shop in Lahore. Muslim is a superior civilization, by law and conduct; and cannot achieve it unless proven through exhibited behaviour. No man shall be hit or killed when he seeks asylum, no woman or child or old shall be persecuted, none shall be fought against who lays down his weapon, and above all, no green tree shall be cut! And will history of mankind show us a parallel example when house of Abu Sufian was declared safe house during the Conquest of Mecca. And history knows, son of Abu Sufian, Akrama, became Muslim.

Before I close, just a couple of lines to refer to a possible source of Foreign Policy and diplomacy; may it be for some. Last of His Prophet whose *Deen* is Islam, wrote eight letters to different head of states. It included three biggest empires of that time; Rome, Egypt and Persia. These were written and sent in 6 to 7 AH.<sup>13</sup>

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## You Think Hard and Deep. Do You?

1. What was the first test of first man?

2. Let us see Ayah Mubarak 190-191 of Al-Imran and Ayah 101 of Sura Yunis. These are for those Muslims who could observe, ponder and question. That is how the wise should give an account of themselves, while here in His universe for the stipulated time. And who is best out of you? I refer to 98:7. What is your zenith of success for you?

بے شک آسمانوں اور زمین کی پیدائش اور رات اور دن کی باہم بدلیوں میں نشانیاں ہیں  
عقل مندوں کے لئے۔ جو اللہ کی یاد کرتے ہیں کھڑے اور بیٹھے اور کروٹ پر لیٹے اور  
آسمانوں اور زمین کی پیدائش میں غور کرتے ہیں اے رب ہمارے تو نے یہ بیکار نہ بنایا۔  
پاک ہے تجھے تو ہمیں دوزخ کے عذاب سے بچالے۔ (3:190-191)  
تم فرماؤ دیکھو آسمانوں اور زمین میں کیا کیا ہے اور آیتیں اور رسول انہیں کچھ نہیں دیتے  
جن کے نصیب میں ایمان نہیں۔ (10:101)

3. The ability to think hard and deep should yield into some result.

4. Most of all what surrounds me had been named before my birth. Someone had developed the disciplines and sub-disciplines. Someone had deduced and inferred the theories; categorized into classes and sub-classes. What did I do? Have named nothing so far! Then new phrases and names (concepts) came into my life after my birth. Scores of these, listing some, e.g., apartheid, hybrid car, ni-cad battery, remote control, mouse, laptop, plasma, digital, laminated (wood) walls, thermopore, flying shuttle, Whatsapp, ball-point, gel-pen, drone, even kino. Yes, your lists of items differ from mine, fine. Have you named anything new? Have you made any innovation; say in the clipboard you carried as a school student?

5. Can you now read above quoted verses again? How hard and deep you have been thinking!

## A Non-starter

Mr. Vajpayee made an unexpected move by issuing a statement. It was followed by a lapse of happy surprise and a pleasant surprise and a pleasant shock in Pakistan. Well Mr. Jamali responded with a telephone call other than the statements of Mr. Aziz and Mr. Kasuri. Good, it was good diplomacy. Now many like Mr. Haqqani and Bidawai view it as a starter. Many term it as ice breaking. Which ice and whose ice? Ice can refuse as quickly as it melts and do not forget the latent heat. You can have both water and ice at zero degree centigrade. Thanks to latent heat. Question is it a starter? We need to take a dispassionate account of obtaining realities and all the tangible factors. Are there any changes in the geo-political scenario? What has changed or what are the changes, which have caused this rather sudden change of hearts, if it is so.

Is there an emergence of new charismatic leadership amongst Kashmiris? Has APHC made a strategic move? No, we do not find any.

Is there any change in Indian leadership? Hinduvata and Brahmanism still rules through BJP.

Is there any change in leadership in Pakistan? Mr. Jamali, the Prime Minister, is happily subservient to a non-constitutional President. We have yet to see the rebirth of a Quaid-i-Azam, in this context, of a resolution of Kashmir problem.

Has the balance of power (military power) changed? Has the Armed Forces of Pakistan developed a fluke weapon system in last fifteen days or month? Top brass is busy in brokering LFO, the next tier is busy buying and selling in DHA Karachi, DHA Lahore and Morgah I and II in Rawalpindi.

Has the global alignment and grouping changed? US has yet to give us the darling's place like Israel. We are still a fundamentalist state and in possession of WMD on top of that.

Have we been able to harness a regional alignment in near past? China-Pakistan-Iran have nothing in common. India is under no pressure from these regional powers to change its stances on Kashmir.

Has India stopped calling Kashmir its *atoot ang*? Vajpayee made no slip, not even the slip of tongue, to omit the condition of stoppage of cross-border terrorism. To him LoC is as sacred as international border. As if they will ever hesitate to cross

international border, if Pakistan goes a shade weaker, especially military or when US gives a nod.

And last of all has UN become a stronger organization after the recent trampling by USA on Iraq issue? Russia, Germany and France tried to stand up in unison against the brutal expression of force in this unipolar world. Well the harmony lasts but their stand is no taller than squatting.

One thing might have been matured into some shape and that is the road-map for the settlement Of Kashmir problem, prepared by Bush administration. What would be the features of this road-map? This is a serious matter and needs analytical treatment. Let us start:

First, this road-map will not be based on superior values of human rights, equalities of rights of nations and people.

Second, it will not be based on the UN resolutions of 1948. That reference is too old by now. Even otherwise such conformity is too slavish, dormant and sheepish for the superpower like USA. Can you forget the vulgarity of aggression and impunity with which Anglo-American nexus treated the UNO and Iraq?

Third, this road-map will never ignore the interests of India in comparison to that of Pakistan. But this factor will play second fiddle to the interests of America.

Fourth, the envisaged road-map will certainly ensure and safeguard the interests of single super-power. What could be those factors? One can identify at least a few. These could be: (a) Not allowing these two countries to go off the American hook. Both should keep looking towards the nod, appeasement and pleasure of globe's superpower. It is more relevant to India rather than Pakistan. (b) Have presence (US presence) in some form at the back of probable rivals. Rivals for tuning unipolar world into a multipolar world. By keeping a foot in the door of Kashmir. Russia and China both will be taken care of. (c) To tame and neutralize the nuclear capability of Pakistan. The present governing formula is of course a make do arrangement and it is bound to change. A friendly serving general in the seat of President of Pakistan is an extraordinary arrangement, after all. If capability exists it mean threat exists. Therefore check it. (d) Afghanistan has not been a very palatable occupation. Though Americans were lucky to find a Karzai but it is proving a nation of less prudent and less futuristic people. Afghans keep aiming and shooting and keep dieing in return. Kashmir, a small landlocked over dependent area with abundant stuff like Sh Abdullah should prove a better subject.

With these broad parameters of the projected road-map, and with such geo-political objectives, how to tackle Kashmir problem? An independent Kashmir or division

of Kashmir into two or three parts with one as independent may provide the most optimum solution. A durable solution, durable enough to support America's mid-term and long-term interests.

Will India accept independent Kashmir? Will India accept divisions of Kashmir with a part as independent State? India will fiercely resist the first out of the two aforesaid options. And may accept, as long as the one being declared as independent in the present day. Azad Kashmir along with northern territories. To what extent Pakistan will accept or will be made to accept? Coupled with the same point to what extent Pakistan will resist and hold its grounds based on the UN resolution, which demands plebiscite. And the plebiscite offers Kashmiris have only two options. Do you wish to join India or Pakistan?

***Pakistan Observer 9 May, 2003***

## Let's Win the Next War

The Defence Day of Pakistan, an important landmark in our history is at hand again.

Armed forces of Pakistan had to go to war soon after the inception of the country. In 1948 our forces fought the first war. Kashmir could not be liberated, thus the mission was not accomplished. The stalemate gave rise to ceasefire Line and the creation of IHK and AK.

Next war was fought in the Rann of Kutuch. It proved to be another inconclusive round of limited war. May be Indian army drew comparatively better results for their coastal and amphibious operations.

Next war came the very next year. The famous 1965 war. This day is one out of that 17 days war (3-21 September). Our Air Force was a clear victor. Navy defended Karachi and executed one attack on Dawarka. Haji Pir was lost up in the north. Our probe on Chamb-Jurian sector stalled short Akhnor. Indians made limited gains in Sialkot sector. Progress in Khem Karan sector never went beyond 4 Km. Munabao Railway station, a border post was taken in Chhor sector. The deepest of thrusts from both sides remained within 5 Km of the border. Official result "Tactical Stalemate".

Next war was of 1971. Lesser one writes better it is. We only bagged a shameful outcome. It was truncation of Pakistan.

Kargil saw the next round of flexing of armed muscles. India at the cost of heavy losses regained its lost vantage points.

We have been through five battles and wars. So far we have won none! A win is over due. Let us win the next war.

***News Post 15 Feb 2003***

# A Peep into the History of Rocket Artillery



## General

The recent development in the field of rocket artillery is the recognition of the significance of massed indirect fire. The Eastern Bloc has been engaged in the development and employment of multiple rocket launchers ((MRLs) but for the Western Bloc it has been a rather late thought. Presently leading Western arms manufactures are equally busy in developing and improving MRLs. The prevalent notion was that MRLs and their variants were an easy solution with lesser developed and technically inferior armies, who could not develop precision weapon systems. But now with the changing tactical requirements as a result of enhanced importance attached to the fire power and the development in the tactical mobility with which a force can concentrate and maneuver, this weapon system has a lot more to offer to the engineers of war and the commanders on any future battle field. Pakistan is one of the countries who have recently inducted the multi barrel launchers. In this connection a brief flash back will be of interest to the gunners.



## History of Rocket Artillery

Incendiary rockets were used by the Chinese and Italians as early as 1380. History thereafter does not give any details of development in employment of rockets in these two countries. Artillery of Muslim India starting from the times of Emperor Akber upto Sultan Tipu has been the champion in production, development and usage of rockets. Rockets used by Sultan Haider Ali had a stalk of thick bamboo eight or ten feet long ending in an iron tube of about eight and a half inches diameter. It weighed between six to twelve pounds and exploded like a shell, achieving a range of approximately a thousand yards. Sultan Tipu improved upon the various aspects of this rocket artillery. He increased the strength of the Rocket Corps from 3000 to 5000 men. Range of the Rocket was increased to 3000 yards. The employment was carried out in company size strength called "Jauk". A Jauk was attached to a battalion of artillery. In Mysore Wars, fought in the last quarter of 18th century rocket artillery

was employed to carry out surprise attacks, to impede enemy's advance, to engage enemy in dead grounds, to engage cavalry moving in great bodies and to set fire to enemy's towns and hides.

Unsuccessful British campaigns against Sultan Haider Ali and Sultan Tipu were received in England with great concern.

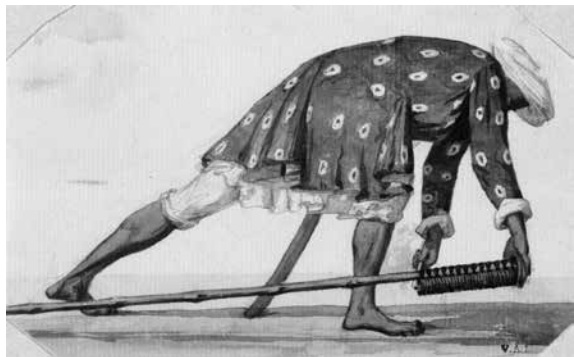
Soon after the fall of Seringapatam in 1799. Colonel William Congreve was able to modify Tipu's model called "SHAHAB" to 1806. A Rocket Corps was added to British Artillery as an military arm and was effectively used against France in the battle of Leipzig and Copenhagen. In the beginning of 19th century the influence of "Shahab" (Congreve Rocket as we know<sup>1</sup> was to enormous that their organization and method of employment were not only adopted by the British Army but also by many other European armies, namely those of Denmark, France, Italy, Poland, Netherlands, Prussia, Sardinia, Austria, Greece and Russia.)



### Recent Developments

Over the periods of World Wars development of rockets and MRLs found its way in the Eastern Bloc countries. Soviet Army has refined continuously on MRLs ever since 1941, when the battery of BM-13 was brought in a combat action against Germans. By the end of 1942, approximately 2000 launchers were in the field and in 1943 six divisions of rocket force were added with launcher's strength rising to 3500. Today 'US Airforce Magazine' credits USSR with 7000 mortars and MRLs. Following table indicates the progress in development of MRLs in USSR; it does not include tactical missiles, having nuclear capabilities:-

- 1954      BM 24  
              BMD 40  
              BMF 14-16
- 1957      BM 25  
              BM 16-17
- 1964      BM 21
- 1965      M 1965  
              BM 28



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Development of rockets and MRLs did not find its way that encouragingly in Western Block countries. Since the Second World War even US Army have put into service only two multiple rocket systems i.e. M21 (24 round) and M91 (45 round) and both of them have been declared obsolete. However, a highly mobile and rapid-fire area saturation rocket system namely “The Field Artillery Rocket Systems (FARS)” is under development for the US Marine Corps. It has already been test fired in surface to surface role with satisfactory results. A laser-guided Zuni round is also under development.

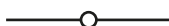
### **Conclusion**

Today a large number of countries have included MRLs in their armies. It includes countries both from Eastern and Western Blocs. “Brassey’s Artillery of the Worlds 1977” credits twenty-seven countries employing MRLs of various types and kinds. Pakistan has acquired a variant of BM-21 produced in North Korea. Its major difference with BM-21 lies in the number of tubes which are thirty instead of forty. It is a potent weapon with vast scope of development in guidance system and in ammunition (rocket). It’s future is bright and so shall it prove it’s value for Pakistan Artillery.

Major Bakhtiar Hakeem was commissioned in 1971 in a field regiment. Attended officers gunnery staff course in 1978 and was retained as instructor in gunnery in the School of Artillery. Attended training on Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher in Democratic People’s Republic of Korea in 1979. Did staff course in 1981. Presently serving as Brigade Major in a Artillery Formation.

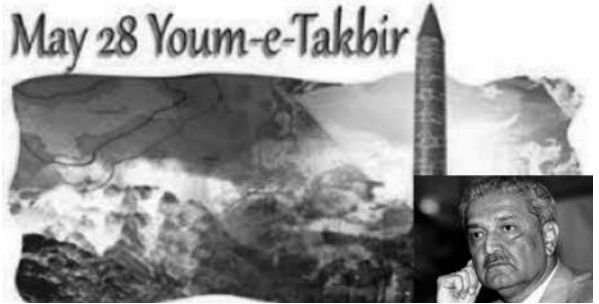


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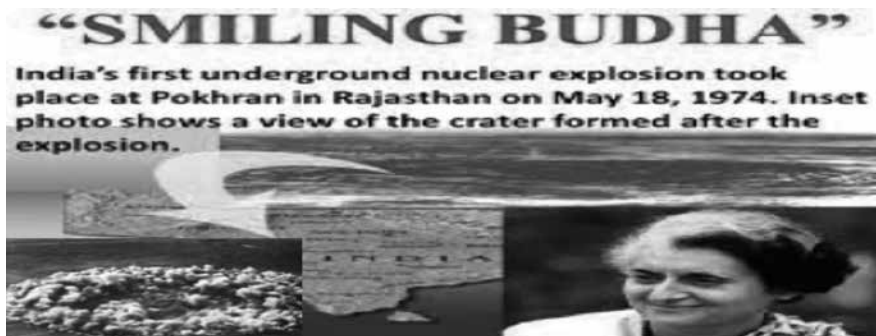


# The Contest of Nuclear Muscle: South Asia

**Introduction.** Pakistan and India are the two arch rivals in South Asia. Both are historically and customarily enemies. Paradoxically they have grown while engaged in cut throat competition with each other. They are nuclear powers; Pakistan following the Indian Smiling Buddha, 1974, became a nuclear power. A comparative inventory-cum-nuclear capability is presented here. (Khan and Waseem, 2016) and (CSIS, White Paper, 2015).



**Strategy.** Before moving further a bit of elaboration of the phrases used with reference to strategy. The phrase "strategy" carries wide and vast meanings. The understanding and its implications become further complex when stipulated with different pre-fixes and post-fixes; for instance grand strategy, geo-strategy, strategic stability/instability, strategic space etc. Strategy is a word stemming from the ancient Greek term for a general and general ship, refers to the relating of military power to the political purpose (Gray, 1982, p. 4). Strategy by this definition makes specific reference to military power; however, the concept of grand strategy is above it, and encompasses, higher strategies. Grand Strategy would relate and pertain to all assets of the state for the achievement of political goals. (Gray, 1982). And it has not been an easy task to co-relate military power to political purpose. The National Security Council must be in this a fix, following the policy statement by Trump on 21st August 2017.



### A Comparative Brief

Pakistan	India
a. Has nuclear weapons stockpile of 90-110 warheads. Pakistan achieved a decade earlier, than what was guessed (Norris and Kristensen, 2009).	a. Estimated to have produced 520 kg of weapon-grade plutonium. It is sufficient for 100-130 nuclear warheads.
b. Apr 2011, Short-range Cruise Missile Nasr- 60 km. It was most suited for non-strategic battlefield.	b. India has produced 80-100 nuclear warheads.
c. Has three operational nuclear capable missiles; Short-range Ghaznavi (Hatf -3), Shaheen I (Hatf-4), and medium-range Ghauri (Hatf-5), Shaheen II (Hatf-6), and short-range Abdali (Hatf-7), and Raad (Hatf-8). Babar and Raad both have stealth capability and pin-point accuracy. These are low-altitude terrain hugging missiles, with high manoeuvrability.	c. India has three land-based missile; Prithvi I, (Agni I, and medium range Agni II. Agni I and II have reliability issues. Trying to develop four more Agni versions. Prithvi I is their mainstay. Agni II can be launched from road or rail, it has 2000 km range.
d. Two new plutonium production reactors are being built. New delivery systems are also being developed.	d. Agni V is long range, with a range greater than 5,000 km, it can reach any spot in China.
	e. Currently developing Dhurva plutonium production reactor. Plans to build another near Visakapatnam.
	f. India is building an unsafeguarded reactor at Indra Gandhi near Kalpakkam.
	g. Jul 2011, test fired mobile short-range solid fuel missile, Prahaar. Could reach to almost all population centres, of Pakistan, in Sindh and Punjab.

- a. **Geostrategic Environment.** The phrase strategic environment will comprise terms and concepts like, strategic space, strategic stability and instability equation, threats to strategic stability and its implications in Indian Ocean Region. The scope of strategic environment includes tactical nuclear weapons (TNWs) (Pattanaik, 2016). While all countries try and maintain and secure Sea Lanes of Communications, the real goal is 'strategic balance'. And though word balance has been used it actually implies to dominate, or at least not allowing other powers to dominate.
- b. **Strategic Stability.** Strategic stability implies that likelihood of a conventional war turning into a nuclear conflict is very low. Strategic stability implies a dynamic phenomenon between two (or more) states or state level representatives to agree to inventories, methods and procedures (check and balances) for keeping the scope and level of potential threat known to each other; and thus stabilising the nuclear posturing.

There are several explanations and reasons for the perpetual antagonism between India and Pakistan. The roots have been well explained by Rizvi (1993). The primary and oldest can be when Islam challenged the near monopoly of Hinduism in 8<sup>th</sup> Century. Islam appearing as opposing force to the socio-economic and social order of the society. It was multiplicity of gods and the graded division of mankind by birth; the caste system, vs. oneness of God and all being sons and daughters of one man. India conducted five nuclear tests on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and Pakistan responded with six; on 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May; the same month; 1998. A Prof at Aligarh Muslim University; Gojree explains it at length (2015). Soon after the end of Kargil War, India revealed it's Draft Nuclear Doctrine. Later, a Limited War Doctrine was officially adopted in 2000. In fact serious debate ensued among the Indian strategists to infer and establish "... [T]hat there is plenty of strategic space available between a low-intensity war and a nuclear threshold" (Khan and Waseem, 2016, p. 10). Indians believed that superiority in limited and conventional war would give them a great deal of advantage. However, a dictum must not be forgotten that it takes one to initiate the war, but require both or all parties to keep it down, and below the nuclear threshold. Such a strategic environment led India to formulate a Cold Start Doctrine (CSD) in 2004.

Both these states have to have rational restraints, to affect deterrence. However, the history does not support an optimistic future.

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- 51 states, comprising South Asia. 'IORs'.
- 38 littorals.
- SAARC
- More than 10,000 km between the southern tips of Africa and Australia.
- Covers about 73,440,000 sq km.
- Av depth is 3,960 M.
- 62 % proven oil reserves, 35 % of gas, 40 % of gold, 60 % of Uranium & 80 % of precious stones.
- Rich in Titanium, Chromite, Lithium, Cobalt, Bauxite, Nickel, Manganese, & Rubber.



- Major conduit for intl trade. Links manufacturers and industrialists in East Asia with the energy and resource rich in Persian Gulf. Carries more than 2/3 of world's oil, half of world's containerised cargo & 1/3 of bulk cargo. Emerging centre of gravity in geo-strategy.
- Choke-points can become critically imp during the times of escalation, quarantine operations and wars.

**Indian Ocean** is key to the 7 seas in the 21st century; the destiny of the world will be decided in these waters.

- 1. General.** Geography has played a fundamental and primary role in determining and shaping the inter-state relations. Oceans and mountain ranges have acted like natural walls of defence or the gate-ways to reach out and shakehands. Barriers like huge deserts (like Shara), seas (like Atlantic) and ranges (like Himalayas) have even influenced the religions, histories, cultures and people; overall. The highest number of wars have been fought on territorial disputes among contiguous neighbouring countries. However, the impact of geography has often been over sighted, and underplayed or ignored. Similarly biggest surprises have been achieved either across the oceans; Normandy Landing (Belfield and Essame, 1965) or the mountain ranges Hannibal's crossing of Alps (Prevas, 2009). This article is planned to be attempted in two parts. In Part I, oceans in general and Indian Ocean in particular will be discussed for its significance and geostrategic implications for the states of the region, and of course Pakistan. Part II,



will be focused on Indian Ocean, with reference to India, China and Pakistan, world powers and geo-strategic implications for Pakistan.

2. Oceans cover roughly two-third of the surface of the globe. Before they could become the biggest means of logistics, oceans proved to be the vast reservoir of food for the mankind. “Nearly 40 per cent of the world population lives within 100 km of the coast.” (Khan, 2015-2106, p. 19). Throughout the history the oceans and the seas have been media for the trade and economic prosperity. In modern times there has been phenomenal growth in containerised shipment “... (O)f cargo with over 303 million container movement taking place annually. Carried by over 46,000 commercial ships to roughly 4, 000 ports worldwide.” (Khan, 2015- 16, pp. 19-20). And the economic prosperity; its preservation and growth, became the means and the symbol of hegemony and imperium. Centuries gone by the media of water covering three-fourth of the globe and over which continents float could not be replaced. It remains to be the means of logistics, rest are but for very limited and specific purposes. Maritime enterprise is the backbone of world trade. And consequently the importance of sea lines of communications (SLOC) has grown manifolds (Sakhuja, 2001). Therefore, any act or even potential which could be inimical to the security of SLOC was considered a threat. At times of wars these SLOC became umbilical cords to sustain the war effort or to be severed to affect quarantine, and to suffocate the enemy to surrender or defeat. According to the estimates of World Bank seaborne trade was pegged at 21, 480 billion ton-miles in 1991. “It is expected to touch 35, 00 0 billion ton-miles in 2010 and 41, 800 billion ton-miles in 2014” (Sakhuja, 2001, p.689). For further study see UNCTAD, Review of Maritime Transport 2000.

3. **Indian Ocean.** For many years Indian Ocean was least studied of the world's great ocean systems (Alpers, 2014). Indian Ocean has been the arena of power-struggle since ages. There was an ancient era; approximately from 550 BC to the Rise of Roman Empire (27 BC). After the fall of Roman Empire Persia emerged as regional naval power; 531-571. Iranian dominant role continued till Arab- Islamic conquest in 637 (Rais, 1986.p.17) . Under Abbasids Arab-Islamic sea-power penetrated East Africa, Malabar-Gujrat and South-east Asia.

- 3.1 **A Brief Description.** A brief description of the geography of Indian Ocean is as follows. The Indian Ocean lies at the core of India's maritime strategy (Pattanik, 2014). Admiral Nauman Bashir, retired Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) of Pakistan had Bakhtiar 16 October 2017 following to say:

Pakistan was heavily dependent on Indian Ocean with 95 % its trade through sea, and 100 % of its Petroleum Oil and Lubricants (POL) were also through Arabian



Sea. Also it had a reservoir of marine economic resources in its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)...Pakistan was cognizant of the responsibilities bestowed upon it owing to geography. (International Conference, 2014, Major Power's Interests in Indian Ocean: Challenges and Options for Pakistan, IPRI.)

The wider meanings of South Asia encompass; all told 51 states (Khalid, 2013) whether land locked, rim states or littoral. A new term is being introduced here, 'IORs'. It has been used by Iram Khalid in Journal of Political Studies (Khalid, 2013, p. 29). It stands for Indian Ocean Rim States. The term now used, to describe 'South Asia', used to be 'Indian Subcontinent', during colonial days and soon after that. The body or the alliance established in recent times; South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC), defines South Asia to include India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and Maldives. (Gojree, 2015). Biggest bulk of population lives in IORs. Indian Ocean is the third largest of the oceanic division of the globe.

According to The World Fact Book Indian Ocean is located in South Asia, East Asia, Western Asia, North East Africa, East Africa, South Africa and Australia.

"It stretches for more than 6,200 miles (10,000 km) between the southern tips of Africa and Australia and, without its marginal seas, has an area of about 28,360,000 square miles (73,440,000 square km). The Indian Ocean's average depth is 12,990 feet (3,960 metres), and its deepest point, in the Sunda Deep of the Java Trench off the southern coast of the island of Java (Indonesia), is 24,442 feet (7,450 metres)." ([https:// www.britannica.com/place/Indian-Ocean.](https://www.britannica.com/place/Indian-Ocean))

The Continental Shelf is generally narrow, i.e., 200 Km. The International Hydro-graphical Organisation delineated the Indian Ocean in 1953. And it was done again in 2000, and "removed waters south of 60° S from Indian Ocean; the details are being left out.

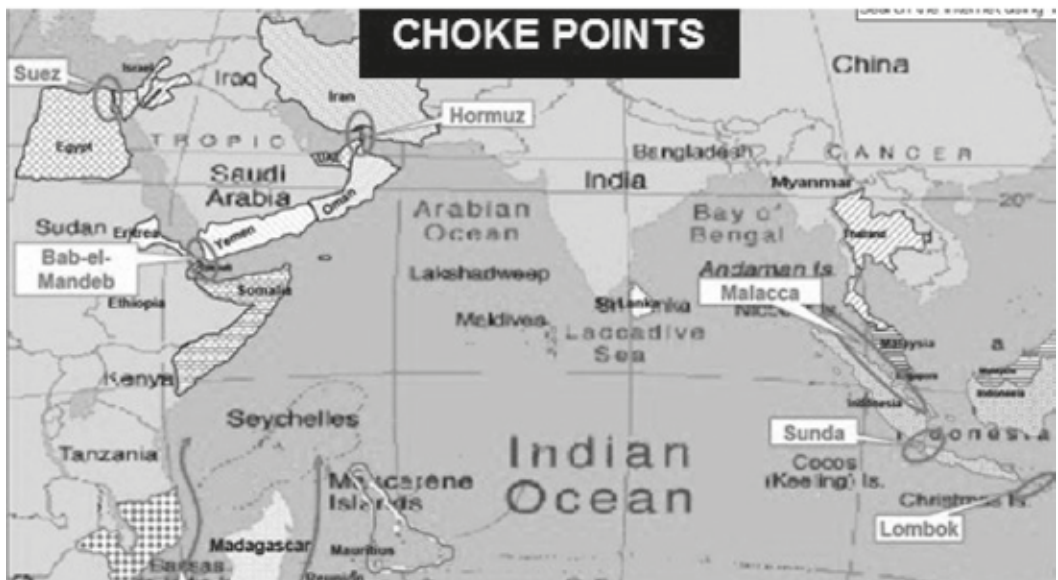
**3.2 Major Sea Routes.** The map below; Figure.3, shows the main trade and supply routes in Indian Ocean. Bab-el-Mandab, the opening of Red Sea into

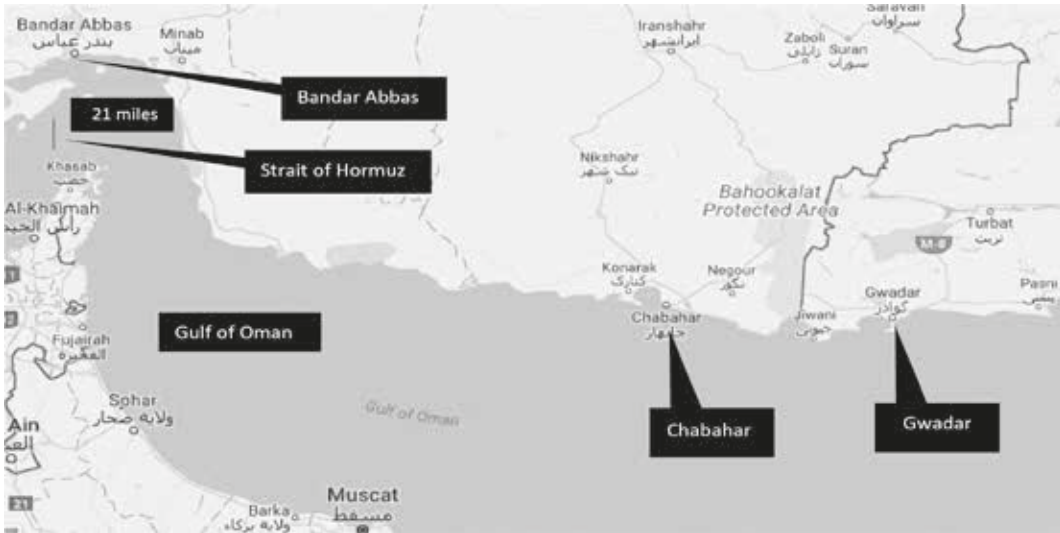




Indian Ocean, the Strait of Hormuz, where Persian Gulf is opening into the Indian Ocean, and Strait of Malacca, the longest and narrow strait, opening the routes to South China Sea, Eastern Indian Ocean and Asia Pacific region are main points of significance. The Map also shows the direction of Monsoons, and the period of year affecting the change in their direction. Strait of Hormuz and Strait of Malacca will appear repeatedly with Fig.2. shows all the IORs and the littorals reference to the SLOCs, their significance and their influence and role in geostrategic studies. Of course straits act as choke points. The choke-points geographically channelize the maritime flow of traffic through a restricted course. Thus it enforces SLOCs to converge, changing the paradigm of geo-economics, geopolitical influence and the significance as to who can monitor, enforce a closer or deny the use to a particular country.

**3.3 Major Choke Points and Straits.** The choke-point as described above; can become critically important during the times of escalation, quarantine operations and wars. The choke-points become all the more important when there are no alternatives or the alternatives are too hazardous, and too long to traverse. Looking at Bab el Mandab and Strait of Hormuz, the point would be explained that all ships must pass through these two narrow sea passages to move into and out of the Indian Ocean. The Strait of Hormuz connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea; is only 21 miles at its narrowest point. However, the width of the shipping lane in either direction is only 2 miles, separated by a two-mile buffer zone. (Telegraph, Jan 5, 2012). While Strait of Malacca is only 1.7 miles wide. Strait of Malacca, could have





alternative routes but those routes would be economically highly disadvantageous. The major choke points include Bab el Mandab, Lombok Strait, and Palak Strait. (Figure.4). Till two decades hence, almost half of the world's merchant fleet capacity and one-third of the world's ships sailed through these choke points. "Shipping traffic through Malacca Strait is several Fig. 3. Main Trade Routes times greater than the traffic either through Suez Canal or Panama Canal" (Sakhuja, 2001, p.691.). Indian Ocean is marked by two famous choke points; Strait of Hormuz to Strait of Malacca. And these choke points can become flash points. Map in Figure.5 shows the North Western part of Indian Ocean. Six of the important choke-points have been shown in red ovals. The map also explains the important channels, seas and Suez Canal. It covers all gulfs and the choke-points of the region, as these would be most relevant to Pakistan, geostrategically.

The following Figure. 5 shows Suez Canal, the gulfs and straits in North-Western Indian Ocean. Of course the most important for the world and Pakistan is Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz. This Fig also shows the proximity and relevant locations of Strait of Hormuz, Bandar Abbas, Chabahar and Gwadar.

**3.4 Strait of Hormuz.** At its narrowest, the strait has a width of 29 nautical miles (21 miles) Fig. 5. About 20% of the world's petroleum (about 35% of the



petroleum traded by sea) passes through the strait, making it a highly important strategic location for international trade.



**3.5 Strait of Malacca.** It is about 800 km long and at narrowest only 40 km wide. Choke points like Strait of Malacca is dear like life to China. 80 % of Chinese imports pass from it. India had threatened to close it when China was mulling with Pakistan in 1971. (Dabas, 2017).

**4. Marginal Seas, Main Sea Routes and Choke Points.** Indian Ocean will now be studied from these three angles, of course choke points mean 'straits'. Here is a brief summary of the important seas on the margins and fringes of the Ocean, various gulf and the bays. All these put together comprise Indian Ocean.

**4.1 Andaman Sea.** It is linking Bay of Bengal and Southern Indian Ocean with East Asian marginal Figure.5. Gwadar and Strait of Hormuz, North-Western Indian Ocean. Strait of Hormuz Bandar Abbas 21 miles Gulf of Oman Cha bahar G wadar 19 October 2017 seas thru Strait of Malacca.

**4.2 Arabian Sea.** It is very important sea, linking Gulf of Aden with Gulf of Oman and Strait of Hormuz with rest of the Indian Ocean. Most important SLOC pass thru Arabian Sea. Gwadar Port gets all its significance because of Arabian Sea.

**4.3 Bay of Bengal.** Bay of Bengal is biggest Bay in the world. It is roughly triangular, and bordered by Bangladesh to the North, Myanmar to the East, Sri Lanka and India to the west.

**4.4 Great Australian Bight.** It is an open bay, south of Australian continent. It is of a little geo-political or geostrategic importance.

**4.5 Gulf of Aden.** Gulf of Aden is located in the North-Western Arabian Sea between Yemen, on the south coast of the Arabian Peninsula, and Somalia in the Horn of Africa. In the northwest, it connects with the Red Sea through the Bab-el- Mandeb strait, which is more than 32 kilometres wide. (Fig.4). 4.6. Gulf of Kutch and Gulf of Khambat. The Gulf of Khambhat, is also called the Gulf of Cambay. It is a bay on the Arabian Sea coast of India, south of Gulf of Kutch, bordering the state of Gujarat.

The Gulf of Khambhat is about 200 km long and about 20 km. The Gulf of Kutch, which is south of Rann of Kutch, is an inlet of the Arabian Sea along the west coast of India, in the state of Gujarat.

**4.7 Gulf of Oman.** The Gulf of Oman which is also called Sea of Oman is in fact a strait and not a gulf. It connects the Arabian Sea with the Strait of Hormuz, which then runs into the Persian Gulf. It borders Pakistan and Iran on the north, Oman on the south, and the United Arab Emirates on the west.

**4.8 Persian Gulf.** It is like Mediterranean Sea in Western Asia. This body of water is an extension of the Indian Ocean through Gulf of Oman, as described above. Some Arab governments call it Arabian Gulf. Littoral states of the Persian Gulf are Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates and part of Oman. It is 989 km long with an average depth of 50 M. It is connected to the Indian Ocean through the Strait of Hormuz and lies between Iran to the northeast and the Arabian Peninsula to the southwest. The Shatt-al-Arab river delta forms the northwest shoreline. The gulf has many fishing grounds, extensive coral reefs, and abundant pearl oysters, but its ecology has been damaged by industrialization and oil spills. Persian Gulf world's biggest oil tankers water course. Because of the huge mineral oil resources of the Gulf States, Iraq and KSA leading; Persian Gulf has become a hot spot of power struggle among major world powers. That is what makes Strait of Hormuz most significant choke-point in the world.

**5. The Significance of Indian Ocean.** The significance and importance of Indian Ocean and that of South Asia is highlighted below. On the importance of Indian Ocean Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, said;

whoever controls the Indian Ocean dominates Asia. This Ocean is key to the seven seas in the twenty-first century; the destiny of the world will be decided in these waters. (Quoted in Major Power's Interests in Indian Ocean: Challenges and Options for Pakistan, International Conference 18-19 November, 2014; IPRI).

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30 % of global trade is borne by Indian Ocean. And 80 % percent of world seaborne oil pass through choke points in Indian Ocean (Srivastava, 2017). Indian Ocean provided a year-long open connectivity between the European part and the far-eastern part of Soviet Russia. The IORs were a source of cheap human and raw materials, in addition; being most thickly populated. And that Indian Ocean lies at the core of India's maritime strategy (Pattanik, 2014). Regional and world powers like Russia, China and India seek to access and maintain at least a power balance, if not hegemony in the Indian Ocean.

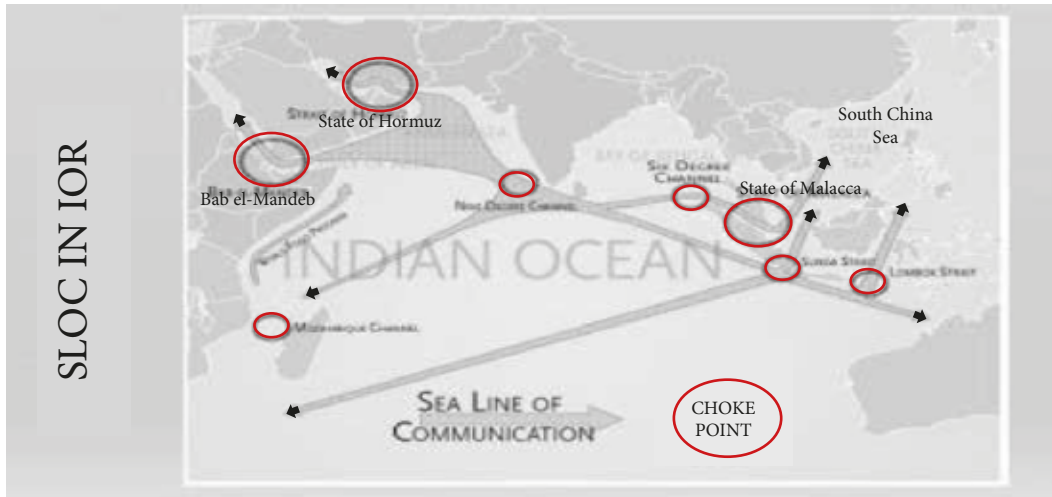
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# International Relations: Power Struggle & Cold War – II



1. **General.** Article titled as 'International Relations: Geography- Oceans & the Indian Ocean - I' was published in Issue 42, October 2017. This article is Part II under the same main head, IR; however it would cover following subheads:
  - a. **The Genesis of Power Struggle**
  - b. **The Chemistry and Manifestation of Power Struggle**
  - c. **Exploiting Unstable and Politically Divisive Environments**
  - d. **Defeating Rival Powers in Seas and on Land**
  - e. **Cold War: A Brief**
    - i. **China in South Asia**
    - ii. **Japan**
    - iii. **US Relations: India and Pakistan**
    - iv. **Russian Presence**
2. **The Genesis of Power Struggle.** The power struggle was not only for the economic, political and military interests. It emanates from the desire to be recognised as superior and a stronger race, nation or a state. It is the identity, and the historically, exhibited and perceived properties of the 'identity' or identities; which must prevail and be acknowledged since these are symbols and icons of national pride and honour. The chosen identity must be either loved or feared by those who wish to be excluded from it. 'Recognition' is deliberated as an old concept of western political philosophy. The desire to be recognised as powerful,

big, influential, superior and almost 'almighty' was at the core of the soul of power-struggle. Clans, tribes, races, ethnic groups, linguistic pride (prejudices) and all of these, put together, were to be recognised as 'nations' and 'civilizations' (Iqbal, 1990, Bang e Dara, Wataniat, p. 171). Superpower competition was always intense since it was driven and fuelled by ideological differences and geopolitical considerations (Hilali, 2014). And all these forms of exclusiveness led to the preservation and expansion of dynasties, through clashes, bloody battles, genocides and 'holocaust'. "The outcome of this battle for prestige was division of human society in classes of masters...and class of slaves" (Fukuyama, 2006, p. xvii). The relationship of lordship and bondage finally resulted into French Revolution and American Revolution.

3. **The Chemistry and Manifestation of Power Struggle.** The desire to collect, gather and expand the territory and maximize the power, and its recognition as it has to be; always needed a strong military muscle. Influencing and wooing neighboring states, increasing the number of allies, neutralizing the competitors and defeating enemies led to a comprehensive stratagem. It needed a wholesome approach, opening with political overtures, diplomatic efforts, followed up or reinforced by economic initiatives and ending up in fierce and bloody battles; if peaceful means did not work. The actualization of national and state objectives, led to framing of foreign policies. The desire to expand economic gains, and the scope and area of influence required immediate back up of matching political influence and the military muscle. Thus economic, political and security ingredients shaped and coined national interests. Another closely related term and phrase which came in affect was 'geo-politics'. In 21st Century 'energy security' is the single most catalyst of conflict.
4. **Exploiting Unstable and Politically Divisive Environments.** England did it in India, France did it in Canada, and the USA did it in Korea and Vietnam. "US have never hesitated to use some form of coercion in vulnerable states" (Rais, 1986). That was how French hold in Canada expanded. Armed siege and Artillery fire was frequently used by the French masters (Wolfe, 2005). The expedition under Wolfe against Quebec is covered in some details (Mahan, 1965).
5. **Defeating Rival Powers in Seas and on Land.** Breakdown of Portuguese rule (1600) saw British the next winner of power struggle. Holland and France could not compete with British. French even collaborated with Tsar of Russia to oust England from South-Asia. French naval forces were also in action during the times; Robert Clive was active in Bengal. "...Bussy invaded Orrisa, sized the English factories and made himself master of much of the coastal region between Madras and Calcutta....French squadron of nine ship..." (Mahan, 1965, p. 307). Later in 19th Century Japan rose as naval power, after defeating Russia and entered Indian Ocean from south-east as a contestant and a threat to the British Raj in the Indian subcontinent. England had wounded up its infrastructure,



facilities and presence east of Suez by 1970 (Rais, 1986, pp. 31-42) and US replaced England to fill the gap. Soviet deployment in Indian Ocean increased as the US enhanced its presence. Year 1986 was described as the intensified superpower rivalry in Indian Ocean (Rais, 1986, p. 42). 1986 England revised its future strategy and started winding up east of Suez; leaving the arena to the super powers of Cold-War; the US and the USSR.

The chemistry and manifestation of Power-Struggle can be found in the notion of 'Global Supremacy'. This phrase has been used by Brzezinski, on the opening page of Chapter 1. (Brzezinski, 1997, p. 3). It would help explain for the actions taken, and how desire to rule the world could be manifested and exercised by the powerful.

6. **Cold-War.** World War II (WWII) ended in August 1945. Now it was time of truce, pacts and the beginning of the peace. Why was the period from 1946 to 1991 called 'Cold War'? Wars are initially seen as good men struggling against bad. The virtue fighting against evil and the belligerent factions have only heroic vision about themselves and only see the sins of their enemies. As the war is over and the time passes for cool reflections and the analysts and the historians take over, war becomes a "terrible human predicament" (Hogan, 1997, p. 54). The period of Cold War was many things to many people. It was division of the world into two hostile camps. It was polarisation of Europe in general and that of Germany in particular. It was a contest that shaped cultures, social science and history. It was a mad arms race. Even space was used to outwit and outnumber the 'Threat'.
7. **The Cold-War: From Beginning to the End.** The struggle and confrontation between the states was considered to be perpetual lesson or dictate of the history. Such was the faith and belief in both the camps. The two rival super powers were divided on most fundamental grounds; like human rights, the individual liberties and cultural freedom, the role of civil society and the very destiny of man (Hogan, 1997). Both the US and the USSR carried and adhered to the vision of world triumph. Both sides believed that the other side is bound to oppose and shall be hostile. Both rivals felt compelled to confront and fight back, since the other existed. To fight and be victorious, military power was an essential and the ultimate solution. Faith in military power was relatively more in Kremlin than in Washington. Cold War had both ideological and geo-political dimensions. Thus spheres or confrontation were wide open, and ever expanding. Each side found the 'enemy' reacting and responding as expected. This vicious cycle of predictions coming true for every step; intensified the struggle. It was manifested in a continual act of balance of power. The geo-political rivalry had blown up to dangerous levels, even for the existence of human race. Probably that is why it was not 'peace' after the end of WW II, but Cold War.

**8. China and South-Asia.** When Pakistan came into being, situation in China was that of intense conflict between Mao's Red Army and Nationalist Chiang Kai-shek or Jiang Kieshek. China and USSR both focused on South-Asia not only to check the growing influence of US led Western bloc, but for co-operation in defence and economic fields as well. This was the period of the beginning of Cold War. India warmly welcomed the PRC as compared to Pakistan. They went for establishment of diplomatic relations well before Pakistan could do. US did not recognize the communist PRC but Nationalist China of Kai-shek-Formosa. China was soon to have serious troubles with India over Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sikkim and over some parts of border. China claimed these areas "as parts of greater China." (Burke & Ziring, 1990, p. 105). China steadily grew to the status of regional power. It out classed India and is now well on its way to be the world power. With reference to South-Asia, the best omen is that Russo-China relations are that of an ally now.

**9. Japan: Its Role and Significance.** Japan made its entry in global politics in 1905 after defeating Russia in China. Japan became an occupation force itself, but for a short period of time; in Manchuria and Korean peninsula. Japan proved to be a brutal military force in Far East and South-east Asia. Tajo's Japan was part of Axis with Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy. Japan's strategic location in Pacific and in the north of South-east Indian Ocean and a non-communist country made it most sought-after friend by the US. This highly organised, industrious nation, which was industrially advanced as well, was to be the frontline state against communist USSR and socialist China.

Japan's view about South-Asia was limited up to Burma (Bhatty, 1996). The events and developments to follow in the decade of 50s and 60s gradually changed the perception of Japan, and consequently its role and the influence. A verdict given against Japan by the Military Tribunal set up by the USA was challenged by an Indian judge, Mr. R Pal. A conference was held on Japanese Peace Treaty in 1951 in San Francisco. It was attended by Foreign Minister of Pakistan Mr. Zafarullah. Pakistan extended unequivocal support for Japan. Japan was favourably inclined towards Pakistan being member of SEATO. Then a Treaty was signed between Japan and India in 1952. Mrs. Indira Ghandi visited Japan twice, first in 1968. India gradually became major beneficiary of Japan's economic assistance. By 1989 "Japan emerged as the leading donor country..." (Bhatty, 1996, p. 222).

The US and NATO provided full security cover to Japan. Japan was part of Western Security system. And a new term came into being giving significance to US-Japan role, Asia-Pacific Region, for geo-political domain and geo-strategic advantage

**10. US Relations: India and Pakistan.** Beginning of the Cold-War era coincided

with India and Pakistan coming into being. Right at the outset Pakistan faced serious problems of Kashmir, as unfinished agenda of 'partition of India'. Over a million turned refugees, and treaded the bloody passage from Pakistan to Bharat and from Bharat to Pakistan. The division of assets, the canal water issues, and acute teething problems which any newly born state could face, were faced by Pakistan. Especially so, when Gandhi believed vivisection of mother India was a sin, and Lord Mount Batten believed existence of Pakistan was not viable politically and the US considered Muhammad Ali Jinnah a reactionary, and Pakistan was a folly. Pakistan rushed to Muslim Ummah, its PM visited three Muslim countries; namely Egypt, Iraq and Iran, in the Middle East. King Farooq of Egypt made fun of Pakistan as birth of Islam (which had come about on August 14th). Pakistan failed to get any help from the platform of Common Wealth, either. All these developments compelled Pakistan to join the western bloc under the leadership of the US. Thus in Cold-War Pakistan was with the US. India with its Nehruvian ideology and socialist approach preferred to rather remain non-aligned. "During the Cold-War, India's preachy neutralism and close ties with the Soviet Union upset Americans. Close US-Pakistan security ties and the US tendency to lecture others upset the Indians" (Wisner II, Platt & Bouton, p. 14). During Cold-War, "the US perception of India was very low and therefore, often ignored it" (Gojree, 2015, p. 7). And now, we know the wheel has turned three-sixty degrees.

**11. Russian Presence in Indian Ocean: During the Cold War.** Soviet had a little interest in IO as compared to that in Atlantic, Pacific or Mediterranean Sea. We now briefly trace the history of Russian Navy, starting 1947.

Soon after the independence India started making efforts to curb the presence of USSR and that of US, both, from the IO. Soviet presence can be traced back right from 1960s. Soviet fleet coming from Vladivostok comprised six war ships visited six countries of IORs. These were India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Kenya, Somalia and South Yemen. Vishakhapatnam, an Indian port was modernized and developed as follow up of that flag show. Frequency of US ships visiting IO was reduced after the presence of Russian Navy.

Basic contingent of Soviet comprised one Destroyer, two Destroyer Escorts, two Mine-Sweepers, an Amphibious ship and a Merchant Tanker.

However, while the USSR disintegrated into fourteen states and a Russia, it was very opposite for the USA. Yet, the role was affected adversely, since the need to have a global policeman diminished. Unipolar world had its own dynamics and ramifications..

During the Cold War the US, especially let grow a number of intelligence agencies and government departments. Central Investigation Agency, Federal Bureau of

Intelligence, State Department and National Security Council, were the leading names and icons of the US's mailed fist. Each one of these started working for their own budget, strength and the clout. Quoting President John F Kennedy, in spring of 1963, "The hard-liner on the Soviet Union and the United States feed on one another" (Hogan, 1997, p. 57).

- 12. Analysis and Implications of Cold War.** World remained for very long in a state of danger and fearful speculations. Probably what kept the peace was, not the love and struggle for the virtue of peace and prosperity, but the vision of a dreadful future filled with smoking ruins and radiating destruction. Cold War certainly left some lessons to be learnt. However, how much we have learnt from the history is a different debate. Since all along the Cold War, fear of a nuclear holocaust kept the world, in some sort of peace; yet every moment and every precious dollar and ruble was spent on deadlier and more lethal weapons than ever before. Giving either side a potential to destroy the world many times over, as compared to the 'Little Boy'. Not only that but this period of Cold War witnessed Nuclear-Biological-Chemical Warfare (NBCW) as well. A battery of names for different Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) appeared as innovations and to represent the throat cutting-edge of the technology; during this period of Cold-War.

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## A Question

**A question can help in many ways to live this day as a new day.**

- To remove deficiencies in A (Affective) S (Skills) and K (Knowledge) ASK. ASK is called domain of learning.
- To confirm, whether, what I knew till the end of yesterday was right.
- To do better than yesterday; in yielding, in delivering and being benevolent.
- To dig and explore this new day a bit more. Ask Him, did He give you this day to repeat yesterday!
- To help moving out of the bondage and the slavery of 'reactive mode'.

Have a new Question and set out to have a new Day. It may help you Grow, and not merely age. Alternatively one may repeat yesterday. All non-living non-responsible things get old, wear-out and wither away.

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# Power Struggle in Indian Ocean & Its Geo-Strategic Implications For Pakistan



**1. Introduction.** I started with a series of articles on the significance and role of geography in international relations. The focus was power struggle in the Indian Ocean, and in post-cold war era, and finally closing on to the geo-strategic implications for Pakistan. The scope was vast, therefore, the topic was broken down into four articles. These articles were drawn from the M Phil Thesis of the author. The Thesis has since been submitted after successful defence, held on May 4th, 2018. First of the series of article was published in Issue No.42; Oct 2017. It was titled, 'International Relation: Geography–Oceans and the Indian Ocean'. Second to follow was published in Issue No. 44, Feb 2018. It was titled, 'International Relations: Power Struggle & Cold War'. The third article was published in Issue No. 46; Jun 2018. It was titled, 'Power Struggle in Post-Cold War Era in Indian Ocean'. Here, our worthy reader you will find the final outcome of the dissertation. It is the Geo-strategic Implications for Pakistan, of the power struggle of at least three powers; the US, China and India.

Before moving over to focus on the geo-strategic implications for Pakistan; it is prudent to add a brief note on China. It is not only a fast growing regional power on its way to become world power, but a strategic partner and neighbour of Pakistan also.

**2. China in the Indian Ocean.** China has been an ever growing power since 1949. It has been expanding its role and influence, in all meanings of the word. Demise of USSR, gave it a jump start. China was first to react, and within 48 hours of the policy statement by the President of the US, Donald Trump. It was when Trump was giving

stern warning on the role of Pakistan and how the US could possibly react (The News, Editorial, 23 August, 2017). China contested the US view point.

The Indian Ocean has become 'the Frontier Strategy in the Chinese foreign policy' (Khalid, 2013). The opening of Southwest China has opened a new coastal region, which had remained dormant since ages. China is also extending its influence to small island nations through economic and security overtures. Thus China has become a matter of serious concern, in the everlasting arena of power-struggle. Gwadar has been a big worry for India as a terminal on the shores of Pakistan. Chinese submarine patrols have made port calls at Karachi and Colombo. India claims to have tracked 14 warships in the first half of 2017 in the Indian Ocean (Brewster & Bergin, 2017). Proximity of Gwadar to Strait of Hormuz is of equal concern for the US, as well.

China's Navy, People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN), has conducted several exercises. Some exercise were conducted right off the coast of Somalia, near Gulf of Aden, some search and rescue exercises in Strait of Lombok and some from South China Sea to Sea of Indonesia. (CSIS, White Paper, 2015). China was concerned about the corridor of its energy imports; 'The Strait of Malacca' Hu Jin Tao warned off "Malacca Dilemma", as dependence on this narrow strait.

China's approach to The Indian Ocean as inferred by an Indian scholar, S. S. Pattanaik is that China's expanding presence in the Indian Ocean is far more than merely securing SLOC. He quotes Zhang Ming, a Chinese naval strategist:

...Andaman Islands of India would effectively block entry into Malacca Strait once India commands the Indian Ocean, it will not be satisfied with its position and will continuously seek to extend its influence, and its eastward strategy will have a particular impact on China. (Kaplan, 2009, p. 23, quoted by Pattanaik).

**2.1. Manifestation of China's Presence.** China's presence and its manifestation of power have been enumerated below:

**Figure. 5.2. Sea Ports of Bangladesh**



Developed from Google Earth. Retrieved on 29 September and developed from <https://www.google.com/maps/@4.66259,99.5451,1612080m/data=!3m1!1e3>



2.1.1. China offered soft loans to build the Chittagong port, Sonadia Port, Pyara deep sea port in Bangladesh. Building Kyaukpyu deep sea port and building naval infrastructure in Coco Island in Myanmar. Expanding the Colombo container terminal and a new port at Hambantota in Sri Lanka.

2.1.2. Development of deep-sea port at Gwadar. On March 22nd 2017 Yuan-class submarines '335' equipped with torpedoes, anti-ship missiles and air-independent propulsion was docked at Karachi port and spent a week there.

2.1.3. 'China has been able to entice neighboring countries of India with generous economic largesse. It included Myanmar, Sri Lank and Maldives, especially (Brewster and Bergin, 2017).

**Figure. 5. 3. Sea Ports of Sri Lanka**



Retrieved on 29 September and developed from Google Earth.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@4.66259,99.5451,1612080m/data=!3m1!1e3>

2.1.4. China is building new airport, houses and other structures like bridges in Male, and connecting it to Hulhule. This small island, in the proximity of Male, bears the sole airport of the country.

2.1.5. China has recently offered two Ming class submarines to Bangladesh. In addition, Bangladesh procured two new frigates from China in 2015.

2.1.6. The latest, most significant and historically a first step was the establishment of a base at Djibouti in July 2017. Chinese are going to base 10,000 soldiers here; it's the first overseas military facility established by China. This naval and airbase facility opens new vistas for the Chinese to expand and overview its interests in Eastern Africa, all along the Indian Ocean. Djibouti is already under use by the US, France and Japan. It is "home to US operations in Africa" (Brewster and Bergin, 2017). China is likely to set up a similar base in Maldives or Sri Lanka.



**Figure 5.4. Djibouti, the Marine Base established by China in July 2017**

Retrieved and developed from; <https://www.google.com/maps/@11.49865,43.28251,792485m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Such developments are likely to see increase in rivalry among the three states; the US, India and China. China is expected to send its aircraft carrier strike group to Djibouti. It will be certainly ringing the alarm bells in the Indian Ocean.

**3.0. Indian Aspirations and Designs.** India considers itself pivot to the IOR. Some geographical statistics tend to support that conviction. India has 7,500 km long coastline, approximately 1300 small and big islands and 2.4 million square km of EEZ (Pattanaik, 2016). Not only that, the cumulative 'sea dependence' for oil is about 93 per cent (Indian Navy, Maritime Doctrine, 2007, p. 25, quoted by Pattanaik). 77 per cent of Indian trade, by value, is carried by the waves of the Indian Ocean. Indian trade with its littorals is about 40 per cent. In addition, "...32.3 million barrels of crude oil and 50 per cent of maritime oil trade..." passes through the Indian Ocean (Albert, 2016, p. 2/12). The geo-political flux caused by the end of Cold-War was brought in the IOR and the IORs to the focus. India's main concern is Chinese growing influence.

**3.1. Guiding Principles.** Four factors acted as the guiding principles of the Indian maritime strategy.

**First**, the internal stability within the neighborhood is a must and is an insurance against external powers involvement.

**Second**, New Delhi would strive to establish beneficial economic relations with its neighbors, in order to prevent close defence co-operation with external powers; that have geo-strategic ambitions in the sub-continent,

**Third**, to shape security architecture in the IOR, India would use its historical socio-cultural affinity to establish enduring strategic ties.

**Fourth**, the threat of radicalism and terrorism in the region is another aspect that defines India's relations with its South Asia Maritime neighbors.

Since India is aspiring to emerge as world power it is striving to increase its 'strategic

space' (Khalid, 2013). As of now it is not possible for India, without the help of the US. However, the Indian outlook is evident from the words of one of its Foreign Secretary, Mr. Rao (quoted by Khalid, 2013, p.23).

India and The Indian Ocean are inseparable. In the midst of third largest ocean in the world, India's location is in many ways her destiny. That is just not a statement regarding a fact of geography but of a deeper civilizational, historical, cultural, economic and political linkage that have been forged between India and the Ocean bears its name. ... the Indian link is in its broadest sense, is a single common thread that is visible in the Indian Ocean region.

Such a narrative of national moorings help to explain that, India is an indispensable unit of the regional equation. And it also expresses the national desire that India wishes to be a single dominating power in the IOR. It is further substantiated by the institutions and their activities like; The Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation (IOR-ARC) and The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS). Both of aforementioned are initiative for strong security relationships with the countries of IOR. [For details please study the Thesis.]

**4.0. The Geo-strategic Implications for Pakistan.** The unipolar world brought in a unidirectional assessment and outlook of international issues and global problems. Now it was the American view point, through the prism of American geo-political and geo-strategic interests, alone. The US now viewed Pakistan as any other country of the third world. "... [P]akistan was no longer required to be used as proxy against Russia." (Mustafa, 2016, p. 43). Nuclear program of Pakistan was more of an eyesore now. Pakistan was to 'do more', all the time on WOT and face aid cut, sanctions and freezing of all major supplies, as well. On the other hand, which was like burning the candle from both-ends, the US-Indo Nexus grew steadily. One direct implication of their closeness was Pak-China nexus.

**4.1. Power Struggle: OBOR-CPEC.** The OBOR and its one practical translation where Pakistan has its highest of stakes is CPEC. The Indian Ocean is the arena and the vital interests of China, on the course to become a global power, rests in it. China is in severe contest of power against the US and India. Pakistan is an old and traditional friend of China, and a partner in CPEC. It has provided China an over-land access to the Indian Ocean with Gwadar as a strategically located port. Pak-China nexus had other contributing factors, as well. Moving from east to west there were eight possible locations for a sea-port as a terminal of CPEC. These were Ketī Bandar, Sonmiani, Hingol, Ormara, Khor Karmat, Pasni, Gwadar and Jiwani. Gwadar was chosen after a lot of brain storming. With reference to Strait of Hormuz and the ports of UAE, Gwadar could be seen as the competitor. Thus Gwadar could become a junction prone to the conflicting economic interests of the regional powers (Khalid, 2013).

**4.2. Maritime Interests and the Strategic Stability.** Almost 80 per cent of mineral oil demand of Pakistan is met from imported oil (180, 000 barrels per day in 2008, and in 2012 it was about 150, 000 bpd). The maritime domain is central to the country's economy. It implied uninterrupted and safe SLOC. (Ahmed, 2015). Exploitation of Fishery, hydrocarbons and sea-bed resources demand a complete sovereignty of territorial waters and continental shelf. Maritime infrastructure up to Gwadar and development of Gwadar as deep-sea port are vital to Pakistan's maritime interests. IOR includes 38 littorals, including Pakistan (Ahmed, 2015, p. 52). All factors like geo-political, economy and geo-strategy compounded the phrase, 'peace and stability'. Peace and Stability are inseparable; these must be addressed as one wholesome concept. The complications are added by Pakistan and India, the arch rivals, being nuclear powers. The energy reservoirs and other geo-political interests have always found the presence of regional and extra-regional powers. And they have sustained their naval presence.

No single country or alliance or a coalition has the potentials of managing security and stability in IOR (Ahmad, 2015). Pakistan successfully fought on its western border. Our victory culminated in Soviet withdrawal. Pakistan is still busy fighting it's WOT. The stated policy guidelines of US issued from National Security Strategy (NSS) did say to find new partner to fight the US WOT. Bush visited India in March 2006, and said, "... Pakistan and India are different countries with different needs and different histories" (Mustafa, 2016, p. 56). Bush had added that Pakistan should not expect a similar nuclear deal. In addition, the US President had raised its concerns on nuclear proliferation and role of Pakistan in WOT. This was repeated in similar words by Obama and now Trump is saying the same thing.

**4.3. Pak-China and Pak-China-US Equation.** A new equation has developed in the recent years. The prime movers were the; growing presence of China in the Indian Ocean, challenging both the US and India, and the closing geo-economic ties between Pakistan and China. Notwithstanding the riding clause, Indian animosity towards Pakistan. As for the US we were his enemy's friend. Of late, Pakistan and China has decided to exchange their currencies, without considering dollar as the base currency and going through the dollar exchange rate. If we can recall Bush's war on Iraq; Saddam had decided to sell oil in Euro rather than Dollar. May one find the roots of recent brawl and threats of Trump in the exclusion of Dollar from the CPEC. Commander Kal Bushan from India and continual terrorist attacks in Pakistan; especially in Baluchistan are bloody implications for Pakistan. Attacks on Quetta; focusing sectarian rifts and minorities, locations and routes along CPEC and Chinese engineers and staff; number more than once a month.

The mutual and interdependent interests with China implies to maintain a well thought-out and a delicate balance of interests with China. Pakistan has to set forth a measureable economic equilibrium, safe-guards for different spheres of independence,

and geo-political balance in the region. All this is very important while NATO occupies Afghanistan; and India occupies from LOAC to Sir Creek on the eastern borders. Not only that, Pakistan has to share the waters of Arabian Sea, both with India and the US. Today the America is headed by a threatening Trump administration.

An additional geostrategic implication accrues out of our close relation with the two important Muslim countries. A historical and continual state of conflict between Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Iran has always been a very tough test for Pakistan. Pakistan needs both of them, while it was always asked to decide, as to which side of the 'Gulf', Pakistan is standing. India's growing ties with Iran and colossal investment in Chabahar adds to the criticality of our relations with our one time strategic depth; Iran.

**5.0. Conclusion.** During the Cold War, some sort of geostrategic balance had been created in the IOR littorals. After the demise of the communist 'threat', the US was the only power to enjoy the status of the World Power. The phase of unipolar world, however, started shifting to a multipolar world, gradually. The new players to affect the geopolitics and the geostrategy in the region were China, India and of course the US. Some of the historic and customary threats got reinforced and a few got added to the inventory. The geostrategic balance started experiencing a critical change with the introduction of tactical nuclear war heads. Strategic stability i.e., the likelihood of conventional war turning into nuclear war was an area of study and deep concern. New priorities were developed and started taking affect in South-Asia. [For details please see the Thesis.] India had revealed its Cold Start Doctrine, soon after the Kargil War. The strategists of India and Pakistan, tried to measure and estimate the strategic space. China was all along enhancing its presence in the Indian Ocean. There was indeed a long list of challenges to the strategic stability. Unsettled and simmering disputes between Pakistan and India, the non-state actors and cyber warfare were on top of the list. Absence of any arms-control mechanism and that of any over-arching body for maritime security in the Indian Ocean were next most critical challenges. Indian maritime strategy focused to prevent external powers or to keep their influence to a bare minimum. Manifestation of Chinese ever-growing economic and military muscle and Indian efforts to confront these was major tussle and conflict. The US was the third, non-Indian Ocean state and most powerful naval power. The US has tried to cultivate partnerships with Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, and Vietnam. The US planned to maintain sixty percent of its ships in the Indian Ocean by 2020. The growing presence and influence of China presented both opportunities and the challenges to China and the US.

Russian naval resurgence and presence has grown ever since 2003. It remained on a steady increase till 2015; with India as its main partner.

There were dire implications for Pakistan, in a unipolar world, where everything was to

be seen through the American point of view. Pakistan was to face Afghan based terrorist attacks, continually; where US continued to be the occupation force. In addition, Pakistan was to face sanctions, cuts and delays in supplies. Such relations between Pakistan and the US helped bring China closer to Pakistan. CPEC is an iconic reference. While Pakistan needed a safe and uninterrupted SLOC, Gwadar was vital to the maritime interests of no less than 38 littorals. 'Peace and Stability' has to be understood and needed to be translated as a practical notion. 'Peace and Stability', however, remained inseparable.

The fundamental, primary and customary role of Pakistan Navy (PN) remains to be seaward defence, protection of SLOC and protection of other maritime interests. Owing to the changed implications, peacetime responsibilities have enhanced in spectrum and became more dynamic. PN has reinforced Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). Establishment of National Centre for Maritime Policy and Research (NCMPR) is a landmark development. It serves as think tank for the multidisciplinary study and maritime policy research.

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# Power Struggle in Post-Cold War Era in Indian Ocean

**1.0. General.** Two articles in this series on International Relations; I and II, have been published in Issue No. 42 and 44; respectively. First was titled 'Geography: Oceans and the Indian Ocean', and second 'Power Struggle and Cold War'. This is

the third one in the same pursuit. The fourth one could be the last and final. The focus would be Geo-strategic Implications for Pakistan, and possibly if I could infer some recommendations.



**2.0.** Most of the South-Asia had remained under British colonial rule. The differences in ideologies (isms); and religious, cultural, ethnic and geographical barriers had compounded their inter-state relations. The wedges had deepened and widened, and many a regional issues had the potentials of becoming flash points. Bi-polar world had created some sort of balance. It came to an end with the demise of 'Threat' for the US. Soon after, 1991, the dream of senior Bush, 'New World Order', had come to shadow the global politics of unipolar world. According to Brzezinski (1997), the US was the only one to enjoy as the World Power, in the history. The unipolar period era, however, proved rather brief. The trust and mutual confidence between the US with its NATO allies diminished as well. 'Afpak' policies and fighting in Afghanistan is point in case.

**2.1.** The theatre of the Indian Ocean (IO) and The Indian Ocean Region States (IORs) had geographical, historical, political and psychological characteristics and legacies. These fundamental factors and governors affected the threats, and vulnerabilities to be, the Strategic Balance and finally its implications for Pakistan, specifically. This articles is designed to cover following sub-topics:

**2.1.1.** Post-Cold-War Threat Eventualities.

**2.1.2.** Strategy and Geostrategic Environment.

**2.1.3.** New Priorities in South Asia: US relations with India and Pakistan.

**3.0. Post-Cold-War Threat Eventualities.** There are two types of threats;



External and Internal. External are covered first. A summarised account follows:

**3.1. Piracy.** Piracy has developed and evolved from golden age to modern days. It has been defined under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), as “any illegal act of violence, detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends ... on the high seas against another ship ... outside the jurisdiction of any state” (Ahmed, 2009, p. 90). Piracy has been a long standing and historical threat to SLOC. According to Worldwide Maritime Piracy Report South-Asia is one of the two hotspots of piracy. (Sakhuja, 2001). Along the Strait of Malacca and Strait of Singapore which is 960 km long, over 200 vessels pass every day. It is one of the highest density of merchant naval traffic, and correspondingly most vulnerable to piracy attacks. By the statistics of International Maritime Bureau; attacks reported in 1991 were 107, and it gradually increased to 275 in the year June 1998 to June 1999. The piracy attacks are on the increase and spilling over to South China Sea, Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea. There are typically 35 to 45 warships and auxiliaries deployed in the IO on counter-piracy operations. This force is drawn from some 28 states (Bashir, 2014). Despite all these efforts there is a general despondency that states cannot do much to arrest piracy.

**3.2. Drug Trafficking.** The ‘Golden Triangle’, known for drug trafficking is formed by three countries. These are Myanmar, Thailand and Laos; with Myanmar leading. This Triangle is largest heroin and opium producing area in the world. (Dabas, 2017). India is the next leader to produce and smuggle these drugs. And drug-trafficking has led to Narco-Terrorism. LTTE of Sri Lanka was and remains to be involved in drug-trafficking and creating funds out of this business (Ahmed, 2009). Piracy and trafficking combined is a conundrum for the countries of South Asia for their maritime and security policies in general (Chowdhury, 2014).

**3.3. Gun-Running.** Drug-Trafficking, Narco-Terrorism and gun-running are all closely linked. Countries and non-state actors involved in these use SLOC in the IO. Narcotics and drugs move out and weapons, especially small arms move in. In early 1950 the US started this gun smuggling to support nationalist Chinese of Kuomintang to fight against communist China. (Sakhuja, 2001). Smuggling of Gold is another closely linked crime, through the SLOC in The IO.

**3.4. Illegal Fishing.** Fish is the staple food of about a billion Asians. These states are part of IORs, and their fishermen are most active in this threat to the SLOC. From Sir Creek to Myanmar and onto Vietnam, illegal fishing is one major factor to spoil inter-state relations, leading to conflicts among the countries of IOR states. Implementations of rules dealing with Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) are flouted with impunity. In that case many a countries feel helpless.



**3.5. Mining.** Like land mines, sea-mines are among the cheapest forms of sea-warfare. These can be laid both by civil and naval ships and boats and aircrafts. There are 48 navies which have the capabilities of mine-warfare. (Sakhuja, 2001). The information that a particular shore or strait is mined is good enough to deter any vessel entering such waters. To demine and declare a particular channel or strait safe, needs an international effort. For Strait of Malacca, a 960 km long channel, mining is a huge vulnerability.

**3.6. Maritime Pollution.** Maritime pollution is directly related with congestion of maritime traffic. Oil spillage, over congestion and Internal Factors (to follow) in conjunction, has frequently caused accidents. Maritime pollution has been a growing hazard for marine-life, navigation and safety in SLOC in general.

**3.7. Internal Factors.** Very briefly, these factors are of technical nature and of making of marine community itself. These Internal Factors include; Poor Seamanship, Incompetence of crew, Environmental pollution, Gun-running, Drug Smuggling, and Illegal migration of human by ships. "Human smuggling has received increasing global attention due to the recent human disasters at sea that occurred during transportation of illegal migrants." (Ranasinghe, 2015, p. 12).

**4.0. Strategy.** The phrase 'strategy' carries wide and vast meanings. The understanding and its implications become further complex when stipulated with different pre-fixes and post-fixes; for instance grand strategy, geo-strategy, strategic stability/instability, strategic space etc. That adds another angle of complexity. The term strategy and its various derivatives are used rather differently in American bloc and the Russian bloc. Usage by Russian academia and the practitioners is more precise and specific, relatively. Strategy by this definition makes specific reference to military power; however, the concept of grand strategy is above it, and encompasses, higher strategies. 'Grand Strategy' would relate and pertain to all assets of the state for the achievement of political goals. (Gray, 1982). And it has not been an easy task to co-relate military power to political purpose.

**5.0. Geostrategic Environment.** The phrase strategic environment will comprise terms and concepts like, strategic space, strategic stability and instability equation, threats to strategic stability and its implications in IOR. The reference whether mentioned or otherwise will remain focused on Pakistan with in-turn reference to India, China and the US. The scope of strategic environment cannot exclude the nuclear capable, two arch rivals of South Asia. The capability of tactical nuclear weapons (TNWs), will be inseparable part (Khan and Waseem, 2016). The IO is "... [C]onsidered as major theatre for power projection that involves strategic contest between India and China" (Pattanaik, 2016, p. 2/5). While all countries try and maintain and secure SLOC, the real goal is 'strategic balance'. And though word balance has been used it actually implies to dominate or at least not allowing other

powers to dominate.

Strategic stability implies that likelihood of a conventional war turning into a nuclear conflict is very low. Strategic stability implies a dynamic phenomenon between two or (or more) states of state level representatives to agree to inventories, methods and procedures (check and balances) for keeping the scope and level of potential threat known to each other; and thus stabilising the nuclear posturing.

**6.0. New Priorities in South Asia.** The body or the alliance established in recent times; South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC), defines South Asia to include India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, and Maldives (Gojree, 2015). Afghanistan being in the immediate vicinity is of very significant importance, geo-strategically. Of late it has been made part of SAARC. Now the US has developed and framed priorities for its policies towards India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The geopolitical and geostrategic relations of US in South Asia cannot be discussed in isolation. US always faced some level of challenge in balancing its relations, especially with the two major countries, i.e., India and Pakistan. As of Unipolar world, China has become a major factor, to complicate henceforth rather simpler equation in the triangle of US-India-Pakistan. The Independent Task Force, co-sponsored by Council on Foreign Relations and the Asia Society, produced a detailed report for this American supreme think tank. (Wisner II, Platt and Bouton, 2003). Searching for 'New Priorities' was necessitated in the aftermath of September 11, 2001 attacks and the deployment of one million armed men on the borders of Indo-Pak. This mobilisation was named 'Escalation' by the Pakistan Army. It was a four decades of 'cool ties' between Washington and New Delhi now constructively and actively engaged. (Wisner II, Platt & Bouton, 2003).

**6.1. USA: The Evolving Role.** In the beginning of the Cold-War period the US remained involved in North Atlantic and Pacific-Asia regions. British revised its strategy and wound up all its naval presence east of Suez by 1970. Even after this the US strategy for South-Asia, remained more of neglect and procrastination. (Rais, 1986). As M. A. Bhatti puts it across, "In the four decades after Second World War the US was preoccupied with containing communism..." (1996, p. 43). Diego Garcia, however, was and remained of strategic importance for the USA, as naval base. "Admiral John Mc Caine emphasized that as Malta is to Mediterranean so is Diego Garcia to the Indian Ocean" (Rais, 1986, p. 76). US had also signed agreement deeds with Kenya, Somalia, Oman and Egypt to develop their air and naval facilities to be able to subsequently use these for the rapid deployment of its naval, air and amphibious forces. The US forces included Five-ship Middle East Force (MIDEASTFOR), one carrier battle group, requisite logistics units and a regular deployment of Amphibious Brigade (Rais, 1986, pp. 75-78, 94-95).

The US Navy could mobilise its naval resources both within a particular theatre of

war, as well as between the two or more theatres of war. By and large the US navy remained on back burners in the IOR. With the end of Cold-War and unpredictable demise of USSR, there was significant change in the perception and attitude of the US. It was almost a reversal of the previous strategy on and about IOR. It was extension of “...(C)oridality towards India, accompanied by pressure on Pakistan...” (Bhatty, 1996, p. 43). In Post-Cold War evolving role of US in IOR, China was a new factor. China was now the bastion of communist and socialist system. Not only China had influence on the successor states of Soviet Union, it was expanding its influence in the IORs. Western priorities; led by the US were driven and motivated by the following factors:

**6.1.1.** Checking of the spread of defence and weapon technology. [Focus was Pakistan. Trying to truncate and stem the Islamic extremism.]

**6.1.2.** Averting nuclear weapon technology, proliferation. To exercise check on the spread of missile and chemical weapons. [Focus was Pakistan. India was allowed to purchase second super computer. While India was termed ‘security partner’]

**6.1.3.** Getting access to strategic raw materials.

**6.1.4.** Exercising pressure in the name of democracy and human rights. [India was praised as the biggest democracy of the world. Pakistan and China was the target.]

**6.2.** In the 1991 Gulf War, India rendered valuable logistics support in terms of refuelling and refitting facilities. US helped India getting loan of \$ 1 billion from IMF (Bhatty, 1996, pp. 65-66). Purchase of supercomputer, covered above, was in same package to pay back. By next year, i.e., 1992, India, the ‘security partner’; was the second largest recipient of IMF loans. It did affect Indian economic sovereignty, in the context of its relations with the US.

Threats to US were of two types primarily. One, the state based threat, and second, non-state actors. The biggest concern for America was war on terror (WOT) (Khalid, 2013). China was next serious concern for the US. However, ‘String of Pearls’ was of serious concern for India. For US, East Asia drew greater attention as compared to South-Asia. America for sure wanted to keep, ‘Ocean Highway’ open from Strait of Hormuz to South China Sea through Strait of Malacca. One last word, with reference to the India-the US and Chinese triangular relations in IOR. India organised The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) and did not invite the US. Since India had not invited the US, it did not invite China. Playing one against the other, India kept both, China and the US out of it (Khalid, 2013, pp. 29-31). It suited Indian objective to be the sole power to reckon with by the rest of the smaller states of the IO littoral.

**6.3.** Obama administration decided to withdraw from Afghanistan in 2014. As

the war in Afghanistan protracted, and there were no signs of clear results, for ISAF (International Security Assistance Force), the confusion between US and its NATO allies enhanced. They were not sure of US strategy. Since 9/11 lack of sharing of intelligence with ISAF has been one point of controversy between the US and her ally countries (Javed, 2015).

**7.0. Pak-US Ties.** The level of the involvement of the US kept varying from 'strategic backwaters' to major non-NATO ally. Stating the status of Pakistan in US foreign policy Wisner, Platt & Bouton (Year p.39) contend that Pakistan represented as one of the toughest and most complex policy challenges that US faced anywhere in the world. The Pak-US relations generally remained better while military dictators ruled in Pakistan. Pakistan was the US proxy before Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. This period extended from 1982 to 1989; though USSR entered Afghanistan in December 1979. During this period the US analysts and strategist watched how Taliban and Afghan as a nation were fighting back the second super-power. After the withdrawal of Soviet Union, US relations with Pakistan deteriorated and that with India improved. India became a linchpin of the US policy in South Asia. (Nayak, 2005). US by and large was considered a fickle and an unreliable friend. The US foreign policy objectives revolved around the following objectives: (Mustafa, 2016).

**7.1.** To consolidate US ties with India and secure the moderate Muslim state of Pakistan.

**7.2.** To influence major regional developments according to its interests.

**7.3.** To find new partners and allies to fight US War on Terror (WOT).

**7.4.** Making South Asia nuclear weapons more safe and secure, and to address proliferation concerns.

**7.5.** To prevent terrorists groups and organisation getting access to Pakistan's nuclear weapons. And lastly,

**7.6.** To combat extremism and religious militancy in Pakistan.

Nayak, dwells at length how Pakistan had to struggle in Post-Cold War for its status and role as front-line state. The US had to maintain a balance and struggle hard in containing Pakistan and keep it engaged as well. The US relations with any one of the three countries of the region; namely Afghanistan, India and Pakistan; could not be visualised and planned and executed in isolation. Thus the US had to maintain and keep a dicey balancing act (2005).

**8.0. Indo-US Nexus.** America has had a long history of interest in and influence on the IOR. It started after the shrinking influence of the colonial master of South Asia, Britain. Here the point of focus is Indo-US nexus in post 1991 developments.

Their collusion got a jump start after September 11, 2001 attacks. Initially the US did not recognise People's Republic of China (PRC), but Nationalist Formosa. Nehru's India remained socialist in inclination, nationalist in approach and politically part of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). While Pakistan was used only for WOT, India formally became strategic partner of the US. Focus was now on containing China, the power after Soviet Russia. The 'US-India 10-years Defence Agreement', the Indo-US nuclear deal, giving India an exception from the constraints of IAEA; and promoting and actualising the inclusion of India in Nuclear Supply Group (NSG), marked the US-Indian nexus. The review of existing literature leads safely to conclude that "... [T]he US engagement in South Asia was aimed at pursuing its broader geo-political interests in the region..." Gojree, Wisner, Nayak and Schaffer... (as cited in Mustafa, 2016, p. 40). The Indo-US nexus as it developed and grew over the period can be summarised through following developments and facts.

**8.1.** January 2004: Next Step in the Strategic Partnership between India and the US, showed up in civilian nuclear activities and trade in technology.

**8.2.** June 2005: the US and India signed the New Framework for the US-India Defence Relationship for the next ten years. Keeping the US and Indian markets open for nuclear trade. NSG approved the deal.

**8.3.** In 2006: US initiated strategic dialogue. There were 15 rounds of talks going right up to 2015.

**8.4.** January 2007: the US sold its USS Trenton, a decommissioned American amphibious transport for US \$ 44 million. It became second biggest ship of Indian Navy.

**8.5.** In 2012: Signed a joint initiative Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI).

**9.0. Conclusion.** The area of concern is quite clear. Consolidating ties with India stood at priority one. Half of above objectives focused on Pakistan, and had serious implications for Pakistan. The Indo-US relations remained fraught with scepticism to say the least. Primary reason for the trouble was how the US dealt and maintained its relations with Pakistan.

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## **Answers Needed Mr. Musharraf**

Your speech has raised the hopes. Majority out of the nation has started to believe that you are not going to prove like most of the politicians; that you will not be appointing a compromised solution for the premiership. Please support us when we believe that you were not the weakest of weak, acceptable to the military *janta*. You categorically mentioned that parliament would be the supreme body to make the decisions. You reiterated also, making us believe you mean it. Good. All praises for you. May God be with you to honour your resolve.

But you have permitted the US government to fund the law enforcing agencies in FATA? Has this decision been taken in the national interests and by the parliament?

- Mr. shujaat you are equally important as chief of the ruling party. Your performance has been very good so far. Tough future awaits you. Hold fast.
- Mr. Jamali may be you looking into the future and groping for answers to the following questions:
- What would you do and would you react when Pakistan is asked to let US inspectors in?
- What would you do when you will be asked to destroy your warheads and report completion by a headline?
- What would you do if you were asked to go into exile and leave the country to some sort of karzai?



# Islam & National Interests

Should we be for a change, asking Him and reading from His Scriptures, His answer as to how does He defines His Islam! It will help me addressing the second part of the title, 'National Interests'.

For asking Him, I need not be a Muslim, why should it be a MUST? As He claims to be Lord of mankind, King of Mankind (رب الناس، اله الناس، ملك الناس). Earnestly If I am in quest of learning, all my probes and searches should start with, none/nothing (∅). This wiped clean and blank slate will help create a fresh space in my cluttered, prejudiced, hate-poked mental slate, reactive and jaundiced soul. Let me dare say, an atheist would be in a better position to learn and grow. And atheist does not mean the one who is anti-god, it is the one without god.

The stepping stones to proceed ahead for **Part I**, would be as follows:

- a. The Definition and description of Islam.
- b. His statement as my manufacturer, as to who I am.
- c. My Job Description and what is my status and role, in His universe.
- d. The measure of my performance (Performance Appraisal) and Performance Evaluation.
- e. Who is sovereign?
- f. Has God divided His best creature on the basis of religions, geographical boundaries, languages, race, or any other basis of caste and/or creed?

The **Part II** would be unfolded as follows:

- a. Thirty Years War – Treaty of Westphalia (1618-1648)
- b. Theories of International Relations.
- c. Allama Iqbal's views on nationalism and nation states.
- d. Power-struggle and Rivalry for Supremacy.
- e. State and sovereignty.
- f. The Constitution of Pakistan and Founding Father's Vision.

## Part I

**Definition & Description of Islam.** Let me start with which we hardly hear or read from the *Maulanas* and those crowned to be religious leaders.

**Quranic and Biblical references.** No translation is Quran or Old Testament or

the New Testament. **A translation is the best effort of the learned scholar and his ability to understand His message, the level of his command over the two languages, and finally his purpose to translate.** The translation given below is that of Marmaduke Pikhall.<sup>i</sup> I would recommend the learned readers to consult other translations as well.

**Issue No.1. The Muslim, Christian and the Jew world.** To answer the four questions to follow:

- a. **2: 62.** Lo! Those who believe (in that which is revealed unto thee, Muhammad), and those who are **Jews, and Christians, and Sabaeans** whoever believeth in Allah and the Last Day and doeth right surely their reward is with their Lord, and there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve.
- b. **3:83.** Seek they other than the religion of Allah, when unto Him submitteth whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly, or unwillingly, and unto Him they will be returned. **84.** Say (O Muhammad): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and **that which was revealed unto Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob** and the tribes, and that which was vouchsafed unto **Moses and Jesus** and the **Prophets** from their **Lord.** **We make no distinction between any of them,** and unto Him we have surrendered.
- c. **6: 159.** Lo! As for those **who sunder their religion and become schismatics,** no concern at all hast thou with them. Their case will go to Allah, who then will tell them what they used to do.

Q.1. Do you believe in **a Book** and **a Prophet** to head and name **your Religion**?

Q.2. How often have you consulted and used **His books** to help solve your problems?

Q.3. Can you name **yourself as Christians, Jews or anything else but Muslim**?

Q.4. Can you now have **Muslim, Christian and Jew people** or the **countries**?

### **Issue No.2. The Definition**

- a. **2: 285.** The messenger believeth in that which hath been revealed unto him from **his Lord** and (so do) the believers. Each one believeth in **Allah** and **His angels** and **His scriptures** and **His messengers** **We make no distinction between any of His messengers and they say:** We hear, and we obey. (Grant us) Thy forgiveness, our Lord. Unto Thee is the journeying.
- b. **22:78.** And strive for Allah with the endeavour which is His right. He hath chosen you and hath not laid upon you in religion any hardship; **the faith of your father Abraham** (is yours). **He hath named you Muslims** of old time and in this (Scripture) that the messenger may be a witness against you, and that ye

may be witnesses against mankind. So establish worship, pay the poor due, and hold fast to Allah. He is your Protecting Friend. A blessed Patron and a blessed Helper!

- c. **5: 3.** Forbidden unto you (for food) are carrion and blood and swine flesh, and that which hath been dedicated unto any other than Allah, and the strangled, and the dead through beating, and the dead through falling from a height, and that which hath been killed by (the goring of) horns, and the devoured of wild beasts, saving that which ye make lawful (by the death stroke), and that which hath been immolated unto idols. And (forbidden is it) that ye swear by the divining 32 arrows. This is an abomination. This day are those who disbelieve in despair of (ever harming) your religion; so fear them not, fear Me! **This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour unto you, and have chosen for you as religion AL-ISLAM.** Whoso is forced by hunger, not by will, to sin: (for him) lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.
- d. **23: 52.** And lo! This **your religion is one religion** and I am your Lord, so keep your duty unto Me. **53.** But they (mankind) have **broken their religion among them** into sects, each sect rejoicing in its tenets. **54.** So **leave them in their error** till a time.
- e. **30: 32.** Of those who split up their religion and became schismatics, each sect exulting in its tenets.
- f. **42: 13.** He hath **ordained for you that religion which He commended unto Noah**, and that which We inspire in thee (Muhammad), and that which We commended unto **Abraham** and **Moses** and **Jesus**, saying: **Establish the religion, and be not divided therein.** Dreadful for the idolaters are that unto which thou callest them. Allah chooseth for Himself whom He will, and guideth unto Himself him who turneth (toward Him).

Q.1. Does it suffice all the requirements of a **Definition**?

Q.2. **Who named Islam, Islam, and when?**

Q.3. Should you be adding something or deleting something out of it? He claims He **has perfected it**.

Q.4. Can you sub-class or sub-divide it and give names, like sunni, shia or scores more; found in use?

### Issue No.3. The difference or gradation among the Prophets

- a. **4:150.** Lo! Those **who disbelieve in Allah** and His messengers, and seek to make **distinction between Allah and His messengers**, and say: We believe in some and disbelieve in others, and seek to choose a way in between; **151. Such are**

**disbelievers in truth;** and for disbelievers, We prepare a shameful doom. **152.** But those **who believe in Allah and His messengers and make no distinction between any of them,** unto them Allah will give their wages; and Allah was ever Forgiving, Merciful.

**b. Genesis 37-38. ...Judah son of Jacob ....<sup>ii</sup>**

[Judah 4<sup>th</sup> son of Jacob and Leah. Jacob had four wives, Rachel, Bilhah, Zilpah and Leah.]<sup>iii</sup>

Peace be upon all His Prophets.

**Q.** Could one set priorities or **gradation among the prophets**, and **yet be a Muslim?**

**Q.** Could one name his/her religion after the **name of a prophet**, or the **son of a prophet (Judah)**, or the **brother of a prophet?**

**Issue No.4. Race, nationality and pedigree**

- a. **4:1.** O mankind! Be careful of your duty to **your Lord** Who created you **from a single soul** and from it created its mate and from them twain hath spread abroad a multitude of men and women. **Be careful of your duty toward Allah** in Whom ye claim (your rights) of one another, and toward the wombs (that bare you). Lo! Allah hath been a Watcher over you.
- b. **Genesis 27-28.** So **created man in His own image**; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, '**Be fruitful and increase, fill the earth and subdue it**, ...
- c. **7: 189.** He it is who did create you from a single soul, and therefrom did make his mate that he might take rest in her. And when he covered her she bore a light burden, and she passed (unnoticed) with it, but when it became heavy they cried unto Allah, their Lord, saying: If thou givest unto us aright we shall be of the thankful.

**Q.1.** Whose son or daughter is anyone in this world, except that of Adam pbuh?

**Q.2.** Can mankind be graded based on pedigree?

**Q.2.** Where from and how to trace **the differences and grade a race or a nation as superior to the other?** If you can recall Holocaust!

**Issue No. 5. Place of Man in His creatures, status and the Job**

- a. **95: 4.** Surely We created man of the **best stature**.
- b. **Genesis 27.** So **created man in His own image**; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them...

- c. **2: 30.** And when thy Lord said unto the angels: Lo! I am about to place **a viceroy in the earth**, they said: wilt Thou place therein one who will do harm therein and will shed blood, while we, we hymn Thy praise and sanctify Thee? He said: Surely I know that which ye know not.
- d. **3:190.** Lo! In the creation of the heavens and the earth and (in) the difference of night and day **are tokens (of His sovereignty) for men of understanding**, **191.** Such as remember Allah, **standing, sitting, and reclining, and consider the creation of the heavens and the earth**, (and say): Our Lord! Thou createdst not this in vain. Glory be to Thee! Preserve us from the doom of Fire.
- e. **45:12.** Allah it is Who hath **made the sea of service unto you** that the ships may run thereon by His command, and that ye may seek of His bounty, and that haply ye may be thankful; **13.** And **hath made of service unto you whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth**; it is all from Him. Lo! herein verily are portents for people who reflect
- f. **98:7.** (And) lo! Those who believe **and do good works are the best of created beings**.
- Q.1.** Am I not like Modi, Trump and Veena Malik and all His chosen people, the best of His creature, by birth?
- Q.2.** Am I not, by my creation and the purpose, His viceroy, His vice-reagent or the Chief Executive Officer on earth, for the tenure permitted?
- Q.3.** Isn't it my job to raise question, ponder and research to yield, deliver and be benevolent, for His universe?
- Q.4.** Has He laid down any geographical boundaries or classes and categories among His creatures and any parameters to grade and divide? Can I be choosy whom to benefit, if I am a Muslim?

#### Issue No. 6. Sovereignty; who is sovereign?

- a. **5:120.** **Unto Allah belongeth the Sovereignty** of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is therein, and He is Able to do all thing.
- b. **67:1.** Blessed is He **in Whose hand is the Sovereignty**, and He is Able to do all things. **2.** Who hath created life and death that He may try you, which of you is best in conduct; and He is the Mighty, Forgiving, **3.** Who hath created seven heavens in harmony. Thou (Muhammad) canst see no fault in the Beneficent One's creation; then look again: Canst thou see any rifts?

**Q.1. Is state sovereign?**

**Q.2. Are you not under test, all the time, for the nature and quality of your**

**conduct?** Also see 98:7 above.

**Q.3.** Is Islam a matter of, **continuous and exhibited behaviour** or a **dogma**, and **adoption of name or title**?

## Part II

**Thirty Years War – Treaty of Westphalia.** “Several thousand books and articles have been written on the subject of Thirty Years’ War...”(Parker. (ed). 1984/1987. p.225). Europe was living between war and peace from 1555 to 1618. There were no nations and the state boundaries, as known to be today. The war ensued in 1618, to be known as Bohemian War, followed by Dutch phase, then Danish phase and many more to follow. It was a war of Emperors and Kings, the Catholics (Fundamentalists) and Protestants (Progressives) were two fundamental rivals. It was war between people and territories loyal to Church in Rome, and those seeking freedom from it. It was war between dynasties and princely holds. The terms and concept of ‘Territoriality’ and that of ‘Terra Nullius’, ‘Supra-national’, (Chomsky and Foucault, 2006)<sup>iv</sup> was still fresh. Terra Nullius can be closely related to the term ‘no man’s land’. A king or a war lord or a prince at the head of strong forces could add to his territory, till resisted, by an opposing people or force. ‘cuius regio eius religio’ meant it was the king who would decide which religion his kingdom would have. Or the religion is which the king adopts. 1628 King of Sweden Gustavus Adolphus declared that all wars afoot in Europe are, in fact a single war. However, Catholic Europe had a different view point. Oct 1648 finally the Treat of Westphalia was signed. (Croxtan, 2013)<sup>v</sup> Yet, war went on for another 9 years between France and Spain to decide on where to mark the boundary pillars between the two; and thus create two nations. Treaty of Westphalia is a far more significant a watershed in global politics than the end of World War II or the demise of USSR, marking the end of Cold War. It laid down the birth of nation states. It started shaping the scope of governments of nation states and the goals [National Interests] (Croxtan, 2013. p.107).

It would be interesting to study and examine, the ‘national interests’ of fifteen break-away states of USSR, and Russia, as of today.

**Theories of International Relations.** Starting from 1919 with the birth of Theory of Liberalism (Liberal Internationalism), I can go on and list another ten. Theory of Realism followed, then came the Neo-Realism, to follow were English School, Nationalism-Imperialism, Capitalism, Marxism, and its derivatives, Critical Theory, Globalisation, Post-Modernism, Constructivism, Problem-Solving theories etc. Under all these the premise was that world is ‘**anarchic**’ i.e., without a singular law making and law-enforcing authority. And ‘**state**’ was the biggest factor in the matters

of the world. Since only state was sovereign.

Starting from the times of The Prince (Machiavelli, 1532) to the current times of Kenneth Waltz, Samuel Huntington and Francis Fukuyama, the world was seen thru the lens of and handled in some form or shape of 'Realism'. Liberalism (the rule of values like equality and justice), which were closer to His world order, died between 1919 and the Hitler's conquest of Europe in 1939.

Diagrammatically here are three 'S' of **Realism** (Morgenthau, 2005)<sup>vi</sup>. Hence God, and state are the two claimants of Authority and Sovereignty.

**Allama Iqbal's Views on Nationalism and Nation States.** This is what he had to say about the country, (ones country or the state), as a political concept. Excerpts from his poem (وطنیت)<sup>vii</sup> to follow:

That is the beginning. Nationalism has been equated to birth and creation of new god. Tragedy is that Muslims have also reshaped and reconstructed their point of focus, which used to be Kaba. And whatsoever is the paradigm of this modernity under new god i.e. nationalism, is the death wrapper of religion, the divined religion.

اس دور میں مے اور ہے جام اور جم اور  
ساقی نے بنا کی روش لطف و ستم اور  
مسلم نے بھی تعمیر کیا اپنا حرم اور  
تہذیب کے آزر نے ترشوائے صنم اور  
ان تازہ خداؤں میں بڑا سب سے وطن ہے  
جو پیر بہن اس کا ہے وہ مذہب کا کفن ہے

Nationalism is the product of modern civilization. And that this neo-god; in other words the narrow national interests are nothing but the death message for the religion of prophets. The name of your country is Islam.

یہ بت کہ تراشیدہ تہذیب نوی ہے  
غارت گرے کا شانہء دین نبوی ہے  
باز و ترا تو حید کی قوت سے قوی ہے  
اسلام ترا دیس ہے تو مصطفوی ہے

If you are locked up in geographical boundaries, or parochialism or racial bondages then you are destined to doom. Do not be divided in these physical parameters. Live in the ocean: enjoy the barrier less country like a fish does.

ہو قید مقامی تو نتیجہ ہے تباہی  
رہ بحر میں آزاد وطن صورت مائی  
اقوام جہاں میں ہے رقابت تو اسی سے



The cut-throat competition amongst the nations is due to this (nationalism). The whole fight in trade and commerce is also due to this. Politics is devoid of truth and virtue due to this reason (nationalist approach).

تسخر ہے مقصود تجارت تو اسی سے  
خالی ہے صداقت سے سیاست تو اسی سے

The division and dissensions amongst the mankind are due to this. And the very foundation of Muslimhood (Ummah) and universal nationhood is undermined due to this.

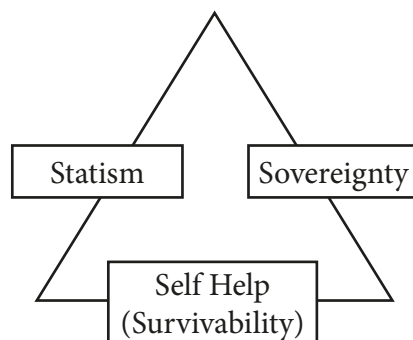
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قومیت اسلام کی جڑ کٹتی ہے اس سے

**Power-struggle and Rivalry for Supremacy.** It is not only the economic, political and military interests but the desire to be recognised. It is the identity, and the historically, exhibited and perceived properties of the 'identity' or identities; which must prevail and be acknowledged. Since these are symbols and icons of national pride and honour as the chosen identity **must** be either **loved** or **feared** by those who wish to be excluded from it. Human-beings do have animal like needs; vividly stated in the political slogan of Pakistan People's Party. Hegel, adds another, animal like instinct, 'preservation of their own bodies' (Fukuyama, 2006, p.xvi)<sup>viii</sup>. The desire to be recognised as powerful, big, influential, superior and almost 'almighty' was at the core of the soul of power-struggle. The relationship of lordship and bondage finally resulted into French Revolution and American Revolution.

**State and Sovereignty.** These one worded phrases have been widely used with specific meanings in the discipline of International Relations. The **sovereignty** is manifested thru territory, the government, the extent of domain over the subjects and the application and enforcement of law, obedience and surrender to the (an) authority. It implied permission of the usage of force. "Sovereignty is defined as a political entity's externally recognised right to exercise final authority over its affairs" (Jeong, 2000, p.293). While the 'sovereignty' was akin to state and the equal status of a state vis-à-vis other state; **anarchy** meant an absence of a 'world state' or a lack of singular authority. An authority which could frame laws for whole of the world, and the authority which could enforce these on the globe. In other words, an overarching supranational authority to maintain international order was lacking. So it was a godless world.

### The Constitution of Pakistan and the Vision of the Founding Father.

Pakistan is the only country in the world which has been created and founded in the name of Islam. Its ideals, covenants and rules of business of governance were to be taken from the teachings of Islam. The concept of 'Islam and *Ummah*', over arched the international relations of Pakistan. It has been made part of the Constitution of Pakistan.<sup>ix</sup> Here are three excerpts from the Preamble:



“Whereas sovereignty over the entire Universe belongs to Almighty Allah alone and the authority to be exercised by the people of Pakistan within the limits prescribed by Him is a sacred trust;”

“Wherein principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed,” and

“...people of Pakistan may prosper and attain their rightful and honoured place amongst the nations of the World and make their full contribution towards international peace and progress and happiness of humanity”

Quaid-e-Azam (QA) Muhammad Ali M A) Jinnah exhibited “...firm commitment to fundamental principles indispensable for the maintenance and promotion of international peace, progress and prosperity of humankind...”<sup>x</sup> Here is an excerpt from his speech,

“There lies in front of us a new chapter and it will be our endeavour to create and maintain goodwill and friendship with Britain and our neighbourly dominion, Hindustan, along with other sisterly nations so that we all together may make our greatest contribution for the peace and prosperity of the world.”

“Our foreign policy is one of friendliness and goodwill towards all the nations of the world. We do not cherish aggressive designs against any country or nations. We believe in the principles of honesty and fair play in national and international dealings and are prepared to make the utmost contribution to the promotion of peace and prosperity among the nations of the world. Pakistan will never be found lacking in extending its material and moral support to the oppressed and suppressed people of the world and upholding the principles of the United Nations Charter”

“There is nothing that we desire more ardently than to live in peace and let others live in peace, and develop our country according to our own lights without outside interference, and improve the lot of the common man.”

Before I close Part II, just a couple of lines to refer to a possible source of Foreign

Policy and diplomacy; that is serving the subject of national interests. Last of His Prophet whose *Deen* was Islam, wrote eight letters to different head of states. It included three biggest empires of that time; Rome, Egypt and Persia. These were written and sent in 6 to 7 AH.<sup>xi</sup>

**Conclusion.** Have we gone a step or two ahead; without establishing who is He! Knowing Him will place one in better position to know himself/herself, His universe and His code of lives, called Islam. There is a whole lot of world which countries, states and governments have to legislate for, perform and yield. Recount colossal loss of life on American Continent. Union Forces losing 380,000 and Confederates losing 258,000 between 1861 and 1865. It led the world to Hague Peace Conferences of 1899 and 1907. Though Humanization of laws of warfare went underway, yet reasons were found for 'Just War' [Jus ad Bellum]; still being used by the biggest killing machine in the history of mankind, the USA. Due to lack of a God, the interpretation of Article 51 of the Charter of UN [as to what is self-defence] has not been agreed upon. There is hardly any international law, ratified by all countries. For an example the highest number of signatories to a law, is UNCLOS 1982. [United Nations Convention on Law of Seas]. It took 14 years to get signatures of 150 countries. And yet there are many exceptions to the Right of Innocent Passage, rights to flyover, depth of EEZ and the utilization of High Seas.

There was a Permanent Court of International Justice; yet it could not stop the USA killing 240,000 innocent civilians on two fateful days i.e., 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1945. Shelling and bombarding and rolling Korean peninsula from South to North from 1950-53, and leaving behind a people divided across 38 Parallel. A nation's interests still at a clash with that of its own one-half. For one country is DPRK and the second South Korea. Vietnam was napalmed and doused with anti-foliage agent from early 1960s to 70s. National interests killed 6 million Iraqis, and blew over 2 million Afghans to pieces. Lucky were the West Germans and the East Germans. They learnt to forego interests of one part of Germany against the other part of Germany. And for sure America and Europe, leading; fear united Germany.<sup>xii</sup>

Governments and states could do a great deal for collective good. National interests can become international interests, when He becomes sovereign. For instance making policies and working hand-in-hand to and for:

- a. Making it a drug free world, rather than one, for making money out of drug trafficking.
- b. Keeping the air and water healthy for all living creatures.
- c. Developing financial systems, bodies and structures which help eliminate exploitation. Rather than making and reinforcing a rich North against poor South.

- d. There are millions which are underfed and facing desertification. And millions looking forward to buy paper, pencil and a book and to join a school. The trouble is they cut across geographical boundaries.
- e. There are millions living as refugees on His land, whose vice-reagent they were.
- f. Kurds, Rohingya, Palestinians and Kashmiris all looking for to be equal sons and daughters of Adam, pbuh. Somehow they are sons of a lesser god.

I can repeat here the above mentioned words of Q A M A Jinnah and say goodbye.

“There lies in front of us a new chapter and it will be our endeavour to create and maintain goodwill and friendship with Britain and our neighbourly dominion, Hindustan, along with other sisterly nations so that we all together may make our greatest contribution for the peace and prosperity of the world.”

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Hi! m d students

Is education helping you to give and yield?

Have you started feeling to be the owner of this universe, or some part of it?

You will start giving when you become the owner. It is a gradual process.

However, it may never start, if education does not help you.



## Real Face of America



Americans are the worst for Imperial force. They are the neo-colonial power with ultra-modern colonial tricks, techniques and methods of torture. They are most mean, most cruel and worst in handling their subjects. Half savage uncivilized, hi-tech animals.

Bush said what world is seeing in Iraq is not real face of America. He said it did not represent the character of people. Whom is he cheating? And is it the last time he is doing it?

From where should I start? Should I bring the 240,000 Japanese bodies or the degenerated, mentally retarded millions of the succeeding generations? Should I call upon Alex Healy, the writer of *Roots*? Should I gather the bodies of young girls, boys and their mothers engaged in a marriage ceremony in Kandhar, Afghanistan? The American shrapnel through their bodies might show the world the real face of America. The naked girls running for her life, on the streets of Hochi-Minha city, Vietnam, from the exploding napalm of America civil liberty, civilization and democratic values is still remembered by many like me.

Mr. Bush let me take you through a TV entertainment sports program; the WWE. Randy Orton, the legend killer, spat in the face of Mick Foley! It was not to be a one-time slip or an outrageous act. A few weeks later he spat in the face of an elderly audience as well. Cold blooded savage, as they are. Chavez Gurrero, a young light weight champion, fought a bout with a lady wrestler. He was supposed to be fighting with one-arm. The father out side the ring untied the arm of his son, while referee was looking the other way. Then father kept the referee busy on the ropes away from his son. The chivalrous son kept fighting with the lady, hitting and throwing her with his both arms. Soon Chavo won! And both son and the father were jumping up and down on the victory! Son was more proud than the father and father more proud than the son. John Bradshaw L, a young wrestler manhandled the seventy-six years old mother of Eddie Gurrero. She suffered a heart attack right here. This shameless creature was least sorry, had no remorse or repentance. Bush is more proud on Guantanamo Bay justice than his justice in Abu Gharaib. Sometimes he reverses the order.

Stories of CIA in killing the head of states, toppling the governments and similar clandestine heinous crimes are a matter of pride for his uncivilized, unscrupulous, half savage nation.

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## Taliban - Please Teach the World

What does it take to win in the battlefield? What is dearer?

- a. Does one need ICBM, Nap or the Earth Cruise Missiles, Mother of all Bombs, Stealth Bombers and Trident the SLBM?
- b. Satellite imagery, remote sensing IR mapping, NVDs, laser distance measuring and terminally guided war-heads?
- c. Air Division, Air Borne Logistics, Inter-Sector Mobility capability and LRMP Air Craft or Off-shore Logistics bases?
- d. Does it need to be an all-powerful Emperor (Japan) or a King (Belgium) or a Queen (UK) or heading a Super Power from Brezhnev to Gorbachev? Or to be C-in-C of all national resources and the military might (USA). Not even President of Afghanistan (Ashraf Ghani).

History has witnessed freedom fighters and those who could pay the price of freedom and independence; like:

- a. Syed Ahmed B. Shaheed - 1786-1831.
- b. Inyatullah Mashriqi - 1888 - 1963.
- c. Hur Movement - 1890-1942.
- d. Koreas - 1950-53.
- e. Vietnam - 1955-1973.

### **Afghan Glorious history of Resistance:**

- a. First Afghan War- 1839-1842. Defeated the then Super Power British Raj.
- b. Second Afghan War - 1878-1880. Defeated British Queen again, since she invaded again.
- c. Against USSR- 1979-89. Were it is still to be established; whether shaheeds were 1.2 million or 1.5 Million. And Pakistan (Zia ul Haq) accepted threat and possibility of two-front war. USSR disintegrated in next two years.
- d. Taliban the Great; 2001-2019. It may not be conclusive as yet, fine we may add a year or two. This time the sole super power, the US was the occupation force and the warriors to face and to be defeated.

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# Pak-China-Russia Triad



World War II ended in August 1945. Now it was time of truce, pacts and the beginning of the peace. Why was the period from 1946 to 1991 called 'Cold War'? Wars are initially seen as good men struggling against bad. The virtue fighting against evil. And the belligerent factions have only heroic vision about themselves. Cold-War came to an end with the disintegration of Soviet Union in December 1991. This terminal phase of Cold-War was too abrupt and therefore, unpredictable. It carried small and big surprises for all; the theorists, geo-politicians, geo-strategists, academicians and practitioners. Thesis of Fukuyama was based on the assumption that liberal democracies had fought and won their last battle. It was defeat of other and rival forms of government and ideologies like, monarchies, fascism, and off last communism. (Fukuyama, 2006). The thesis 'The End of History' lived a short life. The vision of Fukuyama "did not take into account ideological cross-currents" (Bhatti, 1996, p.18). Huntington deduced his 'Clash of Civilization', from the consequences of Cold-War. Again, it did not prove the test of time. The Cold-War which had brought disintegration of USSR and economic bankruptcy; affected USA as well. "It turned from largest creditor nation into the most indebted one..." (Bhatti, 1996, p.14). Two losers of WWII, Japan and Germany which had the onerous task of rebuilding from the ashes, surpassed the US in terms of technology, industry and consequently economy. Russia and China had estranged and conflict prone relations for a long time. Since 2014, the signing of natural gas agreement, the relations have turned for good. The Russian FM Igor Morgulov claimed that Eurasia stretches from British Isles in the West to Japanese Isles in the East; and from Arctic in the North to Indian Ocean in the South. (Srivastava, 2016). One Belt One Road (OBOR) therefore covers all the areas of interest to Russia. China Pakistan



Economic Corridor (CPEC), an important component of OBOR connects all three, Russia, China and Pakistan. Russia looks at joining CPEC as an opportunity to get back to its status of world power. December 2016, India objected to CPEC, as it was passing through Gilgit-Baltistan. According to India claims it was part of POK. Russia clearly stated its support for OBOR and CPEC. Instead Russia proposed to connect European Economic Union with OBOR. Russia has also abandoned India's deep rooted concern over the terrorism emanating from Pakistan. It was alarming for India. Russia, China and Pakistan have also come closer with reference to the growing influence of ISIS in Afghanistan. They have asked UN to help ban Taliban leaders. It has again dejected India since its role and influence would be curtailed in domestic affairs of Afghanistan. Iran may join Russia, China and Pakistan Triad.

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## Prejudices

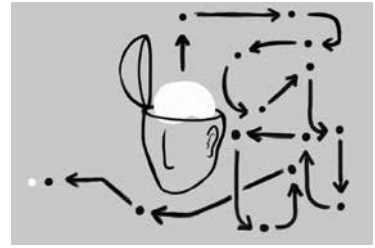
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[Justice, Love, Charity, Liberalism]

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# Pakistan: New Narrative



1. **General.** The *raison d'être* of Pakistan was a slow and gradual realization of a new reality that Indian sub-continent was inhabited by two-nations. Of course before the Peace of Westphalia (1648); political world existed as dynasties, kingdoms, and princely states or domains. The phenomenon of democracy, adult franchise and nation states did not exist; neither there was the concept of secular state. *Cuius regio eius religio* i.e., whoever governed decided the religion. It was Mughal Empire, and Mughal India, later it became British India; of course as a colony. As the British had to leave India, the two communities, had since grown to be two 'nations'; with an un-surmountable political movement to divide India, by the Muslims, into Muslim Pakistan and Hindu Bharat. Seeing the evolution of two-nations in India, over the centuries, Quaid M A Jinnah, once said, 'Pakistan was created the day first non-Muslim converted to Islam'.

- 1.1. Pakistan was the only country in the world which was created in the name of Islam. It is very important before Pakistan is seen and boxed and grouped with rest of the Muslim world, by the Pakistanis and the other states.

- 1.2. The concept of 'Islam and *Ummah*', over arched the international relations of Pakistan. It has been made part of the Constitution of Pakistan. Here are three excerpts from the Preamble:

- 1.2.1. "Whereas sovereignty over the entire Universe belongs to Almighty Allah alone and the authority to be exercised by the people of Pakistan within the limits prescribed by Him is a sacred trust;"<sup>1</sup>

- 1.2.2. "Wherein principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed,"<sup>2</sup> and

- 1.2.3. "...people of Pakistan may prosper and attain their rightful and honored place amongst the nations of the World and make their full contribution towards international peace and progress and

happiness of humanity”<sup>3</sup>

1.3. Here is how the Founding Father viewed and desired the Foreign Policy of Pakistan.

1.3.1. “Our foreign policy is one of friendliness and goodwill towards all the nations of the world. We do not cherish aggressive designs against any country or nations. We believe in the principles of honesty and fair play in national and international dealings and are prepared to make the utmost contribution to the promotion of peace and prosperity among the nations of the world. Pakistan will never be found lacking in extending its material and moral support to the oppressed and suppressed people of the world and upholding the principles of the United Nations Charter”

1.3.2. “There is nothing that we desire more ardently than to live in peace and let others live in peace, and develop our country according to our own lights without outside interference, and improve the lot of the common man.”<sup>4</sup>

2. Is today’s Pakistan reflecting the expression and commitment of M A Jinnah for Pakistan to be”---a Muslim, liberal, democratic and modern nation state...; if so a new narrative would not have been a necessity. Well the deficiencies and shortfalls are not the fault of Pakistan’s exhibited history alone. International relations are being led and conducted; especially after WW II, under the following fundamentals of ‘Realism’.

2.1. State is all sovereign. Whatever it will decided, in its self-defined national interests is right. It has all the right to use force.

2.2. There is no over-arching body or rule. It is what two or more states decide to abide by, follow and set as reference ideal; call it a Treaty.

2.3. Many, theories of international relations evolved with the beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The Theory of Liberalism; which lived for a short period, was the beginning. It focused on three principles:

2.3.1. Equality of human beings, and equal rights.

2.3.2. Rejection of power politics.

2.3.3. Equal status for all states.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid p 62.

<sup>4</sup> Muhammad Ali Jinnah, *Speeches as Governor General, 1947-48*, Feroze sons, Karachi, p11

2.3.4. Promotion of international co-operation.

2.3.5. Promotion and supporting the role of international organization and non-governmental actors as preferred options for world's benevolence.

3. **As of Today.** Leaving aside the question for the time being; has Pakistan fulfilled the ideals and corner stone of its Constitution and the vision of Founding Father, we can make an effort to draft and describe a Narrative for 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Writing it down would be just one part, a lot more would depend how we promulgate it, spread it far and wide and more than that support it with policies and execution.

### TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY- NARRATIVE

4. We, the mankind are all sons and daughters of one soul. Therefore, Modi and Trump and Netanyahu and all Pakistanis are biologically bros. We are all equal shareholders of the resources of nature and in the ownership of His universe. Our rights are equal and so are the responsibilities to maintain and keep the world peace, equitable opportunities of prosperity and growth in all possible fields of human growth. Oppressors, exploiters and criminals are common enemies; we pledge to fight together against all excesses and crimes against humanity; e.g., right of opinion, own property, access to resources, right of all for health and education and run their lives by the free choice of faith, collective wisdom and self-rule and fair play. We have no national interests but international goals and objectives, like making policies and working hand-in-hand to and for:
- 4.1. Making it a drug free world, rather than one, making money out of it.
  - 4.2. Keeping the air and water healthy for all living creatures.
  - 4.3. Developing financial systems, bodies and structures which help eliminate exploitation. Rather than making and reinforcing a rich North against poor South.
  - 4.4. There are millions who are underfed and facing desertification. And millions looking forward to buy paper, pencil and a book and to join a school.
  - 4.5. There are millions living as refugees on His land, whose vice-reagent they were.
  - 4.6. Kurds, Rohingya, Palestinians and Kashmiris all looking for to be equal sons and daughters of Adam, pbuh.

## 16 December 1971: Who Did It?

Hamood-ur-Rahman Commission Report was kept secret for thirty long years, lest we could learn from this objective enquiry. Had we learnt something, we must have altered our ways. Have we? It is a big question, primarily directed towards the leadership. Within the scope of this article, we shall only examine how did it happen and who did it.

The mala fide intentions played its part, even while framing the terms of reference of the enquiry. How could the civilian Chief Martial Administrator be that naive? Let us turn to more horrifying, stark and graver realities. It was the Hindu-Muslim divide. I really wonder how could a man like M A Jinnah live an illusion till 1916. Yes, there could be one reason. It was the immediate task and emergent need to get rid of British rule. As recent as 1920s Shuddhi and Sanghthan movements exposed the most brutal and rather vulgar face of extremist Hindu mentality. Muslims were told to leave India, otherwise drink cow's urine, adopt names like Hari Muhammad sing Banda-ey-Matram, bow to the statue of Gandhi and stop eating beef. Muslim was, and still is, a half Arab half Persian foreigner. The right Hindi word for such a creature was, and still is, maleech. Ganga Dhar is a hero of Hindu freedom Movement. A villain for Muslims. For reference, Hindus who deny what has been said afore can read Raj Gopal Acharia and Dr Ambedkar for recent past.

For the current thoughts writings of Arun Dhiti Rai and Dilit voice are two important sources. Stronger the India has grown, harder and deeper has this divide become. My E-mail box, in response to my article '16th Dec: do not forget it', is full of mudslinging from the Hindu readers. Dear Gunga Din, Shekar Nitini, Arun Kalkae and George Vijai, two days ago, a cricket match was to be played at Kotla Feroze Shah between the veteran Pakistani and Indian players. Activists of Shiv Sena have dug the pitch over night! They also used kerosene oil to burn the surface to prevent repairing it in time!

Do you need any more evidence of Hindus dislike for Pakistanis in particular, and Muslims in general? How does the government say and response to it? I do not know. Waiting for Vajpyaee under the cover of SAARC meeting is pushing every thing aside. With the resurgence of Hinduvata parties like Vishwa Hindu Perished (VIIP), Bajrangda, RSS and Sangh Pariwar have surfaced with full force and fully reinforced by the BJP government. Who can forget the Operation Blue Star, the attack on Golden Temple? Neither one can forget the assassination of Mrs. Indra

Gandhi at the hands of Sikhs as revenge, nor the rebuttal by Hindus who killed 3000 innocents Sikhs in north-western India, alone.

India was Muslim state, a subcontinent by itself. It was called Sownay ki Chiriya. Brought to that level of prosperity and affluence by the Mughals. It had to be broken down to the size easily manageable in the times to come by the western powers. Seeds of disputes like Kashmir were sown, lest these states about to emerge can grow in strength to stand face to face with the western powers; especially erstwhile colonial powers. Just look back, what did Europe do with Ottoman Empire at the end of WW-I. The process was named Balkanisation.

Then comes the 1971, time to truncate Pakistan. Our partner of CENTO and SEATO never came to our help. Seventh fleet kept creeping towards the Bay of Bengal, never to reach. And look at us; we are proud partners in self-destructions, the bombing, killing and occupation of Muslims countries. Helping the enemy to destroy the neighbors, lest they ever come or even think of coming to our help.

Bangladesh came into being on the basis of Bengali nationhood. The very foundation of Islamic identity had been dropped. Supreme was Bangla Bandhoo now. History tells us Bengali populace never demanded the break up of Pakistan. They never wanted to see India humiliating the armed forces of Pakistan. Not one, there are scores of real stories where not only Bengalis but Indian Muslims were found hurt, crying and exhibiting their sorrow and grief on the demise of Pakistan. Thousands of POWs, especially soldiers, experienced the love and hind side of the same coin, hatred, from the Indian Muslims during their days of captivity in India. Many, Indian Muslims, wished them, the POWs, death before they could see them in Indian cages. Any one who wishes to explore further the legitimacy of creation of Bangladesh is advised to contact Mr. Mahmood Ali, the veteran Bengali still fighting the case of one-nation two countries.

Who did it after all? Why did we let it happen? I could summaries five different factors and players.

The process of state building, which started right in 1947, some measures even taken before August 47; went on, turning a blind eye to nation building. Nation building was certainly more important. To mention a few; Hindu members of National Assembly left Karachi and the country within months after August. Urdu was chosen as national language without consensus, PNSC, Eastern Federal Union and State Banks were established even before August 47 but constitution could not be finalized till 1956. On the contrary, Constituent Assembly was dissolved.

Sikander Mirza sought strength from Army for his nefarious designs, rather than the people. He was first to impose Martial Law. It was 1953. Then again, he imposed

partial Martial Law as earlier in 1958. This time his rule lasted for two weeks only; 8 to 21 October. Army had been shown the way in.

It was the Martial Law of General Ayub Khan, his unjust and unequal handling of political matters, which worsened and reinforced the enemy's designs. There were blunders after blunders. Sh. Mujib was a confirmed culprit in Agartala Case. He was let loose.

The personal aggrandizement of the next General, Yahya Khan dictated him to pursue his 'sober' rule. He sought Sh. Mujib's support to see through his prolongation in President's chair, while the former ascends to prime minister ship.

Elections of 1970 were rigged. Dr. Safdar Mahmood advocates the other way. Well having won Mujib turned a cold shoulder to Yahya.

Z A B, first tried to be the deputy premier with Mujib, the lesser alternative was to be foreign minister. Both options were not accepted. He landed back from Dhaka and stated, "Thank God Pakistan has been saved"? What did he mean? The disappointed President and deputy prime minister got together. The venue was the games grounds of Larkana. Bhutto successfully lured Yahya Khan.

The last one who played coupe de grace was Jagjit Singh Arora, the Field Marshall. He was a proud soldier of his leader Mrs. Indra Gandhi. The great Indian heroin and victorious Prime minister.

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## Grant

You cannot Grant others what you do not value or have. To be wrong is a perquisite to Grow. Grow and let others Grow. Only braves Grow.





## Review

I have gone through Bakhtiar Hakeem's work and found it very interesting, lucid and informative. The book consists of four parts. Part one deals with very crucial issues like identity, human resources, growth and human relations. Part two has been devoted to Pakistan's politics, ideology, foreign relations and Pakistan's responses to the world politics. Third part of the book discusses and analyses the matters related to management innovations—new ideas. The author has entitled fourth part of the book as 'Brief Ones.'



Prof. Dr. Aman Memon

To me, the topics related to identity, Pakistan's foreign relations and ideology of Pakistan are of the utmost importance hence, I would like to say something about these topics. Bakhtiar sahib has adopted religious approach to understand and interpret almost every issue so, it has become very difficult for the commentator to criticise and present any counter argument.

Identity is a very complicated, multidimensional and interdisciplinary concept. Identity, basically, is the 'psychological sense of self'. One can identify himself/herself with a group where he/she feels secure and safe. So, we can say that 'self' is the cause of particular situation and it also affects the behaviour of the other fellows by influencing and motivating them. We can say that when 'self' influences and motivates other beings then the psychological phenomenon transformed into a social or political phenomenon and generates the expressions of 'we' and 'you'; 'us' and 'them'—two separate, conflicting and competing expressions in the society. Sometimes these competing and conflicting expressions—'us versus them' got religious connotations, sometimes they are manifested in social, ethical, linguistic and economic paradigms. So, the cause of conflict is not perpetually and solely religious but it is multifaceted. You can interpret the creation of Pakistan and partition of India on the basis of religion but you cannot explain the partition of Pakistan and the creation of Bangladesh on the religious grounds.

Does a person have singular identity or multiple identities? The author has tried to answer this question on the basis of Quranic teachings. "O Mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes so that ye may know each other (not that ye may despise each other). Verily the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things) Quran, Al-Hujraat (49: 13)"

We can safely conclude that the identity is linked with the behaviour “the most honoured....is the most righteous.” We do not have any singular identity but we have multiple identities and that multiplicity has made this world beautiful, versatile and progressive. We can make this world more progressive by recognising, respecting and preserving these identities by adopting the glorious path of tolerance and forbearances.

Pakistan came into being when Indian Muslims felt threatened of losing their Muslim identity under the cultural hegemony of Hindu majority. The prevailing sense of insecurity compelled the Muslims of Indian subcontinent to demand for a separate home land by partitioning the Indian subcontinent. After the creation of Pakistan, a sense of insecurity germinated among the Bengali-Pakistani-Muslims. Our state system failed to remove the menaces generated among the Bengalis, consequently they embarked on the mission of creating a separate, safe home for them; they shunned their Pakistani identity and maintained their Bengali-Muslim identity by refusing to become the integral part of Bengali-Hindu identity.

The author has given synonym message in his article entitled “One Nation Two Countries.” But here the question arises about nationality of the Indian Muslims? Can we say “One Nation Three Countries?”

The concept of nation is another complicated proposition that needed a lengthy and in-depth argument. The author has tried to shed light on the issue of nationalism with reference to Quranic injunction and Iqbal’s views. He furthered the notion of Ummah—almost a monolithic interpretation of nationhood. These ideas of broader-nationhood—Ummah, raised several questions to be answered in the existing intranational and international realities. The nation-state is the basic constituting unit of international system and there is almost consensus among the political scientists that the nation-states are ethnically, linguistically and religiously pluralist identities instead of the homogenous phenomenon. The question of the compatibility of Ummah with the prevailing state structures and the international system is very relevant and yet to be answered.

The foreign policy of Pakistan is another favourite topic of the author. He has written an article about “The Founding Father’s Vision about Foreign Policy.” Quaid desired to see Pakistan as a reliable, trustworthy and credible member of the world community. To endorse the statement author has quoted Quaid’s words: “Our foreign policy is one of friendliness and goodwill towards all the nations of the world. We do not cherish aggressive designs against any country or nations. We believe in the principles of honesty and fair play in national and international dealings and are prepared to make the utmost contribution to the promotion of peace and prosperity

among the nations of the world. Pakistan will never be found lacking in extending its material and moral support to the oppressed and suppressed people of the world and upholding the principles of the United Nations Charter.”

However, the post-Quaid study of the foreign policy behaviour of Pakistan reveals that we did not sincerely work to materialise the dream of Quaid. In the 1950s, we joined American sponsored military alliances and won the enmity of another superpower—the Soviet Union. Pakistan’s pro-American policy deviated Pakistan from Quaid’s desired path of framing the foreign policy aimed at manifesting the “friendliness and goodwill towards all nations of the world” sans “aggressive designs against any country or nations.” Contrary to that, Pakistani leadership decided to become a party in the ongoing Cold War between the two super powers—the USA and the Soviet Union. That foreign policy move compelled Pakistan to continue with its security-oriented internal and external policies which led us to compromise our goal of nation-building.

To sum up, the study of the book adequately reflects the tremendous endeavours of the author to gather information and dispense it among the readers in a lucid manner. He has accomplished his task with devotion, commitment and unprecedented zeal. I hope, the readers will enjoy reading this book and enhance their knowledge about Pakistan and Islam.

### **Introduction**

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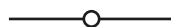
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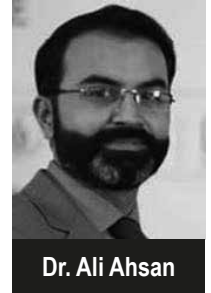
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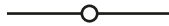
## Review

I have gone through this book and like it says it does help in discovering one's own identity. Being a senior academician, I feel that many of us suffer from deep hidden identity crisis. This book, in its own way, paves a path for the reader to discover and rediscover ideas that can help an individual in making the right decision about life in general. Analysis, Retrospect, Intellect, Thinking, Learning, Life and Strategy, are the best words that describe this book. Read it! I strongly recommend



### Introduction

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# Time Management



Time is short; I do not have time; at some other time please, do this first; better move now; it is now or never; it is all matter of timings son; make hay while the sun shines; and last of all a stitch in time saves nine.

Whether you are a baby in a cradle, a president of a country or any where in between; you are in grip with time, all the time. Either she is running out, you are running after or you have just made it. As I address this topic, as dear as time by implication I also deal with the stress. However, the focus would be on Time Management (TM), exclusively.

TM is a multi-dimensional subject. It is as close to life management as it is to feeding a baby in time. It is a subset of project management, of PERT, allocation, of resources, setting goals and priorities, delegation, monitoring, quality control, supply chain management, scheduling, organizing and even time-on-target TOT). Whatever is the level, in any of the aforesaid disciplines and subjects; TM can be defined in couple of ways:

- TM system is a designed combination of processes, tools and techniques.

Here is a diametrically opposite stand point:

- It is management of our selves and our activities in a given time.

Another view:

- It is learning and practicing the efficient use of most equally distributed resource; called Time.
- I should quote from Him: 103 Quran

## **Translation:**

“By (the token of) Time (through ages), (Translation by AYA) by the declining day, verily man is in loss, save those who believe and do good works and exhort one another to truth and exhort one another to endurance, by M M Pickthal The Approach to TM by Generations. There is a long history of tools, methods and techniques on TM. A set of four generations have been identified (SR Covey). Going by the dictates of objectivity and space available here, I have summarized all four here in a paragraph. Starting from reminders based on clocks, watches and computers it has travelled to calendars and appointment diaries, weekly and monthly planners, and multiple type of helps in goal setting. Next was use of computers; especially PDA; all helped in planning prioritizing and monitoring. The most finished form, and 4<sup>th</sup>

generation approach is efficient and proactive use of any one or a combination of the aforementioned methods. Primarily it was to prefer importance over urgency. Personal Time Management (PTM); it is another related concept. It has a lot to do with the concept of self identity. How do you identify yourself? Or which part of ones identity supersedes all the rest. It must be accepted that identities are multiple. Which of the identity enjoys top slot bears deep influence on one's life. Are you a Muslim first or a syed first ? Are you a Pakistani first or a Sindhi or Balochi first? Are you a banker first or a good citizen first? Are you a police officer first or choudhry or malik first ? Are you Dogger first or chief justice first? The question of identity can easily turn into the crisis of identity. I can refer to my articles placed on the following website, [www.thinkersforumpakistan.org](http://www.thinkersforumpakistan.org). You may carry out further study under this topic.

Resistors and Driver. As the name suggests, there are some resistors to change, however, fortunately there are equally strong pushers and movers as well. It is imperative for a committed and sincere effort to understand both. We must identify these to precede further; first the resistors.

A number of psycho-socio-economic factors act as resistors to learn and change our approach towards TM. For every person the weightage and quantification of these resistors would be different, while saying within a broad norm for a cultural background. Here is a brief account of four of these.

1. **Customs and Traditions.** These are the cultural moorings, bindings, shackles and traps. These tend to shape the lives of the individuals and the society into a pattern, or a value system. The priorities of lives are almost destined by these traditions and customs. These customs and traditions where converge to make a nexus with personal interests, develop into a deadly trap. Vanni, Karokari and Satti of Hindu history; are some examples. The element of valence decides what is to be done first and what should be put on a back burner. Pakistanis for instance perform Hajj after marrying their children and may be after building a house. Indonesians and Malaysians go for Hajj just after their own marriage. Wasting time on marriages and delaying by design could be some more examples.
2. **Fear of change.** People all over the world fear and resist change. Let me use a milder world, in order not to annoy the minority of brave ones. People are generally apprehensive of change. Age; growing age is one factor, which tends to reinforce tendency of status quo. The fear of change can be minimized through education. In fact it should be a qualifying test of an objective and purposeful education. The education must bring about change.
3. **Uncertainty.** Even when change is inevitable, uncertainty does not let many, change. To be certain or to be sure is a killer of creativity. "Creativity can be



described as the letting go of certainty”, Gail Sheehy.

Learning to manage time, one must enjoy a level of uncertainty, rather fearing it.

4. **Time Pressure.** To save time one has to invest time. One curse of modern times is pressure of time. For a large majority of work force in modern companies and industry, finding time to invest is a rarity. Even if it is for saving time. Excessive automation, mechanization and adherence to standing operating procedures have taken away all the time. So nothing is left to invest somewhere else. Preparing to change and for learning to do something new will surely demand some extra time, to start with.

**Drivers.** All types of competitions, all inventions, all discoveries and all persistently improving gadgetry contribute towards 'drivers'. Drivers are the prime movers for change. The pushers, ask the person to look for a new day every morning and see a new dream after every sunset. Here are some of these: -

- a. **Increased Effectiveness.** Saving on time is like saving on gas in a car race where there is no refill. A bit of extra time at ones disposal may provide for that little edge, called success. Think of a sprinter in a hundred meter race.
- b. **Performance Improvement.** TM is one of the biggest force- multiplier in improving the performance. Those who wish to improve performance learn to utilize the time differently than the way they did yesterday, and the way competitors are doing.
- c. **Increased Responsibility.** A promotion would mean increased responsibilities. It would imply more work, either by nature or quantity. While the numbers of hours per day remain unchanged, enhanced responsibilities push the people to learn better TM.

Managing Priorities. We are now ready to learn some methods, techniques and simple drills for setting and resetting priorities.

Following are five of these.

- a. **ABC Priorities.** ABC priorities are known after its advocate Alan Lakein. It is a simple exercise in categorization of a list of tasks or a to-do-list. ABC could be used as generic names; say: -
  - for monthly tasks.
  - for weekly tasks.
  - for daily tasks, or
  - for important and urgent ones,
  - for urgent but not important ones,
  - for neither important nor urgent ones.
- b. **Pareto Analysis.** It is also called eighty/twenty rule (80/20 rule). A simple

explanation runs as follows. Twenty percent of tasks might be eating away eighty percent of time. By doing just twenty percent extra one could gain by eighty percent. Twenty percent of TV programs are watched by eighty percent of population. By spending rupees twenty on finish, wrapper and picking the price can be raised by rupees one hundred. It is a matter of understanding and consequently changing the time allocation or priority of the task or a range of activities.

- c. **Fit.** It is compatibility, level of homogeneity or the degree to which various activities can co-exist. It is learning to know what fits where. Should the two ends of the day be kept for planning, review, family time, worship and health maintenance drills. The answer is yes.
- d. **POSEC.** May it sound like an acronym. It stands for Prioritizing through Organizing, Streamlining and Economizing by Contributing. A few words about each phrase.
  1. **Prioritize.** What comes first? How to give an order to various fifteen tasks, populating the to-do-list. A lot depends on how you identify yourself. What is important for you and what do you rate worthless. Where do you place objectivity with reference to subjectivity.
  2. **Organize.** Correlating time with priorities and going for delegation would mean organizing. Organising could also mean a place for everything and everything in its place. Remember one can delegate authority but not the responsibility.
  3. **Streamlining.** Organising would help streamlining, as for the structure is concerned. Answers to When, where and how to...would do the rest. Streamlining would mean making the process smooth and dove-tailed.
  4. **Economizing.** Another word for economizing is 'efficient'. When consumption of resources for a given result is reduced; it is being efficient. Resources include, man, material, money, methods and time. And finally,
  5. **Contributing.** It is TM or management of activities in a given time by an incremental approach. It is doing or adding bit by bit; and every bit by its appropriate time and in its proper place. One can stretch this concept to any limit by its application. Review payment of installments for the life policy at one end and offering sallat five times a day every day at the other end of the same continuum.
    - a. Eisenhower Method. This method is famous by this victorious General of World War II, who became President of America, later. He used to use this method, it is said. He made four quadrants to sort out his tasks by importance and urgency. Diagram below shows some examples, to highlight its usage.

**Imp & Urgent**

- Response to audit objections
- Marriage of younger sister, next month
- Deposit target

**Un-Imp but Urgent**

- Can send PA to deliver the letter in next one hour.
- Wife can attend marriage ceremony this evening.

He would delete all what was neither important nor urgent. He also said, “It is seldom that what was important was not urgent ...”

Procrastination is a wide spread malice. Sometimes it is known, sometimes undetected and at times it affects only specific areas. One can say it is the worst form of misuse of His time.

Moving towards the last part of this article, I will present now, 11 Tips on TM, taken from the works of Susan Ward.

**1. Realize that TM is a myth**

No matter how organised we are, there are only 24 hours and we can not increase the number of hours but the rest of the parameters. All we can actually manage is ourselves and what we do in the given time.

**2. Find out where your are wasting time**

Many of us are prey to time wasters. They steal away our time. What are your time-wasters? Search and identify these. Hope you are not in love with these. Do you spend too much time ‘Net surfing, reading email, or making personal calls? Tracking Daily Activities<sup>1</sup> explains how to track your activities so you can form an accurate picture of what you actually do. This is the first step to effective TM.

**3. Create TM goals**

Remember the focus of TM is actually changing your behavior and not changing the time. A good place to start is by eliminating your personal time-wasters. For one week, for example, set a goal that you are not going to take personal phone calls while you are working. Or you will not read newspaper while in office.

**4. Implement a TM plan**

Think of this as an extension of TM tip # 3. The objective is to change your behaviors over time to achieve whatever general goal you have set for yourself, such as increasing your productivity or decreasing your stress. So you need to, not only set your specific goals, but track them over time to see whether or not you are accomplishing these.

**5. Use time management tool**

Whether it is a Day-Timer or a software program, the first step to physically managing your time is to know where it is going now. And how you are going to

spend your time in the future. A software program such as Outlook, for instance, lets you schedule events easily and can be set to remind you of events in advance, making your TM easier.

**6. Prioritize ruthlessly**

You should start each day with a TM session, prioritizing the tasks for that day and setting your performance benchmark. If you have 20 tasks for a given day, how many of them do you truly need to accomplish?

**7. Learn to delegate and, or outsource**

There is no need for you to be a one-person show. For effective TM, you need to let other people carry some of the load. Determining Your Personal ROI<sup>2</sup> explains two ways to pinpoint which tasks you'd be better off, delegating or outsourcing, while Decide To Delegate<sup>3</sup> provides tips for actually getting on with the job of delegating.

**8. Establish routines and stick to them as much as possible**

While crises will arise, you will be much more productive if you can follow routines most of the time.

**9. Get in the habit of setting time limits for tasks**

For instance, reading and answering email can consume your whole day if you let it. Instead, set a limit of one hour a day for this task and stick to it. Do not play cards more than four hours a week or no more than eight hours a week on the golf course.

**10. Be sure your systems are organized**

Are you wasting a lot of time looking for files on your computer? Take the time to organize a file management system. Is your filing system slowing you down? Redo it, so it is organized to the point that you can quickly lay your hands on what you need.

**11. Do not waste time waiting**

From client meetings to dentist appointments, it is impossible to avoid waiting for someone or something. But you do not need to just...Always take something to do with you, such as a report you need to read. Carry your notebook to plan your next marketing campaign. Get down deleting all unwanted messages from your cell phone. Technology makes it easy to work wherever you are...

**Conclusion**

My dear reader it was a journey through a lesson on TM. May be it was a lesson of life for the life. I will recommend, first know yourself. Be a 'man', His number two, who can do anything with his efforts and His will. Have faith in your abilities and Him rewarding you. Next step should be to explore, how good your TM is.

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<sup>1</sup> Making reference to a software application

Based on the knowledge of this datum point, thus established, proceed to refine your prioritization, and in turn management of your activities. Get over with procrastination, if it happens to undermine you. Identify your resistors. May be you love some of these as your very dear habits. And same are the chokers. Proceed to review all tools, methods, techniques and the tips. Evaluate and narrow down the choice; to one or a potpourri of these, which will suite your goals. Goals are primarily of two types; One, to set the priorities right. This in turn implies placing first, second third...what should be first second or...in the life; the life which you wish to lead. Second goal, is to allocate right amount of time for monitoring and effective streamlining through economizing, fit and contributing.

Step out; wishing you Godspeed, it is time!

How Good is Your Time Management?

Your Name, please:

**Instructions:** Tick-mark the column you feel most appropriate to represent what you actually do.

Question		Not at all	Rarely	Some times	Often	Very Often
1	Are the tasks you work on during the day the ones with the highest priority?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	Do you find yourself completing tasks at the last minute, or asking for extensions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	Do you set aside time for planning and scheduling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	Do you know how much time you are spending on the various jobs you do?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	How often do you find yourself dealing with interruptions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	Do you use goal setting to decide what tasks and activities you should work on?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2 Making reference to a software application

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7	Do you leave contingency time in your schedule to deal with “the unexpected”?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	Do you know whether the tasks you are working on are high, medium, or low value?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	When you are given a new assignment, do you analyze it for importance and prioritize it accordingly?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10	Are you stressed about deadlines and commitments?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11	Do distractions often keep you from working on critical tasks?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12	Do you find you have to take work home, in order to get it done?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13	Do you prioritize your “To Do” list or Action Program?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14	Do you regularly confirm your priorities with your boss?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15	Before you take on a task, do you check that the results will be worth the time put in?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Add up the score in above columns. Insert grand total in the box here.						

	Score Interpretation
Score	Comments
46 - 75	Your are managing your time very efficiently.
1 - 45	You are good a few things, however, there is room for improvement. Focus on the serious issues; it is likely that work will become much less stressful.
15 - 30	A great deal can be improved. This is the good news. Some fundamentals are required to be learnt.

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## Our Sovereignty

We all stand highly grateful to that soldier from South Waziristan Scouts who pressed his trigger while aiming at the enemy of Pakistan. He exactly knew the boundaries from where his sovereignty started. He shot to kill an aggressor and an intruder. He believed in the cause for which he stood there, wore the uniform and carried weapon. And above all he knew that to enjoy and assert sovereignty one has to but offer sacrifice.

He has brought us pride, honour and dignity. That unsung hero knew the meanings of 'sovereignty'. And I am sure he was neither a plain graduate nor a graduate from Pakistan Staff College, National Defence College, Royal College of Defence Studies or West Point, USA. The aforesaid have done their job now for too long.

We need him and his like to retrieve our sovereignty.

### News Post 6 Jan 2003



# STRESS:

## Let us Manage Her



In one of the previous issues of Food for Thought I had attempted to address Time Management. That article was published in Defence Journal, June 2010, also. Here it is an essay on Stress Management.

Stress is a widely known and used word. Tension is another alternative used for Stress and in all meanings of the word. There will be two broad stepping stones of this construct. Step one, exploring what is stress, and second suggesting and recommending the strategies to manage it.

Here we go about shaking hand with stress.

The unit called man is the focus and hub of other sub-systems of stress. It is the person who is the rider clause and influencing all the rest directly or indirectly.

The next sub-system is environment or the work environment. Some environments are stressful, some enjoyable and rest range in between on a wide continuum. These environments exist for a period of time. The change between two extremes is taking place all the time. Almost unsolvable complexity occurs when under the same circumstances two individuals report back exactly opposite of each other. One crying out it is stressful, while the other declaring it enjoyable. It could be a sense of being on top of the world, for one, while the other shivering from height phobia with eyes closed. It could be fear of freezing to death for one, while the other screaming out to the world, look I have conquered K2. For one it could be eardrum bursting and for other world class rock music.

Next factor could be a matter of lifestyle. Taking birth in a cell attached to the shrine of Shah Kamal, a church or synagogue and spending rest of life in mass, from courtyard to altar, and cemetery to graveyard and back, is one lifestyle. The other is that of a stunt man, moving from snake pits to shark's company, from car jumps to horse fall demonstration and from free fall to nails being hammered in the skin. Of course one can list many more sensational vocations.

The next factor and last in this regard is choices. The matter of choices, how many, in which situation and who has it, will decide the choice of type and degree of stress one wishes to live with. Some individuals have lot of choices and in almost all aspects of life. For some, however, neither there is variety in role nor very many choices. In other words, things are very tight and all ready-made for them by the providence.

For this category of people it is He who knows every thing, they are but a robot. Even they do not know what they would eat at dinner. And they feel they are floating like a piece of cork over the surface of water. May it be in a glass, ocean, river or a pond. And yet He would adjudge the man and punish, Ah!

All above was one way to shake hand with stress. Let us look at its two sub-categories now. Namely, these are distress and u-stress.

Distress is the bad stress. Choosing between distress and u-stress is also a matter of choice, to some extent; of course not always. Distress is a hard, painful fact. Distress in its extreme could mean a suicide or an attempt to murder. Therefore, the issue has to be addressed with full commitment and concern. Here it is an attempt to learn about it.

- ▶ **You and Your Capacity.** How do you estimate your capacity. May be you think you can walk just a kilometer and distance ahead is ten kilometer plus. You could lift twenty kilograms and here fifty kg has been placed on your shoulders. As a father or a mother you have been put to test by a special child. Oh! How to cope with it? A broken house of a child, especially of a girl.....how dare one can bear with it. The loss in last business transaction was only half a million, not a big deal. One more consignment sent and the loss will be history. The gap between the estimated capacity and the task at hand or the challenge faced with will cause distress.
- ▶ **Hopelessness and Helplessness.** When and which situation becomes hopeless and one feels helpless; the seed rests well deep below the skin. May be it is written in genome. That could be the reason that every now and then you and your case turns into a hopeless situation. Some parallels can run as follows. The kind of spouse I have been tied up with, no way; too hopeless. My father was a pauper, how could I be given good education, he neither had any links to push me into a good job; obviously how could he marry me with a rich and a beautiful girl; Ah I feel helpless.
- ▶ **No rules and no Justice.** Lawlessness, weak and shifting rules, differential treatment and where justice could be bought, causes distress. The examples can be found all over and all around. You could not get the NOC for your CNG station project. Neither you know the current rate of bribery and nor the right person to bribe. You can not get your sweet baby son, into the school next door. The types of tests they hold can not be passed by your son and neither by you as parents. There is only one more school in the town and you can not pay for its exuberant fees. There is no way to get justice in the enquiry underway against you in your office. The chairman is indeed a party, behind the doors. What to do, where to go!

- **Uncontrollable.** Every one needs sugar, electricity and gas, and at affordable prices. Neither the availability is within control nor the prices. For some waistline and increasing weight is out of control. The delays in the marriage timings and other ceremonies are sickening. It appears to be out anybody's control. Corruption in government corridors and of all sorts and categories is uncontrollable. Those responsible to arrest it are lurking deep in it. So are the gold rates out of control. Well how can I close this list of uncontrollable, without failing to count twenty, I repeat, twenty drone attacks by USA forces in October 2010. All uncontrollable cause distress.
- **Cluttered up.** When things fly in and out and without any order, the situation is called cluttered up. A mind is cluttered up when ideas are jumbled and disjointed. Same can be the situation on a study desk, kitchen, office table or washroom. Cluttering causes distress, since it causes loss of direction, loss of order and arrangements to proceed further. Our national scene, present a good example.
- **Lack of challenge.** Lack of challenge means lack of point of focus. This could result into lack of purpose and consequently lack of direction. Overwhelming void results into not knowing what to do and when to do. All this would get intertwined to cause distress.
- **Shortage of Time.** Some people are always suffering from shortage of time. Sometimes it is perceived sometimes real. It could be a packed up engine forcing a forced landing or merely a fussy mother pushing all of her children to finish the sehri for a perceived fear of shortage of time. Some mismanage the time and therefore, run short of time. A stitch out of time, again causes distress. However, more than mistiming or a stroke at wrong time; it is the shortage of time which is the source of distress.
- **Feedback.** Waiting for feedback or the outcome of an examination or an interview is another cause of distress. Waiting for a medical laboratory report is an equally testing time. Waiting for award of contract falls in the same category. All these are the potent reasons for distress.

Here I will enumerate all the above points, generating and contributing towards distress; you and your capacity, hopelessness and helplessness, no rule and no justice, uncontrollable developments, cluttering, lack of challenge, shortage of time and lack of feedback. Reviewing this summary you may find a cause of distress. It may also tell how more than one of these can combine and swell to cause distress. A deeper study may help reveal some solutions as well.

Now I move to discuss the second subtype of stress; it is called u-stress. Another name for u-stress is good stress. This is also a gap, a gap between now and then, a gap between 'is' and 'ought to be'. This disparity fortunately generates 'pull'; a

prime mover to ensure desired results. Let us see its contributing factors.

- **Happy Tidings.** The phrase *naziran wa basheera* has been used very frequently in Quran-e-karim with reference to the role and responsibilities of the prophets. The basheera means the one who is to give or announce and promulgate happy tidings. An incentive that is the promise of a reward creates a pull. It is akin to a life insurance policy. For the sake of promised maturity date and life risk coverage one keeps giving the premium.
- **Hope of Profit in Business.** The hope of gains creates u-stress. The impending chances of gains and profit in a business deal pull the decision-maker to take risks. It is said in business, no risk no gains. Whether the hopes are intrinsic or extrinsic, and where the fear of risk overtakes is a subsidiary discussion. Pinning a hope starts working to generate options. More options means greater number of choices to make a better decision. Then there is an effort to execute and implement the decision most perfect way, possible. That is how u-stress keeps influencing all along.
- **Internalised Goals.** Where lays the foci of success and loss, within or outside an individual? What is the level of ownership of the goals set forth, are these fully owned or partially or totally forced upon? Only a high grade u-stress causes a burning desire to attain the goals, and to have that, goals must be internalized. Previous experience of success is a great reinforcement for u-stress.
- **Choices to Fight out or Escape.** Obviously one choice would lead to good stress while the other to bad. It is the u-stress which will make one to stand up, even in most trying and challenging conditions. U-stress causes a series of thinking process; S—R, R—S relationships, onto exhibited behavior, all intertwined. Now all the above sub-heads are summarized here before proceeding forward. These are: happy tidings, hope of gains, internalized goals and fighting back and out. Which one do you experience the most? Yes, there could be other categories as well.

The last part of this study deals with the strategies to handle distress. The approach will be threefold. A bit of philosophy of life, if you are the one who loves to draw, see and understand mega picture. Some short term methods and procedure and some fads.

- **Be a Man.** To me this is solution number one. Be a 'man'. It is to know you. And best way to know a product is to ask and enquire its manufacturer. So conduct a focused, objective and sincere effort of self-discovery. Explore yourself. Establish your identity. Some corner stones of this exercise are suggested below.
  - Man as a mankind is the best of His creation. He Himself answered to His angles, the then best creation, you do not know what I know, I am going to

appoint this new creation as my vicegerent. The event was launching of our father's father, Adam, *darood o salaam* upon him. So I am son of a prophet, like all of you! Any doubt; see 49:13 Quran.

- o He is the Owner, the Giver, the Taker, the Beginning, the End and knows everything; 57:1-3 Quran. Verily we have honored the children of Adam...17:70 Quran. He has subjected rest all for the service of mankind, 45: 12-13, Quran. Step out therefore, you, the supreme creature and struggle for self-actualization. Yes, you will be adjudged, 76:2 Quran, so get ready, and get going, do not waste time under distress.
- o Everything belongs to Him, like your pay slip, your wife, your son, daughter and all in your possession. All your gains, attainments and achievements are due to Him; so say Allaho Akbar, (Allah is great). For all you failed to achieve say Al- hamdo lillah (All praises for Him). The disillusion and disappointment due to failures should minimize. Yes, feel sorry for not having made enough effort, if this was the reason and learn how to do it next time, if you get another chance.

➤ **Let me insert a thumb rule here.** These are 4 As.

- Avoid the stressor.
- Alter the stressor.
- Adapt the stressor.
- Accept the stressor.

Let us examine each one of the above, in brief.

- **Avoid stressor.** Avoiding stressor, when placed atop does not mean the order of cooking the recipe. Any one or any combination of these As can rescue and produce stupendous results. Let us see the instructions, step wise
- o Learn how to say no. No to a potential stressor and stressing situation.
  - o Learn to avoid a situation about to arise. The start point could be avoiding a location or a topic.
  - o Try to take control of your environments. Identify which part or sub-part causes stress. If you can, avoid it, or eliminate it, or at least minimize it, do something.
  - o Avoid hot button topics. One way is to respect other's opinion. Know and learn the difference between facts and opinion.
  - o Enjoy your right of being wrong. Every one makes mistakes. Remember cowards make the least. All have same right of being wrong, why only you should be an exception?
  - o Cut down your daily to do list. Please do make one if you are not in a habit of making one.

- **Alter the situation.** How to do that.
  - Do not bottle up your feelings. With the due permission of recipient and the listeners express your opinion or correction in any of the facts.
  - Be willing to compromise on a rebuttal. Every one has the right to be right. And why you must be right always. It is walking a tight rope, by itself.
  - Manage your time. Do not suffer the self created problem of shortage of time. It is easy, try and practice making an estimate of time to be consumed on each event, for next two to four hours ahead. You may work forward or backwards. Use of a paper and pencil can do wonders. My dear reader ladies, may you please read last three sentences again.
- **Adapt the stressor.** Difficult option, but it you who has to decide between perpetual distress and a happier future.
  - Redefine the problem if you have defined it before; ever. Some of us just never go through the exercise of defining the problem or reframing the problem. A million dollar question, do you really know what the problem is. It may help you solving the problem or adapting the stressor.
  - Know and learn the other's logic bubble. Why he or she is behaving the way.... If you can get out of reactive mode and have the courage and bravery to look at the bigger picture you will be able to manage to cope-up with the stressor.
  - Losing a battle may help you win a war.
  - Adjust your standards. Why be a perfectionist? And why not review other's standards and way of working, for learning new ways and seeking objectivity.
  - Know the difference between effective and efficient. Prefer to be effective with human beings rather efficient.
- **Accept the things you can not change.** If one can not do it then tussle and conflict is the perpetual state, to live in.
  - Establish the context of a situation. Within a certain limits of time, location and factors; a few things would always be uncontrollable. Remember you are one of the factors, of the process, of an event or happening. Know these uncontrollable and accept these; as it is. Think of a traffic jam. Rest of the people and vehicles are not there to tease you, you are one of the factor and character of this process and event. There is no rush and jam half a kilometer away; neither it was, an hour earlier. And it would be all gone an hour later. And above all, you came here by your own choice. So relax, and accept 'uncontrollable' and give a smile to the steaming, frowning and foaming driver across your car window. Take this example and draw analogy with life situations elsewhere.

- Pay attention to controllable. Remember the line between controllable and uncontrollable vary from person to person, position and assignment and depends on the rate of growth, of a person. The list is never absolute. Important point is to pay attention to controllable.
- **Have time for fun and relaxation**
  - Learn to 'breathe your troubles out'. It is a definite exercise. You can combine it with your daily walk or else.
  - Go for a walk, daily or at least five times a week. Spend sometime with nature. Time spent on treadmill will have to be added to the time to be spent with nature. Plants, pets and river side all are part of nature.
  - Make a list of friends to be called every week or daily. Try to give them something. A special joke for especial one.
  - Plan a workout and or a sweat out. How about gardening.
  - Have a stress journal. Let it have it. Give your piece of mind to pages of stress journal, all what others do not take from you. Call it pillow book or give it any funny name.
- **Adopt a healthy lifestyle.** Here is a total sum, to shape a lifestyle.
  - Help some one. Many more are helpless than you, they need you. You will enjoy and in the process explore your strengths.
  - Eat all, when you are hungry, and offer others before biting. Do not run after taste and items of food. Do not mix different foods at any one meal. Do not be choosy and on medicines till you are sick.
  - Reduce caffeine and sugar. No alcohol, cigarettes and drugs. Be tired of work before you go to sleep. Night is meant to sleep. And no compromise on adequate quota of sleep hours.

Do not look for a conclusion, all has been said, for the time and space at hand. Read between the lines where there is a gap. Still you want me to conclude, fine, then 'be a man'.

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## **Why Have God**

What a Godless World!  
“The Unlimited Right to Use Force”

A central feature of classical international law was that it did not place any restriction on the right of states to use force and to go to war which was considered to be an inherent attribute of the sovereignty and equality of states. Effective annexation of conquered foreign territory was valid legal title to acquire sovereignty over it. There is also no doubt that the concepts of international law prevailing at this time served to facilitate the process of colonization. Sovereignty could be acquired over *terrae nullius*, territory allegedly belonging to nobody, a notion applied to areas throughout the world lacking a strong central power able to resist conquest. If resistance happened to occur, either treaties with local rulers were available as legal instruments, or war could be used.”

Peter Malanczuk, Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, 7ed. Chapter 2.

He says, “Onto Allah belongeth the sovereignty of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is therein. And He is able to do all things. Quran 5:120. “Allah Himself is witness that there is no God save Him, The Almighty the Wise”. 3:18. “Whosoever doeth that through aggression and do injustice We shall cast him into fire, and that is ever easy for Allah”. 4:30. “O ye who believe! Be ye staunch in justice....(complete it)” 4: 135. “...give full measure and full weight in justice...if you give your word then do justice thereunto. ...” 6:152. “And of Moses folk there is a community who lead with truth and establish justice therewith” 7:159. 11: 85.

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# Managing People

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This brief may be of interest to a prime-minister, a chief executive of a large size body of people, chief secretary of a province, or any public administrator. It could be of help to those entrusted with making public policies and translating these into execution. Some simple looking things become difficult and very complex to handle. Of course over-simplification and trying to keep things simple, can add to the complexities. In this title managing is written first. And if we shift the focus from management to 'people', then please be ready for any level of misinterpretations, kinks, misunderstandings, twists, and unresolved errors of history. We could end up with misleading adage like national character. Many a principles and generalizations can fail, only to advise, that every human being is unique, therefore, handle each one of the piece uniquely! Who can do that, and how to do that? It is not possible when handling a populace. Let us proceed to the end and go through to the brief exercise to manage managing people through setting a set of paradigm. We can name these as hypotheses. One over riding clause, all below is in the context of us; the Pakistanis and those who rule them. If you let me substitute, the phrase of managing with ruling.

- People of this country are poor; they would work and stay on for the money. So manage them by exploiting their poverty.
- There are no jobs; private enterprise may not be the tradition and popular customarily. So they would accept any job and anywhere, so fear of losing the job would help them manage easily.
- While I do business in SITE Karachi, group A and B are apart a dividing gulf. They fear each other and harbor deep prejudices. Keeping the divide alive and exploiting, when needed could easily help me to manage them.
- Self-actualization and excellence are the prime motivators for superior results. Make the conditions conducive for the people to achieve their goals. They can do wonders on their way to lead and excel.
- Creativity is a god-given gift to mankind. Only He knows how creative an individual is. To be able to explore the next fold, solve the next step, and to do what others could not do in the past will help manage the people a great deal.
- I must manage only myself. My person is the hub of all concerns and successes. If I can safeguard my interests, wrestle through these road blocks and elbow out my way, I have managed everything. This is the whole world about, why bother for others. No one bothers for others.

- There is always a boss. I must learn to manage him or her. Once he or she is done with, then nothing stops me. This province is mine and who cares how long the load is shedding, and how long is the queue at CNG stations.
- I am not going to give any judgment on either of these. You are the best judge and the evaluator. Just a lead; what do public leaders and civil servants do? Could one of these be rated as best or prioritized from one to seven? Will a combination of these give best results? And last add one more hypothesis!

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## American bodies

Viceroy of American, imperial power Mr. Paul Berner is very upset on the desecration of occupation forces. Today he recalls religious values of Christianity and Islam. How strange?

What values did Americans follow when they dropped nuclear bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Could teaching of my second last Prophet (PBUH), stop them from napalming Vietnamese for ten long years?

Which code of ethics stopped brutal and brute savage Americans from shooting down an Iranian airliner over Persian Gulf?

Have the teachings of my third last Prophet Moses (PBUH) stopped Sharon from killing Ahmed Yassin?

What took them to Daisy Cut Afghanistan and its hundreds and thousands of innocent civilians?

Berner why did your uncivilized regime pile lie after lie to attack Iraq?

Bush you staged a top class drama in the Hussain Square of Baghdad. The show was fall of statue of Saddam, which implied rise of Bush. How happy were you that day? Your statue and effigy was dragged in London and now uniformed killers of humanity are being burnt and dragged in Fallujah

Please, please learn some lesson. Some positive lesson. Killing begets killings. Oppression will result into revenge and revenge in turn results into revenge.

One simple option is to leave Iraq. Leave Iraq for Iraqis. You be sovereign in America, let them be sovereign in Iraq. You do not decide the nature and foundation of their constitution.

If not from Pakistan, learn some lessons from China. They are a world power which country are they interfering and which country have you spared? Who is following the Christ (PBUH)?

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# Small People

## In Praise of Small People



Small people, many a times, rise to higher positions and pedestals. However, they are seldom self employed or least; entrepreneurs. They are mostly salaried, and paid people. When small people head large organizations, they:

- o Fail to accommodate human variations and uniqueness. And fail to image the synergetic effect of variety, innovations and differences in ideas, approach and capabilities.
- o Do not, or have a little capacity to appreciate the fact that all men are His best product. And all are same by pedigree; he/she is one of them. They are usually their own god. And deeply in love with themselves.
- o Remain into some sort of contest and race and competition, mild to severe, to get and collect and gather more from the people in immediate contact.
- o Seldom look at contribution as a means of pleasure and measure of growth. To them it is a kind of tax, or unavoidable drain on their resources.
- o Measure their growth by all parameters which deal with and encompass growth of ego. Their efforts are focused to collect, gather, amass or edge out near and dear ones in 'getting'.
- o Would take 'brave' and take 'extra-ordinary' measures when directly or indirectly they are the beneficiary.
- o Remain oblivious, hazy or fail to focus on common identities and superior objectives.
- o Have very few questions; but answer, dictums and rather, 'orders' for everything.
- o In the name of Company, Organizations and Institutions actually satisfy their egos. Their past experience is their biggest asset.
- o In the name of good phrases and clichés like '*sab say pehlay Pakistan*', 'Party Interest' or 'Discipline' enjoy and satisfy sadistic self.
- o Feel, too pleased and smug when their juniors ask their approval, sanction, nod and acceptance for such petty things, which were far below their area of official domain.
- o Honor, appreciate, pay back and reward for personal loyalties.

Small people never make genuine leaders. They sacrifice the least and always remain in search of a 'master', a 'senior' or an 'umpire'. Whatever be the size of their chair, pay/perks and the glitter as a celebrity; all are short-lived. Now my dear reader I

leave you with a few questions. Are you the one, who suffers and is suffering? Does your boss fall in this category; more or less or by some proportion? Would you not like to save your understudy or son or daughter from such an ailment? Life is a test; it is a struggle all along. We shall be rewarded for the efforts we make. Results lie with Him.

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## Life Cycle

[Following is not for the breathing, eating & talking dead, please]

### Part I

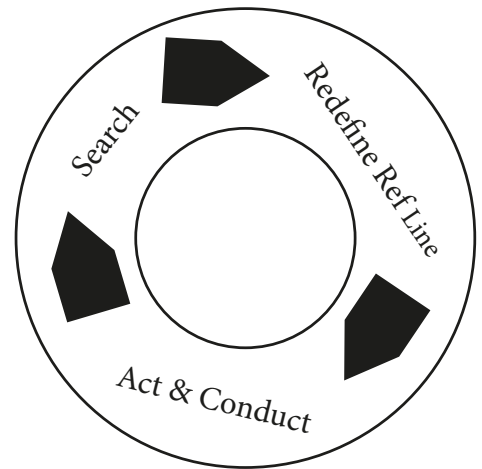
Keep searching for the truth, the values, laws and the principles.

### Part II

Keep measuring the distance or the deviation in believes and conduct from the ever improving reference line; drawn as a result of search, before.

### Part III

Keep improving the exhibited behaviour in the light of discrepancies, deviation and shortcomings measured as the resultant of the above exercise.



**Enjoy this never ending cycle,  
as long as you are living. Just three sentences, simple isn't it!**

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# Dynamics of Decision-making



## **Personal biases or prejudices inflict the process of decision-making the most**

Adam, while still in heaven, made a decision. The act and phenomenon of decision making (DM), thus, became part of our lives even before Adam landed on this planet. This is the primacy of DM. We are all aware of Adam's decision very well, mentioned in the old testament; Adam chose to eat a forbidden fruit, thus, went wrong in his very first DM exercise. We also know the consequences of the fundamental mistakes in decision-making.

Such is the significance of DM. As far as Adam's mistake is concerned, the human race has not forgotten the legacy. We keep committing mistakes in decisions-making actions, therefore repeating Adam's mistake again and again. The range of mistakes vary from individual to individual and from nation to nation.

From the moment we wake up in the morning to the moments our heads hit the pillow in the night, we remain busy in making decisions. We remain deeply and incessantly involved in making various types and categories of decisions, operational decisions, personal decisions, group decisions, routine decisions, policy decisions and political decisions, and the list is far from complete. Let us focus on the political decisions and political DM paradigm in Pakistan.

The illustrated cycle is self-explanatory. To some scholars and scientists of management science, DM is a triangle. The three sides of triangle comprise logic, experience and constitution. The act of DM is a balancing act of art. Let me pick up another tool on the way to review political decisions in Pakistan. These are the concepts of "vertical thinking" and "Lateral thinking".

Vertical thinking can be described as moving from known to known. It could also be described as choosing out of given options. It implies following the pre-determined and laid-down methods and procedures, and choosing out of the available options. It also implies structured DM. For Instance, if you are asked what would you like to have, tea or cold drink? You decide to take tea. Therefore, it would be an example of vertical thinking and structured DM.

Lateral thinking endeavors to question the motives of the problem. It allows the decisions-maker to go on an unmarked route. Lateral thinker would then explore

new options, new alternatives and new ways to satisfy the problem, or even redefine the problem. Lateral thinker, thus, does not move from known to known; it moves from known to unknown. It exposes new possibilities with this shift and change in paradigm. Lateral thinking draws new parameters. It would collect the specifics and deduce principles. It will also induce creative thinking based on the generalized principles.

Let us now review some well-known political decisions in the background of dynamics of DM.

Recently, government took a decision to introduce a system of local government. Government supposed aim was devolution of power and strengthening the people's representative councilors, Naib Nazims and Nazims. It specifically excluded members of provincial assemblies and national assembly from the administration. It envisaged centralizing the instruments of government at the district level under District Nazim, modifying the British legacy of Deputy Commissioner and superintendent police.

The exponents of this idea, with General Naqvi in the lead, wanted to empower the 1905 districts of Pakistan. So what are the results of this system after one year of its inception? The day provincial assemblies came into being, chief-ministers vouched to review and redesign the local government system, as suited to uphold the supremacy of provincial government. The day national assembly started functioning, the system was effectively installed. The architect of the local government system, General Naqvi was sacked from his post of national chairman reconstruction Bureau (NRB) and within weeks the implementation was stopped. Now, after so many months, the entire local government system has come to a halt.

Fifteen years ago the federal government of Pakistan approved the project of Kalabagh dam, people of sindh, as well as sindh government, raised their concern and reservation against the Dam. Later the NWFP government reacted in a similar manner and federal government's decision faced stiff resistance. All the preparations in terms of surveys, feasibilities, domestic and foreign funding, have been kept in suspension since last decade. Every successive government launches some decisions but later on withdraws from them.

In the "70s, a decision was made to electrify Pakistan railways. The decision was implemented in the "80s, in the first phase, the route between Khanewal and Lahore was electrified. Since then, electrically power engines tow the break between the aforesaid destination. Beyond both ends power is changed and diesel engines do the unfinished job.

Similarly, the ministry of health initiated another scheme in the "70s. The scheme was to market medicines under generic names. The ultimate aim of the scheme was



to provide cheap medicines to the common man. Millions of rupees were consumed to change over the new system. We are back to the old system. Every medicine is being sold under its brand name. Medicine are costly and beyond the reach of common man.

'70s was also a decade of nationalization. GoP started nationalization one institution after another. Many private enterprises were nationalized too, in the '90s, the GoP preferred privatization on nationalization. The extreme is being experienced now. Even the educational institutes are being privatized. The recent university bill is a modified form of privatization.

During his second tenure, Benazir Bhutto preferred international independent power producers (IPPs) to generate power of Pakistan. IPPs are now selling a unit for five times increased price than what we can produce through hyderal sources. Could we run our trains on the power generated by the IPPs?

Let us examine now where did the process of DM went wrong, keeping the above mentioned example as case studies.

Personal biases or prejudices inflict the process of DM the most. We keep going wrong time and again due to personal biases or the mind set prejudices; sometimes knowingly and sometimes unknowingly. Nepotism and parochialism has given rise to both arrogance and stubborn prejudices.

In many cases, decision making is not sincere to the nation or the country. Some time decisions are based on inaccurate data. Enough efforts are not made to collect the right data from the right sources. The decision making bodies go wrong, repeatedly, in identifying the problem. Most of the time, the symptoms camouflage the real problems and we keep treating the symptoms without ever tacking the route cause. The decision-maker are either ignorant or purposely keep aloof. Those entrusted to take the burden of DM shirk the responsibility. Either they do not have the courage to face the challenge or they become prisoners of procrastination. Some fear the consequences of the decisions.

At times federal government takes wrong initiatives and take decisions, which should have been taken at provincial level, thus fail to muster the requisite acceptance and consequently fail in implementation. Our leaders lack vision and will to implement their decisions.

Our decision-makers also do not posses the technical know how of the decisions that they make, therefore, they are bound to go wrong. They even lack the courage to accept it and never make up for their shortcomings.

All these problems contribute to bad decision making in Pakistan. In order to pursue lasting and result-oriented decisions, we must learn from our past mistakes and try not to repeat them.

# Leadership Through Creativity & Synergy

$$2+2=5$$


It was some where in 1992-93 when as editor of a professional magazine, I used the expression of  $2+2=5$  for an article on synergy. A decade and a half ahead I develop this article for exploring creativity and synergy to lead onto leadership. Do you remember the old Urdu adage one and one makes eleven. Covey found it easy to say, "Whole is greater than the sum of its parts".

Who are you, a student, a faculty member, a soldier, a lawyer or a police-person? I do not mind if you are a business executive, a housewife, and a chef in PC or a medical superintendent in a hospital. I am very comfortable in addressing you all. If you are already a leader you will find many of your life long principles and practices being eulogized here. You will find vindication of your convictions. And you may find a tip or two to polish further. You may find a fresh suggestion to yet knock at a new window, or turning one heap of bricks around you into a pavement or a flight of stairs. If you are on a path to grow then; a greater pleasure for both of us. You are on your way to neutralize and defeat your fears; you are on your way to discover and on your way to look for new possibilities. You will find new combinations, new ways to assert and be effective objectively. Through this article I stand with you shoulder to shoulder in your brave pursuit. Sometimes you will find me behind you, pushing you forward on your road to leadership. Sometimes you will find me beneath your feet providing a strong platform to stand upon, providing stronger and wider canvas to explore and reach out farther, deeper and higher. And if you are a student in early twenties to early thirties still nagged by huge expectations of father and mother, ever pinching demands of various subject teachers; I welcome you whole heartedly. You need this article to reduce your apprehensions. It will show you the way to be independent and set course for you to be interdependent in due course of time. It will point finger towards your petty prejudices which you might be in love with, as your personal preferences. I may help you wear a smiling face, stand upon confident legs and speak with a brave tongue to say, sorry, let us do it this way or sure here is a way out; or 'I have another option'.

I am sure you will be benefited by having greater number of friends in next three months. You will be able to join isolated dots and islands of your life to make greater

sense and achieving higher and better results. You will find connections amongst your diversified subjects like sociology and Pakistan studies, like linear algebra and critical thinking. You will enjoy both body building and organizing college debates. You will be able to listen to a road-side beggar and an admin officer with greater interest. You will find commonality in their psyche and diversification in approach. You might lessen your disgust and hate for your mother-in-law. Soon you may find the way how much she actually needed you or how much pun she can create by her winding stories. Soon you may find the added value in the role you were already playing as class-representative or as a chief cashier. And who will need it more than a CEO; if you are one right now. The enhanced ability to relatively discover more than others and the enhanced ability to find relations and connections to get closer to pre-determined goals will help make you a leader. And a better leader, a leader others would envy.

My dear friend let me show you why you are the finest of His products and how easily you can discover to lead your way to new heights.

**Translation:**

1. “We have indeed created man in the best of moulds”

*Quran 95:5 Abdullah Yusuf Ali*

2. “Allah has subjected to you the sea, that ships may sail through it by His command, that ye may seek of His, bounty, and that ye may be grateful. And He has subjected to you, as from him all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth; it is all as a favour and kindness from Him. Verily, in it are signs for a people who think deeply.”

*Quran 45:12-13 Dr. Muhammad Mohsin,*

*Dr. Muhammad Taqi-ud-Din Al-Hilali*

Stage is set now to have a precise and deeper peep into creativity, then synergy and into the resulting leadership at the end.

Creativity. Some simply describe creativity as ‘capacity to discover’. Yes it is so, but a little more than that. However, let me first present an assorted collection of views and comments on creativity:

- a. To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.

*– Joseph Chilton Pearce*

- b. Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once grown up.

– Pablo Picasso

c. Creativity comes by breaking the rules, by saying you're in love with the anarchist.

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e. The life of a creative person is lead, directed and controlled by boredom. Avoiding boredom is one of our most important purposes.

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f. True creativity often starts where language ends

– Arthur Koestler

g. Creativity is not far from freedom. To be creative is to know who we are ...

– Garth Aldrich

How do you conclude, reading through all these explanations of various scholars? Ponder over these.

Now heads down on two sub-topics of creativity. One, how to improve or boost creativity and second what blocks creativity. Then I will move over to synergy.

### **How to Boost Creativity?**

None, including me will be able to give you a hundred percent solution for your individual needs. Yes, my recommendations could be as potent or as useful as eighty or ninety percent. From where to find the rest? You will fill up the gap. Sure, you will do it, after you have finished with this article; have inferred your conclusions and start application of your understanding. Here are some valuable recommendations to ponder and follow.

- a. Do not be Your Own God. Sorry to say, you do not know yourself. You are His product. He is flawless, boundless, the Creator, Doer and the Giver. "So God Created man in his (own) image, in the image of.... (Bible 1:27). Please do not under estimate yourself. This is what you do, whenever you do self evaluation. You can do much more than what you think you can do. Let Him know the destination. Let Him unfold results for you. Your job is to explore, make right selection and then to step out on the chosen path. And to struggle with full faith in Him. So set out and step out with Allah's immeasurable mercy for you. Keep exploring your potentials and possibilities around you. These are endless.
- b. Keep a Paper and a Pencil. Always carry some writing material on you. It could

be diary or a journal which could serve you, as a record; say for a year or so. Make use of it for anything but give priority to following. Write down what you wish to do, your desires, your goals, objectives and for defining your problems.

- c. Define Your Problems. Correct definition and a right statement of problem is the start point to solve the problem effectively. Many problems simply need a respectful treatment. Find solitude and a safe corner. Open your diary and try to give words to your problems. Make an effort to prioritize; your problems as a first step. If more than one, as these would be almost as a rule; segregate the problems under the subheads of urgent and important ones. Try to define the problems in measurable terms. And it is equally important to lay down goals and objectives in operational terms.
- d. Put the Brain to Task. Do not let the brains be idle. Things not used become useless. Doing routine chores, do not put the required stress on the brain. Do a little bit of brain-storming now and then. How? Do one simple exercise today. Write down maximum possible uses of water. Listing fifty different uses in eight to ten minutes would be a good start.
- e. Read. Read as much and as varied as you can. Learn to scan and differentiate it from deep reading. Learn speed reading. Undertake comprehension tests as well. Making brief notes at the end of a chapter or a book in your diary would go a long way to enrich and empower you.
- f. Listen to Original Music. Both enjoy and ponder on the creativity of composer. How come there are innumerable tunes. What makes some tunes ever green. How wonderful would it be if you can compose a new tune!
- g. Reduce TV Time. Be watchful of number of hours you spend in front of the TV. Reduce it. Be selective about the channels and minimize indulgence in channel browsing.
- h. Drugs. No drug please. There is no pill on God's earth which can help promote creativity or synergy.

### **What Blocks Creativity?**

There have to be a double pincer approach to tie up all loose ends. While you are doing everything to boost the creativity, it would be equally important to know what blocks creativity. It will help you to avoid blocks and not only that, you will learn not to create blocks for others.

- a. Lack of Recognition. Recognition, appreciation, a pat or a nod, all help a great deal to reinforce the desired behaviors. Recognition is in fact a force multiplier,

with both positive and negative algebraic signs.

- b. Mania for Efficiency and Control. Developing strait jackets for you, your organisation and others will dry up creativity. Providing standing operating procedures and laying down strict channels of communication and functioning impede creativity. It stifles creativity. All such structures which are aimed at zero error help destroy creativity. Use the rules; do not be used by the rules. Do not be the slave of rules. Keep the focus on goals and objectives. See over the fence of dos & do nots. Make a road where there is none. Tracks already used are easiest to trace and tread. Those who want to offer you stepping stones or beaten tracks are not the friends of creativity. Use others experience as one input. Principles, generalizations, adage and idioms are good. Remember they are never the complete solutions. Generate your own solutions, when you are dealing with the new issues and a new problem.
- c. Roles & Functions. There are such roles in life where people are bound to lose creativity. Some times roles are forced upon but sometimes people find an escape route in defensive roles. Some roles and functions contained there in are too mechanical for a good vibrant human being to live in and grow. Avoid such roles; if forced upon; try to wriggle out as early as possible lest you become inert mentally. Shake out and follow the dictates of a creative mind.
- d. The Right Socialization. A lot can be said and read on socialization and anti-socialization with reference to creativity and initiation of ideas. I will recommend a right kind of socialization. It implies spending time and energies which are focused on exploring and not on repetition. Look at these two simple social practices. A person moves out every Sunday with same friends to eat same food (Harrisa) from same shop, sitting on same table next to same window. A person plans to eat different food, prepared by himself or different friends or a different cook at a new place on every outing. Some people enjoy playing luddo whole their life in their spare time. Others may end up knowing thirty different games by the time they are seventy. Initiation or lack of initiation of ideas has to do a lot with the socialization.
- e. Status Level and New Ideas. If you are a young man, I am sure you will be least plagued by the ills of status level. Why should social standing, pay scale or the size of car under use should impede your creativity and leadership. If you have all these material signs protect them through creative synergy to lead your way and grow farther. And if you do not have such stilts and artifacts, you can buy, create, manipulate and arrange by learning creativity and synergy.

**What is synergy?**

Syn-ergo (Gr) all it means working together. And putting things together so as to create a total effect which fulfills the desired results. Though St. Paul used it to indicate man's, god and cosmic cooperation, I will unfold it to make five out of two plus two the least and eleven out of simply two ones, if our synergy can strike well. A brief explanation of the term first: -

- a. A mutually advantageous conjunction where the whole is greater than the (mathematical) sum of its parts.
- b. A dynamic state where in combined action is favored over the sum of the actions of its components.
- c. What comes out of the system (team or a group) rather than the potentials of its members?

No more theories let us observe, learn, assimilate, understand and start practicing.

- a. Look at a set of two beggars one is blind and walk behind the one who is deaf and dumb but has good eyes. Deaf and dumb, lead and shows the way to client while blind sings the appeal in most melodious rhyme. Both earn for more than each could do separately.
- b. A hotel owner meets a garage owner. The hotel was mid-way at Sibi between Quetta and Sukkur. Soon the business bloomed for they had set up a Motel. None out of two could have earned separately as a hotel owner and as a garage owner.
- c. Sheikh Inayat Ullah and Sons was a large size departmental store in Anarkali Lahore. They would allow petty hawkers and mobile stalls in front of their store on week days but not on week ends. On week days both were beneficiaries, while on weekends only one.
- d. Sugar mills need considerable amount of energy, especially in the form of heat. Bagasse is burnt to fire the boilers. Boilers produce steam to run the whole of sugar mill. Approximately 33% of total weight of sugar cane crushed turns into bagasse. And it is more than enough to provide for the energy requirements of the mills. One of the Sugar Mill at Badin sold more than 5,000 tons of bagasse, to chip board industry, since it exceeded their energy needs.

One can go on explaining how brave people create a linkage and a functional bondage to explore for better and superior results. All it is required to interact congruently. And you are likely to do wonderfully well if you were creative as well. And finally look at this yet another kind of synergy. Cement manufacturing plants



use colossal energy. It may range from 18 to 25 MW. The heat lost from the pre-heaters and clinker kiln is recaptured. The process is simple. Exhaust is harnessed to convey the heat to boilers. Boilers produce steam which in turn runs the turbines generating electricity. The heat thus recaptured can produce 5 to 6 MW of power.

I am sure a lot has been unfolded and revealed on synergy. At the same time, there must be scores of questions; especially how to go about. You are not yet satisfied; good. This is what I look forward to; stay dissatisfied. Stay hungry. Remember this is what Steve Jobs, of Apple Computers said.

Sharing some thoughts on Leadership, towards the end. I have a little to wrestle with, after the above exploration, giving all these examples and drawing some lessons on creativity and synergy. Leadership is taking charge of the situation. It is inspiring others to do singularly or collectively, what you want to accomplish. It is the battle for the hearts and minds of the people. One can describe leadership in more than dozen ways. One can also trace the classic sources of leadership but to find creativity and synergy. Creativity and synergy should act as additional sources of leadership for current times. These two disciplines should help you looking at new options, new possibilities, and generating new hopes knowing no bounds.

My efforts would remain deficient and unfinished if I do not seek the help of that great Muslim, great scholar and a great philosopher, Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal:

وہی زمانے کی گردش پہ غالب آتا ہے  
جو ہر نفس سے کرے عمر جاوداں پیدا

Brief Translation:

Only he can over power and lead the universe, who can generate and produce eternity and everlasting values from every breath and every moment.

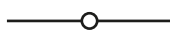
پرے ہے چرخ نیلی فام سے منزل مسلمان کی  
ستارے جس کی گردِ راہ ہوں وہ کارواں تُو ہے

Brief Translation:

Beyond the heavens lies the destination of a Muslim. You are a dynamic force par excellence. Go and go beyond all these.....even stars are just the dust on your path way.

The understanding of these two ingredients, followed by the objective application, will catapult you to the position of leadership. Share the vision of Iqbal.

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# How Proactive or Reactive You Are

1. This activity is aimed at self-discovery. It is focused at first establishing how proactive or reactive you are and then to make positive intervention to make you more proactive, if you so desire.
2. Let us first go through a set of questionnaire, based on two questions only. Make an effort to answer the question without giving it a second thought. Your first answer is the most wanted answer. Keep answering the questions as these appear; in that order. Please do not read the next question unless you have answered. It will help you discover your true self.

*Please tick-mark the appropriate box with a lead pencil.*

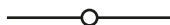
How often you use following sentences or phrases.		Very Frequently VF	Frequently F	Usually U	Sometimes S	Seldom Sel
Q.1	a. I do not care.					
	b. That is how I am.					
	c. I will be as much good to him or her ...					
	d. Calling on telephone to a friend," You never make a call..."					
	e. I do not know.					
	f. What to do or where to go					
	g. I am sick of him /her or them.					
	h. Boring people, they spoiled my evening.					
	i. Wish there was someone with me in this business/ task/ job or these studies etc					
	j. How could I do well in T &D, the teacher is very weak.					
	k. In the traffic jam. "You will see none will wait for green light" or word to these effect.					
	l. The group I studied in this semester was weak. Getting B is good enough.					
	m. First listen to me.					
	n. This is not my headache, ask him.					
	o. Everyone in this world is for his or her own self.					

Q.2	a.	You will see the results by this evening or by tomorrow.					
	b.	Why continue with this uniform or in this building?					
	c.	No more than two years and I shall be earning plus of forty thousand per month.					
	d.	I am not going to his or her house. Twice I went there, not even a cup of tea.					
	e.	Let me decide.					
	f.	I plan to go to Lahore (any other city) next month.					
	g.	I am trying to collect my class fellows/course mates/syndicate mates over the week end.					
	h.	Dean will favor on this issue as well, come with me do not worry.					
	i.	I will take along three more students, while going to principle.					
	j.	I will give her a beautiful gift on her marriage.					
	k.	I will convince my father or parents to go for Hajj/ surgery/ new house or shifting to Islamabad.					
	l.	May I help you or what can I do for you.					
	m.	Sure, we will find a way out.					
	n.	Be patient, give me some time, I will find a solution.					
	o.	I am planning to or have already joined an NGO. It's time for me to give back.					

### Scoring System

- a. VF=5  
 b. F=4  
 c. U=3  
 d. S=2  
 e. Sel=1

Add your score for Q.1	Add your score for Q.2





## What is it?

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.

*Joseph Chilton Pearce*

Every child is an artist . The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.

*Pablo Picasso*

Creative endeavor requires physical and mental space; without privacy, solitude, and time it suffocates ... It is impossible to pursue original thought in the scattered remnants of a day or a lifetime.

*Judith Groch*

Creativity can be described as the letting go of certainty.

*Gail Sheehy*

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*Anita Roddick*

**"It is capacity to discover"**

**You just learnt that creativity is capacity to discover  
So what would you like to discover?**

10 STEPS FOR BOOSTING CREATIVITY	
<p><i>Step No.1</i> <b>Listen to music</b></p> 	<p><i>Step No.2</i> <b>Brainstorming</b></p> 
<p><i>Step No. 3</i> <b>Always carry a paper and a pencil</b></p> 	<p><i>Step No.4</i> <b>Stuck with an idea, open a dictionary.. Randomly select words.. formulate ideas..</b></p> 
<p><i>Step No.5</i> <b>Define your problem</b></p> 	<p><i>Step No.6</i> <b>Go for a walk</b></p> 
<p><i>Step No.7</i> <b>Do not watch TV</b></p> 	<p><i>Step No.8</i> <b>No drugs</b></p> 
<p><i>Step No.9</i> <b>Read as much as you can</b></p> 	<p><i>Step No.10</i> <b>Exercise your brain</b></p> 



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- **Creative and Non Creative Roles**
- **Variation in Functions**
- **Status level & Initiation of Ideas**
- **Socialization into non Creative Activity**
- **Lack of Recognition**

#### **Development of Control Systems and desire for Efficiency**

**Q.**What are your views; what all can be attributed to 'control systems and desire of efficiency'?

#### **Suggested Ans:**

- Excessive or over centralization.
- Zero error syndrome.
- Perfection mania.
- Tight channels of communications, feed forward and feed back.

#### **Creative and Non Creative Roles**

**Q.**What are your views; what all can be attributed to 'creative and non- creative roles' ?

#### **Suggested Ans:**

- Some roles are rigid, binding the office bearers to minute rules and procedures e.g. auditors, cashiers.
- Some roles are flexible with no definite answers to the routine challenges; e.g. sales office, marketing manager, brand handlers, artist, movie producer.

**Variation in Functions**

**Q.** What are your views; what all can be attributed to 'Variation in Functions' ?

**Suggested Ans:**

- Functions are part of role. Role can be equated to designation e.g. COO, CEO etc. Variation function will make the job potentially more creative.
- Number and nature of functions within role will make a great deal of difference.

**Status level & Initiation of Ideas.**

**Q.** What are your views; what all can be attributed to 'status level n initiation of ideas' ?

**Suggested Ans:**

- Lower hierarchical status become a mental barrier.
- Lower social status impedes fluency of concepts.

**Socialization into non-creative Activity**

**Q.** What are your views; how will you explain 'socialization into non-creative activity' as a block to creativity?

**Suggested Ans:**

- There can be many examples:
- Wasting time and creativity in kite flying, playing cards or getting indulged in any thing for 'killing time'.

**Lack of Recognition**

**Q.** What are your views; how do you comment upon 'lack of recognition as block to creativity.?

**My views:**

This is the single most significant block to creativity.; especially in younger age.  
Examples:



# Mistake Award Scheme

## Preamble

Two beliefs started developing and then these gradually matured to a point of testing these. One: Does one question? And what are the questions? Second: What mistakes one dare make, and is there any form or methodology to record the mistakes of yesterday?

My next step was to mature these tentative theories by putting these to test. I developed an assignment-cum-project for MBA students on 'Do You Question'. No more on that here.

Then I started collecting data on my students of BBA and MBA, as to who makes what mistakes and how many? My initial data encompassed:

- a. Nature of mistakes,
- b. Frequency of mistakes, and
- c. Repetition of mistakes.

The conclusion of this data led me to initiate this 'Mistake Award Scheme'. I was then Head of Department of Management Sciences at HITEC University, Taxila. It was Feb 2014.

Appended below you find the Minute Sheet, sent to VC, Brig Qamar Zaman, by me.

Sure it would be pleasure to see the remarks of those students, who participated and were the winners of this Scheme. Where they have reached today, did this Scheme help them to grow and how much?

1. **General:** A mistake is a ray of hope, when new. High achievers make far more mistakes than rest. Nothing new or better is possible if one has not made a mistake, yesterday. So this was the hypothesis; serving the very foundation of this Scheme. It has been given a start for BBA 8, students of Pakistan Studies.
2. **Broad Parameters:** It was discussed and finalized in the class, with full consent of every student.
  - a. **The Frequency:** The award will be given every month, till the semester lasts.
  - b. **How to establish the positions:** Each student will make a brief presentation

in the class. The focus would be what mistakes he/she made in the last three weeks. All will be a jury, while the sponsor teacher, Bakhtiar, will give the final decision. Decision will be made for two positions, who stand first and who stands second. There are two contributing factors, what was tried or learnt, and the nature of mistake made.

- c. **Award.** First position gets Rs. 300 and second Rs. 200. Students have decided to contribute Rs. 20 each. It was left to the students to decide their individual contribution. Rs. 280 is thus collected by the students, and an equal amount is contributed by the teacher, i.e. Rs. 280. Ms. Nadia Bibi was made in-charge of accounting and managing overall.
3. **Conclusion:** All involved are excited. Almost all have paid their subscriptions. May the Dean or someone senior find time to attend and reinforce the learning youth- this time from mistakes!

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## Hamid Karzai's Role

Full marks are due to Uncle Sam. But how can one overlook the lengthy and tedious process which resulted in Hamid Karzai! They were all part of it. Only one delegate backed out and came back from Bonn. Rest all agreed to hand over the fate; the interim fate, in the hand of Mr. Karzai.

Mr. Karzai has so far supervised, ordered and consented to following:

- Unabated bombing of his country by a foreign power. Of course saving his roof top.
- Hunting, haunting and arrest of his citizens by foreign troops and authorities.
- Presence of foreign troops in capital, as if for his own safety and reassurance.
- And on top of the show, he has given the order of exodus of Afghan troops from Kabul, in preference to foreign armies.

All credit to Mr. Karzai, as well as to the world leader and champion of freedom of people and democracy, USA.

***News Post 19 Jan 2001***

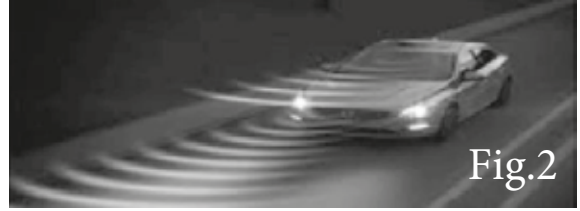
SS (Safety Surveillance)  
Or SDS (Safe Driving  
Surveillance)  
Or SDSD (Safe Driving  
Surveillance Device)



1. **Introduction.** It is a new idea. It is generated out of a routine and extensive activity of our day to day life i.e., driving or being driven. To be on the wheels is part of daily life, of about 70% of population or more. And the time may vary from ten minutes to ten hours, per 24 hrs. SS would help educate, caution and warn the driver and the passengers on board. It would be real time information on safety or how safe one is driving or is being driven. The processed data will be displayed and communicated in the form of percentage (of safety) and, stipulated by colors like green and red. Each color corresponding to the varying level of safe driving. In addition, there will be an audio signal to blare out at all, when under danger.
2. Statistics could be added here to highlight the hazards of unsafe driving on the roads of Pakistan. There are countries where loss of life and property is far more than that in Pakistan due to unsafe driving. Let us focus on the device as of now.
3. **Aim.** To develop and put into an objective use a real-time safety surveillance device for automobile drivers and travellers. The device is aimed at saving the life of those on wheels, in the danger being hit and the vehicle itself through safe driving.
4. **Design Parameters.** It would be an electromechanical computer automated device. It will be using optical, electrical, mechanical, line-linked and other forms of sensors. Driver will see the computed result on a LCD. The display should be placed next to the top edge of windscreen in the line of sight of the driver. Fig 1. Vehicles fitted with SS, will have a modified sun-shade. For buses, where the number of lives is far too many, the display can be of a size and at a place where every one on board can see it. It will be in addition, to the one meant for the driver. The device would be powered off when engine is shut down.
5. **Input Devices & Sensors.** Here is a tabulation of all devices and sensors, conceived as of now.
  - 5.1 A forward-looking camera. Fig 2.

- 5.2 A tachometer or any of the distance measuring devices. Fig 2.
- 5.3 An inward-looking camera.
- An inertia-based mechanical sensor.
- 5.4 Speed input.
- 5.5 Brain.

**6. An Account of Each Device.** In the following lines, each device and its usage will be explained in a little greater detail.



**6.1 Forward-looking Camera.** It will be good to have it within or next to the right-hand-side head light. It will view and snap the picture of objects in front and measure their size, within a pre-determined field. A rough guide is 200 M. This information will be passed to the tachometer and the calculating centre or the 'brain' of SS. It can work intermittently, say programmed to snap every 30 to 60 seconds, or less.

**6.2 Distance meter or Tachometer.** This may be placed with the left-hand-side head light. This distance measuring device will get input from camera and fire its transmission to measure the distance of the object in front and within the same predetermined view field; paragraph 6.1 ante refers. This object could be stationary, moving towards or away from the vehicle fitted with SS.

**6.3 Inertia-based Mechanical Device.** The sensor could be based on any property, however; it is meant to work out the speed on the turnings. The centrifugal force generated due to turning will be measured and communicated to the 'brain'.

**6.4 Inward-looking Camera.** This camera will picture the driver. It will be on all the times as long as driver is driving. It will picture the following:-

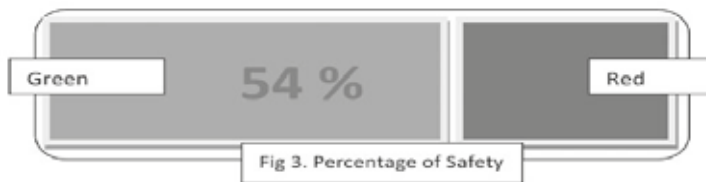
- 6.4.1. Position of hands of the driver on steering wheel. Both hands in correct position, approximately like the hands of a clock at (10:10). Any change or driving with one hand for more than stipulated time, say four minutes will have a corresponding numerical value.
- 6.4.2. Usage of cell-phone. Another numerical value will be generated, and added.
- 6.4.3. Excessive talking. Measured through the rate of movement of lips.
- 6.4.4. Whether smoking cigarette/cigar or pipe.
- 6.4.5. Whether driver is dizzy, or his/her eyes are closing.
- 6.4.6. Whether the seat-belt is worn or otherwise.

Whole of this monitoring is converted into an accumulative numerical value and passed on to the 'brain'.

**6.5 Speed Input.** The speed is fed to 'brain'. It could be obtained from the existing speedometer or from Tachometer. 'Brain' will couple the speed with input from forward looking camera. Road conditions; especially when wet will be of importance. Input from forward-looking camera plus speed input will determine the braking distance. The braking distance increases to about three times on wet and slushy/muddy road. 'Brain' will compute new braking distance and pass it to the Display unit. Thus adding another parameter to enhance the level of safe driving.

**6.6 Brain.** Brain does every thing. It is the Central Computing Unit (CCU). It is like ALU (arithmetic logic unit) of the computer. It is also a Control Unit (CU) for the display and speaker. It works out final percentage of safety which is displayed as a figure, (Fig.3). And it also shows the required braking distance, (Fig.4). It allows Green strip to expand and thus minimizing Red strip. When red strip touches a certain critical level, say 55~60%, it switches on audio signal, blaring out (Fig.5).

7. **Conclusion.** This is the beginning of a new idea. It should give rise to scores of questions. Hopefully those who think critically and laterally would be moved; especially engineers.

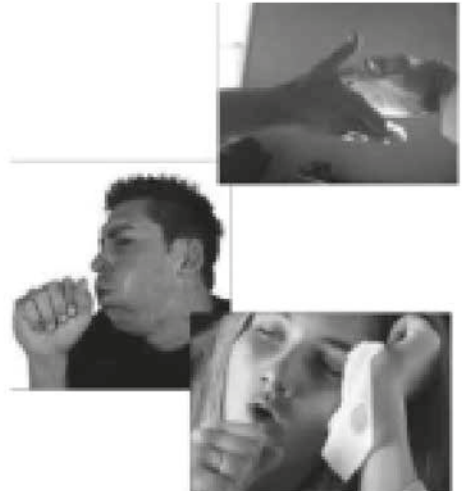


# Pis-pis Door-handle: PDH



**General.** Door-handles are like hand-shake. Helping you shake-hand with uncountable people. How many do you shake hand with in a day? The figure could be anything from 50 to 10. It could be lower for a stiff-neck, frowning almighty. Some are choosy to shake hand with, however door handles serve them well. The single word focus of this new idea is Hygiene.

- a. Here it is explained in more details. Hands are part of the body through which one carries the germs to and from. How? There are many ways for this hand to be a carrier.
- b. Either you coughed a while ago or the one you are going to shake hand with. Being civilized both of you used the palm of the hand, open or curled to suppress the spread of the cough. Rarely one is ready with a handkerchief or a tissue paper, to curb the cough.
- c. How about the holding-bar while mounting a bus or the hanging hand-loops for those travelling in a bus. There would be a narrow range of say 8 to 13 inches, within which every person getting in or out of the bus will touch and hold the bar, well and proper to lift or balance his or her weight. Same is the case with supporting hand-loops, or ceiling bars for those who have to travel standing. These are used, in any case at some point of time getting-in or out of the bus.
- d. There are door-handles or simply push



plates at the entrances of hospitals, large stores, bakeries or compound washrooms, like the one seen at bus terminals. Main entrance of the mosques and busy embassies can be counted in the same category. The door pans are hardly at rest. These are swinging in and out all the time, for some one is pushing these in and out without break.



**Purpose or the Aim.** The purpose of this new idea is to keep the hands clean, disinfected and thus improving the hygiene of a people as a whole.

**Significance.** To keep washing hands is fundamentally a good habit. One would need to learn to use a good soap, or a hand wash. And in addition, a hand sanitizer for special occasions. All this should develop as a habit to show results and of a large majority of a people in a community. Here is this new idea; Pispis Door Handle (PDH). It would help support those who are determined to learn the new habit of keeping hands clean and equally useful for those who stand at the other end of the extreme.

**Device:** Hardware. The device will have three essential parts.

- a. **A sensor.** It is a visual sensor, working on proximity. Much like those used for controlling the water taps at public places and hotels. Or those used as hand drier sensors.
- b. **A Battery Operated Control Unit.** Such a control unit, working on a time lag is used by all automatic spray devices, so nothing new.
- c. **A Sanitizer, Spraying Unit.** This is the final and cutting edge of the device, giving the desired results. A spraying sanitizer is so placed that it covers the door handle or the push plate or the holding bar effectively with its spray. Now all three units have to be so linked, interfaced and dovetailed that a PDH is created.





**Functioning.** How PDH would work? As the hand of a person comes in close proximity of the sensor, it gets activated. It sends a signal (surge) to the spraying control. And there it sprays the area desired to be cleaned and disinfected. The time lag between sensor activation and spray would be in user control. It could be varied on a scale, part of spray container; say from 5 to 15 seconds. The time in which a person would touch; push or pull the door and then pass through, is the deciding factor. The spray should come down the moment one has left, and before the next touches the 'point/place'. Here it gets sterilized before the next person uses it; with his/her fresh cache of germs, bacteria, sweat and any other form of unclean, unwanted matter or odour. A part of spray falling on hand would be a welcome feeling.

**Conclusion.** How happy a person would be to see the door handle or push point or the holding bar which he/she was about to use has been disinfected, washed clean for him/her. I am sure such a device will go a long way in arresting the spread of communicable diseases.

Enjoy the pis pis sound.

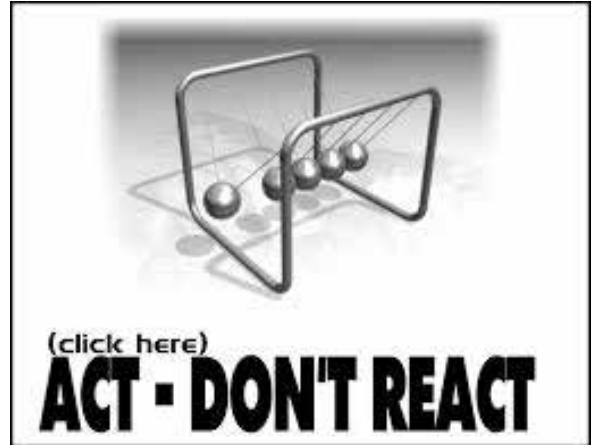


# EXCLUSIVE BRIEF ONES

## Act & Do Not React

It is very important to be positive in life. At the same time it is not very easy to exhibit and persistently perform positively in our day to day conduct and dealings. More so when you think some one has wronged you and infringed upon your legitimate rights. Positive conduct also gets dampened when you find people, especially your competitors, taking short cuts, cutting corners and standing tall without genuine

legs. The challenge is tougher when you are faced with a situation where the party sharing the interests with you claims to be the judge also. So you come across people who insist on being claimant and the judge, both.



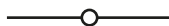
I have a simple technique to offer. It has proved successful with relatively brave people. I am sure you are brave and will benefit from it.

### **Act and do not react**

Make right decisions for right reasons. Do not make wrong decisions for wrong reasons. Base your judgment on values. Those doing wrong are not worth reacting. So remember, act and do not react, while you do reserve the right to act as badly as your foe, friend, brother, sister, neighbor, class-fellow, spouse and colleagues. Wishing you new choices on the dawn of every day, it will open a window of opportunity to act relatively bravely. And as you grow, you will be able to create more choices for you.

**Therefore, better Act and do not React**

**News Post 9 Mar 2003**





## Change vs. Growth

To grow one will have to change. And unless one can change; there cannot be any growth. Does it look simple? Did you say yes? Yes, it may be, but on the face of it. Change alone, can help one grow; and change in full reckoning of previous shortfalls, mistakes, deficiencies and stupidities. Change would also imply measuring the yield as the result of learning. In the last of my 60s, I will tell you how difficult it is.

Why should I change wasn't I learned enough; wise enough by now and experienced more than all who are younger to me! Aren't these sound reasons not to change? And yet I love the phrase, 'Growth' and I would love to grow. What a paradox!

As the years piled, ego started getting fat. The experience added in thirties and forties made me adamant. I started to learn, both formally and informally how not to budge, how to reason out, and to wriggle out winner or at least at par from any discussion or confrontation. To change would mean the denial of what I stood far till last night. To be winner or having an edge was all at stake; whether by hook or crook. I could attain my goal sometimes by merely raising the volume.

Self-patting and conceit gradually became my favorite and most nourishing food. I learnt to throw the weight of my rank, designation and appointment as I grew thru fifties.

Well that is how easy or difficult it could be to change or grow and be better than yesterday. Easy for braves and very tough for opposites.

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## Bravo Mujahideen

You had enemies all around you.

One on top, the international oppressor, the international terrorist, the killer of weak and exploiter par excellence. The most heinous face of injustice and racism as well.

One in front of you. The one who looks like you. Might be speaking ... language. But decoy of enemy on top. The puppet interim tool found in prefect local shape.

One at back. The weakest of weak who wears a lion's skin.

God bless you all. God bless the departed souls. You are great O' mujahideen. Bravo.

***News Post 17 Mar 2002***

## World Kidney Day - 9 March

My interaction with Pakistan Kidney Patients Association (PKPA) started in Apr-May 2007. It was a small ward of 7 beds at the FF of Cantt General Hospital. It is now a full-fledged, dedicated Dialysis Center at Talhi Mori Road. Dialysis is being conducted in two shifts of 22 patients each. For last one year now, protein rich supplement lunch has been added for each patient in each shift. Mr. Kashif M. Ansari and Mr. Q Zaman are the contributors.



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**the Common Identities**

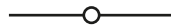
**than Smaller & Personal Identity**

## After MNNA take this Veto!

US, true to its history and character has re-exhibited its love for injustice, cruelty, hatred, intolerance and support for slavery and inequality. It is strange if people have forgotten the brutalities of the hundred years long American civil war? Strange, if people have forgotten Truman ordering the dropping of nuclear bombs on two cities of Japan? In fact, the second was dropped after having confirmed that first one was as destructive and effective against innocent civilians as it was intended to be. Americans laughingly killed millions, 240,000 to be exact, maiming, incapacitating and mutilating hundreds more. The effects of radioactivity were to inflict both the psyche and the body of the generations of Japanese, to come. Strange, if people have forgotten ten long years' war of brutalities against helpless and peace-loving Vietnamese. Who can forget the young naked child running with a napalm mushroom at full bloom in the background? Can this world forget that the Americans dropped thousands of tons of de-foliage agent in Vietnam to devoid trees of the foliage? It was there, napalming was rehearsed and practiced day in and out. It was there where American soldiers boiled people to death. And later counted their bones and arranged them in rows, layers and squares. You want to see the proof. Go to websites on war crimes. This planet would probably never again see such a cruel nation. However, Vietnam with no air force, still won! May our leaders draw some strength, may?

How can Pakistanis forget Americans dropping daisy cutters on Afghanistan's hutments, orchards and hillsides? Who has committed crime against America? Who? Which court of justice has heard the case against al-Qaeda? Which Japanese or Vietnamese or Iraqi went to attack America? Which court of justice has passed a degree against innocent Muslims? Americans must answer who has hit their two buildings? Who has done that? They have yet to find out. How can they suspect some nation and attack it? Who has made them the complainant and the judge, both? American maverick i.e. TV guided air to ground bombs targeted 1200 civilians hiding in a cave in Baghdad in 1990-91 war. They are doing it again. Americans.

***Pakistan Observer, Mar 31, 2004***



## Khaki's Performance

We should, all within and outside khaki, remember that armed forces of any country are unique with in a country. These are unique for statutory and legal foundations, organization, functions and roles. Armed forces cannot be compared with any civil department. They have nothing in common with railways, revenue, WAPDA, Airlines, District Management, Stock Exchanges or even Police. Armed forces of a country have their equals and competitors in the form of armed forces of other countries. All the armed forces including that of Pakistan bear the mission to:

- a. Defend physical frontiers and territorial integrity of motherland
- b. Provide muscle power to the political will of the (civil) government
- c. Assist instruments of internal security in aid of civil power

With minor variations the following set of criteria is suggested for evaluation of armed force's performance:

- a. The number of wars won for the country.
- b. If lost, then casualties borne in the course of defence.
- c. The attack sustained, repulsed and the area defended or regained from the enemy.
- d. Areas attacked and won over from the enemy combatants.
- e. Number of the enemy troops killed, vehicles destroyed. And the destruction of structures of his logistics support through combat action.
- f. Territorial, aerial and marine frontiers and interests defended and guarded from enemy's activities, both overt and covert.

It would be worthwhile to mention here that Russians armies sustained 20 million casualties in WWII. Afghan warriors sustained anything from 1.2 to 1.5 million *shuhada* against Russian armies. Our casualties in East Pakistan were 1260! We couldn't but lose.

What do you say, how has been the performance?

***News Post 15 Feb 2003***

Khaki's are our own they belong to us and we belong to them. We cannot live without each other. This inseparability, brotherhood, loyalty and sincerity remain above board. It is only this unshakable bondage of loyalty and trust that can sustain the criticism. After all, don't you want them to improve?



Now comes the real business to probe as to where the things have gone wrong, what were the causes and how can we retrieve? Remember only brave can point the finger to himself or herself. Mr. Fahad let's not create a fool's paradise through self-praise syndicates where ehsas e zian bhi baqi nah ho.

In 1948 our regular troops entering Kashmir took positions well behind the line to which razakars, mujaheedin and other militia had advanced. Ask Sardar Abdul Qayyum he will confirm it. I hope most Pakistanis know Junagarh and territories surrounding it are part of Pakistan. Same year Junagarh was annexed by India, by force. Who out of us will get it back?

1964: We successfully stalled border skirmishes in Kutch (Southern Sindh) area started by Lal Bahadur, Shashtri. 1965: there were many tactical gains all along the border, by both sides. Of course, our gains were more than those of enemy. There were many chivalrous combat actions at unit and sub-unit level. There was not strategic maneuver, and therefore no major gain. Seventeen days war came to a tactical stalemate. 1971: country was cut to half-no one was punished. None! Including me, the last episode ended in Washington negotiated withdrawal.

Would you not like to see your armed force doing better than this? I am sure the answer is yes.

**News Post 15 Nov 2003**

## I, Me, My, Mine, We, Ours

How has this morning occurred?

I was sharing a planet with you.

**Our Earth.**

She was in perpetual movement. We all, shared this movement, about our axis.

There was a star called Sun.

**Our Sun.**

It was always lit and glowing

**We had "A" father!**

We shared him-----the Soul, the common single Soul----Adam pbuh.

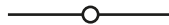
The Creator of all above, then gave us a role. We shared this role; sure I share it with rest of you all-----to be His vice-regent.

Thus I submit to you and share the size and scope of I, Me, My, Mine, We, Ours.

## Musharraf vs. LFO

Things are getting complicated at home. They had to far:

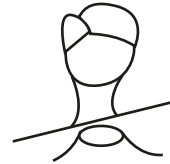
- Military takeover was illegal. The COAS, whatever were the conditions, could not have overthrown the PM. Not that Nawaz Sharif removed his COAS by the right course.
- Chief executive emerging out of peaceful coup ousted the constitutional president and made himself the president!
- Did not complete the process of reversion of democracy within the stipulated three years break. Three years ended on October 10, 2002.
- Made such drastic changes, which were repugnant to both constitution as well as the oft-quoted order of the supreme courts. Local government was another contingency exercise, depriving this headless country billions of rupees.
- Referendum, which, is meant to collect opinion on some national issues, was abused to elect own self.
- Took a U-turn on Afghanistan. Has it made him and Pakistan safer from the US tomahawks? Every one is asking who is next?
- Enhance the age limit of serving judges. Another spanner in the ever weakening institution called judiciary.
- Above all came out with another super strokes, LFO. Issued LFO number 2 in the history of Pakistan. He is making changes in the constitution all by himself and for himself! First one was issued by another great general, yahya khan, the duped destroyer of Pakistan. LFO has the germs and virus to mutilate the parliamentary constitution of our beloved but mismanaged country. It brutally cuts across the laid down methods, procedures and undermines the institutions. It sounds strange when Sh Rashid says LFO is part of constitution. Most damaged would be the armed forces of Pakistan. Will they be a stronger fighting body after the constitutional role and deeper involvement in civil affairs?



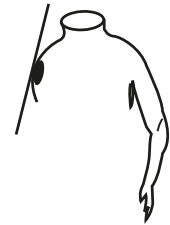
## How a “Lota” is made

*Faujis* are very good at marketing different things and providing various services. The list of their products is very long and diverse. Except making war they range from excellent to good in making bakery products, laying lawns, interior decoration, organizing fairs and collecting donations. They are superb in water supply, sewerage disposal, cleaning of public sites, managing railway stations, gas stations including CNG, de-silting of canals etc. Of late a new product has been added to the list of products and prowess to manufacture. It is lota (the water pot used in toilets). I have been able to successfully develop a standing operating procedure for making a lota.

**Step 1.** Select a suitable MPA or MNA. It would be better if he is a khandani or he may need a little more effort. Behead him. His thinking part must go whether completely or partially empty. It will give you the open mouth of lota.



**Step 2.** Cut off his one arm to incapacitate him partially. Leave the other arm in tact we will need it.



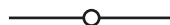
**Step 3.** Twist the second arm and twist it well to shape it to the required form. You may have to twist it with civil or criminal charges. May be the promise to withdraw the charges is equally effective. If he or she tries to reassert his or her democratic rights ever, give another twist.



**Step 4.** Fill up the tummy with ministerial, advisory or other public responsibilities. Perks well immersed in dollars will be the last solution.



Now lota is ready to be used. If you keep the arm-twisted and belly filled up, it will keep serving for five years, hopefully.



## Education and Wisdom

Ten years ago, a new Middle East (ME) was advocated. What is left of the vision? It's already a new ME. Not only do we have peace with Egypt but it's growing in strength and depth. Egypt too, is changing. We have peace with Jordan but it's growing too. Syria is an outsider today in the ME. Once, it was a leader, but what is Syria today? Nobody thinks about Syria in terms of leadership. It is irrelevant militarily. And look, Arab unity does not exist any longer. The Gulf countries are on their own, Egypt is on its own. Turkey became a modern country and has shown it can be Muslim and modern. Libya has changed completely.

The optimist and the pessimist die the same way. They just live differently. I prefer to live as an optimist. Well done. Well done my dear enemy. How wise, and visionary are you. Only you could execute what you planned in the realm of geopolitics of a region and successfully measure the results ten years later. Great! And thank you very much my senior leaned citizen to have given me a kick-start. Mr. Shimon Perez was twice prime minister of Israel as well as a Noble Prize winner. Surely it would be expected from a statesman to be visionary, exhibit comprehensiveness and where required express his views in most clear and concise words. Eisenhower, the famous victorious general turned President of America said, "I have never seen a pessimist general winning a battle."

Pessimist at best can avoid a few accidents, some retreats and live through safely the years bestowed upon by the Almighty. They are not the achievers least of all high achievers. On the Kashmir front, the third option and vivisection are the surface currents now. Two years hence these were under-currents. Ramifications of the earthquake have been overtaken by the KBD imbroglio, in the current weeks. The real impetus to geopolitics in the region is coming from the American failure in Iraq. Failure may be a quick-fix word for the present scenario, yet the American achievement as they insist on seeing it, is amongst the top contributing factors.

China's growing interests in the coastal areas of Pakistan and convergence of Indian interests help the Americans to focus and proceed further. The Iran-Pakistan-Indian gas pipeline venture of course is another attraction and reason for American's focus in Balochistan. It would be interesting to see how India wrestles through against American opposition on this issue. Pakistan will have to be doubly conscious and sharp to steer her course in this trouble triple game.

## Americans: It's enough

I am not making an appeal to your president, since he is beyond a reasonable and gentle soul. I appeal to you, a great nation of 250 million with a hope to find logical, reasonable and humane majority.

- In World War II you fought in Europe and pacific, killing Germans, Italians and Japanese millions. None of these nations had invaded you. Can you deny this fact?
- You are the only nation, which has the honor to use nuclear bombs. Can you deny this fact?
- You invaded Korea, well away from you across the breadth of Pacific Ocean. You waged a bloody war from 1950 to 53, with out any threat to America from Koreans. Can you deny this fact?
- America supported to Iraq for eight long years in its war against Iran. You armed saddam Hussain against Khomeini. Can you deny this fact?
- You waged a bloody war "desert storm" against Iraq, killing hundred of innocent civilians; even those hiding in underground bunkers. Iraq never, could or was even capable of invading America. Can you deny this fact?
- You perpetrated most heinous crimes against Afghan population last year. Can you deny this fact?

Please listen to senator kennedy. Please listen to hundreds and thousands rallying in the streets of London. Christina rocca, you are here in Pakistan. A little is expected out of you as part of Bush administration yet I address you for a cool reflection. May you find reply to one answer, why people hate America. And what caused nine-eleven.

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## What Lesson, Mr. President?

President as well the chief executive of government (Musharraf), while answering in TV talk-show said they must learn a lesson. He was talking about those Pakistanis who went into Afghanistan to fight alongside brothers in faith against the non-Muslim aggressors and attackers.

In 61 A.H is about 640 A.D a battle was fought amongst the Muslims. People tend to forget all other aspects of this battle and only remember it as the tragedy of Karbala. At the end of this historic and great ordeal Imam Hussain had neither gained territory, nor wealth, nor command over any people. Instead he had lost every one, everything including his life. Was he the loser? Was he wrong in his struggle and effort? Are all those who call him *Imam us Shuhada* are wrong? What lesson should we learn from him, Mr President?

In eighties when Iraq-Iran war was fought for eight long years. Iraq had 7:1 superiority in fire power over Iran. This war ended in stalemate. Should Iran had surrendered right at the beginning, viewing the overwhelming superiority of Iraq? Seeing the result of war and the present state of both these countries what lesson should we draw now?

Vietnamese had no air power: America had same ratio proportion what it has now vis a vis Afghanistan. Vietnamese decided to stand and fight, and we know they finally won. What lessons should we draw and learn from that war, Mr President?

711 A.D Hujaj bin Yousaf sent in his armies to Indian subcontinent to help the stranded Muslim women and children. In 712 Sindh was conquered and more than that the hearts of local populace. What lesson should we learn from this extra-territorial effort of an Islamic state Mr President?

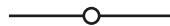
Many Pakistanis went in Afghanistan to fight against the enemies of Islam. Not a single Muslim, I am sure, entered Afghanistan to fight brethren in faith. Pakistanis went there to fight an invader, an aggressor and a non-Muslim army. Pakistanis went there to fight alongside Muslims, whether from north, east, west or south.

Mr Walker, whom Americans by the set of their values would hate to call Mr Hamid ud Din an American Taliban has been found. What a shot? How will US handle him? Are we now waiting to treat our lot (the misled one) the way Americans would treat him? What lesson should we learn Mr President?

## U-turn to Your Turn

For the first time nation heard the utterances which belie the ugly and hard rock bottom of our conduct post 9/11. Those dreadful possibilities have come to lips and taken shapes of words, which were to be the logical consequence of U-turn on Afghanistan Policy. Let's believe we took the U-turn to:

- Protect our assets from far possibilities of direct attack from US, before he could go for Afghanistan.
- Avoid possible aggression on our western border from India with the connivance of US.
- Save our potentials to fight against India, when the times comes.
- Avoid confrontation with the sole super power.
- Have we achieved these goals?
- Are we really the allies of US in its war on terrorism? If yes, then why we were brought to our knees and made to accept the status of line of control as international border and the IHK as Indian territory. Consequently in last six months India gained all on Kashmir what he could without firing a bullet.
- Why American Pakistanis are being subjected to INS? Why US has wasted no time in turning down our request and declaring us as a threat?
- Who will answer for the government as to why are we a threat to US, when we surrendered a telephone call in extra ordinary haste? Even L white an anchorperson of BBC asked a question pointing to "extraordinary haste" from the CEO Pervez Musharraf.
- You nations of Muslims, whether you take left turn, right turn or U-turn, if you wish to (or for that matter any nation) live with honor, dignity and some sort of independent identity, then learn to stand up and learn to pay the price of living as a nation.
- Hiding under the table will not save you from your turn. It did not help you then, it will not help you now.





## Americans dying for Israel

True, 6 million Jews were annihilated in Europe in 1930s and 40s. This was the extreme of genocide in the history of mankind. Examples to follow were also to be presented by Europe. Ethnic, racial and religious killing in Ireland, Russia, Serbia and Croatia were to follow. Khemaruge in Cambodia (Kampuchea) and Indian oppression in Kashmir are the other competitors. Well that is one facet of tolerant and democratic West.

Then Jews were deported and exiled out of their native lands to the newly created state in the heart of Palestine in 1948. They were turned out in millions. Yet another state-run and organized oppression and example of extreme terrorism. Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia somehow survived. They were only to become independent states after the fall of Soviet Union.

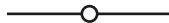
The question is why Americans are dying for Jews and Israel? There were no WMB, Bush and Blair the liars par excellence knew it well. Yet they attacked Saddam Hussain. It was he, who could threat the interests of Israel. All he had was money and will to do that. Even he had been depleted militarily after the 1991 war. Due to power blindness Americans forgot that Karzais are not available all over. They could not find one in Somalia. That was the reason Somalia was not attacked after Afghanistan.

Well the soil of Tigris and Euphrates had Uday, Qusay and young Mustafa; the freedom fighters par excellence. Americans would have sung for hundred years in their praise if they were Americans.

What are those interests, which cannot be served by any of the Arab-Muslim country? Why are you dying for Jews?

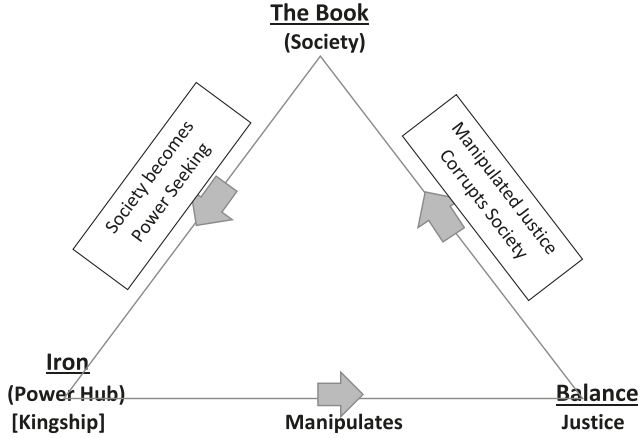
I must say well done the American Jews. What a strong minority. You were right Mahatir.

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# The Direction

Maj Gen S H Zaidi & Bakhtiar



Here is a humble effort by Bakhtiar, to explain the two diagrams; one above and the other to follow. Gen S H Zaidi, had a flash back when he came across the topic of our next Monthly Seminar;

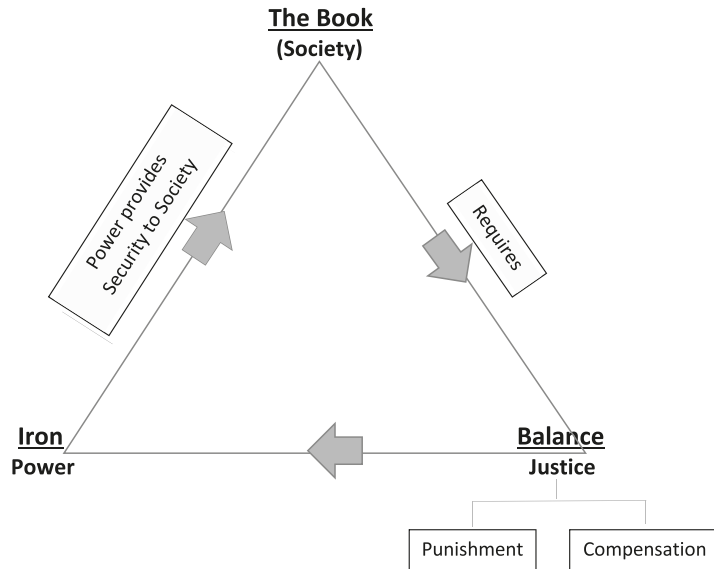
## مستقبل کی سپر پاور : پاکستان

Surah Al Hadeed was the source of inspiration and further revelation for seeking **Direction**. To be precise study 57: 25.

This is the Direction or way forward for the society.

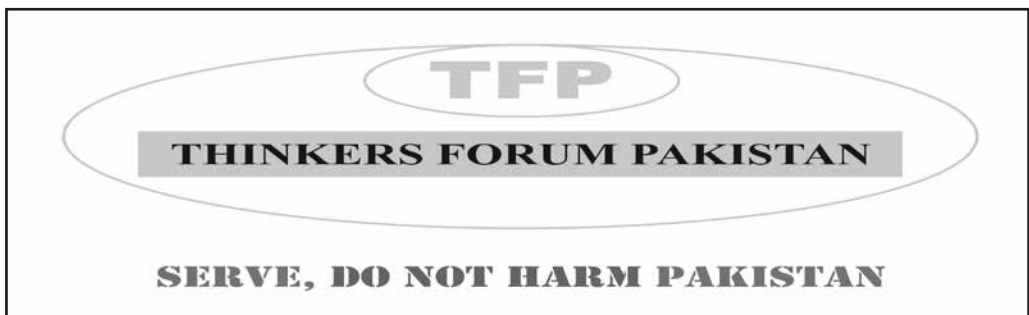
### Explanation of the Terms & Phrases:

- Book.** The Last of His Book, Al Quran. Wherein He completed His guidance, message and His way; His *Deen*.
- Iron** is used as icon for power; which is required for implementation of **balance** (justice & equity) in the society.
- When monarchy tried to manipulate the justice, it corrupted the society.
- Justice** implies two things; one, punishment for the convict, and, two, compensation for the victim.



Conclusion: We know who is super power, the Supreme Power, and the Greatest; الله اكبر. He has given us 'Book', and taught us to do and administer Justice, in society. Iron is power, through which His rule of equality is to be practiced. That necessitated Noah to leave along with his handful of righteous people, Ibrahim to travel out of the land where kings ruled through oppression and tyranny. And Muhammad (PBUH) had to migrate out of the land he loved. Last of His Prophet escaped to Madina to establish His rule of Justice in the light of guidance bestowed for the mankind in His Book. Staying at Mecca he could not have mustered and veiled enough power to administer justice. There were super powers; all perished. And the one (s) which exist today shall extinguish too. آلى القىوم. Man's job is to struggle and strive. Here is the Direction.

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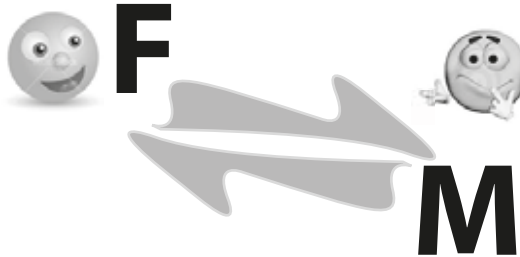
# What I Gave to Pakistan

HOW MUCH USEFUL OR BENOVELENT ARE YOU FOR HIS CREATION?

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Sr.	Nature & Category	One-time/ Week-ly/Yearly or Casual	Monthly	Yearly (Rs.)
1.	Income Tax FY 2018-19			Self: 13,075 Wife: 60,000 = 73,075
1.	Zakat			Through Bank 2, 000
2.	- For education and For Health		1. Rs. 3,000 educational stipend to 3 children in Lhr. 2. Rs. 3,000 to AMS 3. Rs. 1,000 to PKPA 4. Physiotherapy (For 3 months) 4,600	88,600
4.	Property Tax CEO Lahore		- XX 13 B, Phase III DHA -154 SD Askari IX	79,500 12,500 = 92,000
5.	Car Registration	7,884		7,884
6.	Visiting 180~200 patients [Get- Well soon & Good-wishes Card] <i>Eidain</i>	300 cards on each	- Cards & Flowers: Rs.3, 000 - Edibles Rs. 300 - Average exp: Rs. 3,600 - 2,400 on each	44, 400
7.	• Dry Rations thru SAP • For Quilts • Dry rations for two fatherless families.	<i>Sofaid-Posh:</i> 10, 000 10,000	- 4,000	20,000 48,000 = 68,000
8.	• During <i>Ramazan</i> Iftar at masjid • Routine; every Fri or once a week.	• Daily 230 approx. • Once a week 240	6,900 in a month 2,640 in 11 months	9,540
9.	• For a Madrissa	• 15,000 Occasionally		15,000
				400,859
Approximate Total:				400,000

## Female - Male



Ninety-nine percent of able bodied ladies cook and spend y percent of their time in kitchen and cooking. But they do not make leading chef nor teach and write about cooking.

Ninety-five percent of ladies wash and clean (babies, clothes and house-hold), spending yy Percent of their time in such activities. But do not develop a diaper, baby-lotion, detergent, washing machine or a vacuum cleaner.

Ninety percent plus of women folk stay home and spend yyy percent of their time under a roof. But they do not turn out to be civil engineers, builder, architect, mason or brick-layers.

Eighty percent of ladies and women folk living in villages and country-side spend yyyy of their time in grazing, milking and handling cattle-heads. But do not make veterinary doctors or experts in plant (fodder) husbandry.

y+yy+yyy+yyyy= X time of one half of His mankind is spent in the above four activities.

For she is L% self-centred; since self-centred, she is M% coward and feel insecure by N%, and consequently O% reactive. L+M+N+O put together, drives away the personality the desire and urge to enquire and raise the questions. Such a person has deep and strong desire to be praised, feel safe and stay in comfort zone of yesterday. Such personalities dare not make a mistake; therefore become less creative, and enjoy repeating what they already know and were approved off. Such a conduct gives them assurance of being right again.

Old age, being senior, rising high in paid jobs, and using one's experience, as the strongest argument also impede learning and therefore growing. This holds good

irrespective of the gender.

My dear reader whether you are a male or a female, how much of L+M+N+O comprises your person? Would you like to undertake an exercise in introspect? Have you ever tried to 'know yourself'? Why not do it now, or let someone help you.

## Fathers Day

Sure mothers lead in the recipients of love, care and protocol. And some would and could quote; her share is three times more!

It was around 1911-12 that mother's day was celebrated and commemorated.....soon to follow was that of the unsung male partner...

His date varies from June to December, in these some one hundred and eighty plus countries.

We all stand obliged to a male who was thoughtful and kind to make a girl my mother.

My dear Mummy, I love so much.



- A gentleman who earns, ploughs the fields and sow and cut jungles, scale mountains and set world records. Only to feel happy and more satisfied when his sons and daughters excel him.



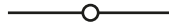
- A gracious planner, who works out all details, even toils hard to go for most appropriate insurance scheme. He ponders on all details of provisions and logistics for his wife and children... making sure they are deficient of nothing.
- A brave young to middle-aged, to an old man who leads in all testing times. He is the one who overviews and remains concerned for all she (wife/mom) and they (kids) won't be able to do.
- And when all have grown-up, crossed the threshold of practical life, they start earning what they call is theirs. Then he smiles under lips and wait for them and their kids...Grandchildren are even dearer, not only that, the old comrade and



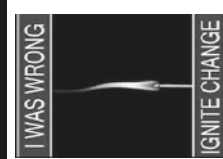
the wilting lady also looks sweeter and more beautiful. Then he prepares to be phased out.... not until he is left alone even by her. Then a stark reality starts shaping. He was a proud and happy father....and a chauvinistic husband...two-in-one! Oh, it was so complementary. Was it?, he never knew before. That is when time acts like a solvent... and the Father gets ready to be dissolved and diminish and disappear. And the cycle of Father's Day goes on.



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**Even when hundred percent  
sure; grant  
yourself the  
possibility of being  
Wrong! It may help U Grow**



**OPINION ≠ FACT**

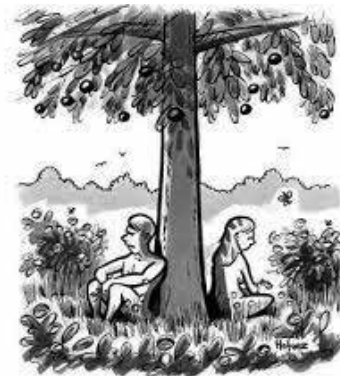


# Know Yourself

**To know yourself, you  
will have to talk to your  
manufacturer.**



**Know Yourself**  
**Do you believe you are the best of**  
**His creature?**  
**Are you really!**



*"I don't like to complain, but he should've created some jobs, too."*

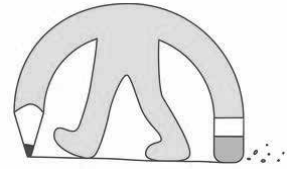
**Know Yourself**  
**We were born alone & we will die**  
**alone. While on this planet we must**  
**accept & glorify our act of faith thru**  
**other people.**



# Know Yourself

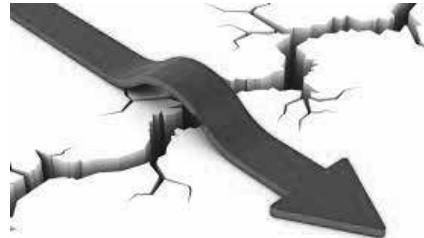
## Know Yourself

Don't use logic to find reasons for the mistakes you make again & again....  
Have you reduced making mistakes; by not calling some of these, mistakes.



## Know Yourself

Lucky are those who make mistakes....  
A mistake is a ray of hope, when new!



## Know Yourself

Arrogance attracts hatred and envy. Elegance arouses respect & love.



## Know Yourself

Whenever you estimate yourself, you underestimate yourself!



# LIFE

**No life is worth  
living which is  
not shared.**



**Give  
suggestions  
when asked.  
You will be  
listened to!**



**Sharing means  
two things:  
Enjoy other's  
right of being  
wrong.  
Enjoying your  
right of being  
wrong!**



**Every  
one has a  
perspective  
& and an  
opinion; as  
valuable as  
yours.**





## Review

O' My God, is it one book, authored by a single human being?

This is an excellent compilation of ideas and facts and with added questions. Philosophy, religion, psychology, ethics, relationships (states, groups, individuals), anthropology etc etc.



**Lt Gen Naeem K Lodhi HI (M)**

Col Bakhtiar's personality was revealing itself with every encounter but after going through this book, that is a compilation of all that I have mentioned, made him fathomless for me, at least.

It would be an excellent reading for anyone and everyone, irrespective of age and interests. The variety of subjects covered is such that you will definitely find something of attraction for you. Urdu section adds to the spices, and also shows his command on our National Language. Col Bakhtiar has a thinking mind and a helping heart, and that is what Allah Desires from all humanity. Think, reflect and love.

Wish him success in all his noble endeavors that are a plenty; and a long healthy life.

### Introduction

Lt Gen Lodhi after graduating from Military College of Engineering, Command and Staff College Quetta and National Defence University, remained on the faculty of all the three prestigious institutions. He holds master's degree in International Relations and also attended finance related short courses at Columbia University USA, and INSEAD France.

Served as Secretary Defence for a short tenure and later served as a successful CEO and MD of a leading Corporate Organisation. Was also appointed as Defense Minister in an interim setup.

Urdu Section  
From 283 - 351

خوش نصیب ہیں وہ جو غلطی کرتے ہیں۔ نئی غلطی۔

اور غلطی کرنے کی جرات رکھتے ہیں۔

اور ہاں، اگر آپ کو کسی اتوار کے روز کسی ہسپتال کے وارڈ میں سرخ گلاب کے پھول اور تندرستی کی دعاؤں والے کارڈ بانٹا کوئی شخص نظر آ جائے، یا پھر کسی جگہ کوئی دیوانہ سر پھرا فقیروں میں بال پوائنٹ کے پیکٹ، یا پنسلوں، یا ماچسوں کے پیکٹ بانٹتا ہوا نظر آئے تو آپ سمجھ جائیے گا کہ یہی تو زندگی کا ادیب ہے یعنی کرنل مختیار حکیم۔





# زندگی

بہت مدت ہوئی کسی جگہ پڑھا تھا کہ



ڈاکٹر مقصودہ حسین

"An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less". لیکن اس کی سمجھ مجھے آج اچھی طرح اس

وقت آئی جب میں نے زیر نظر کتاب زندگی کا مطالعہ کیا۔ احساس ہوا کہ علم تو وہ ہے جو کسی چھوٹی سی بات سے کشید کیا جائے اور پھر اسے اپنے اندریوں سمولیا جائے کہ وہ اپنی ہی ذات کا ایک حصہ بن جائے۔ چھوٹی چھوٹی باتیں، چھوٹے چھوٹے سوال، چونکا دینے اور سوچنے پر مجبور کر دینے والے بیانا

ت۔ ان سب نے نل کر کتاب کی افادیت کو بڑھا دیا ہے۔ اور قاری مجبور ہو جاتا ہے کہ کتاب کو پڑھتا جائے۔ کتاب کو کئی مختصر عنوانات کے تحت تقسیم کیا گیا ہے۔ سب سے پہلے حصے میں یہ ثابت کیا گیا ہے کہ انسان سب برابر ہیں۔ سب کا مذہب ایک ہے کیونکہ سب پیغمبروں نے اسلام ہی کی تعلیم دی ہے۔ یہ جو ہم نے مسلمان ہوتے ہوئے اتنے فرقے بنائے ہیں تو کس قدر غیر اسلامی کام کیا ہے۔ اللہ پاک نے تو تمام نبیوں کے ذریعے صرف مسلمان ہونے کی تعلیم دی ہے۔ ان فرقوں اور ان کے نتیجے میں ہونے والے فساد کو انہوں نے عملی مثالوں کے ذریعے واضح کیا ہے۔ اخباری تراشے پیش کئے ہیں ہر تراشہ میں الگ قبیلے، ذات، فرقہ نظر آتا ہے۔ جس کے ساتھ ایک نیا فرقہ جو کہ تعلیم یا دولت کا ہے وہ بھی پیش کیا ہے۔ اسے بختیار صاحب نے سماجی مقام و مرتبہ دولت اور امارت کا عنوان دیا ہے۔ کیا خوب کہا ہے کہ

”بہت سارے لوگ صرف ہرا کر جیتے ہیں۔ اور خوش ہوتے ہیں۔ جب تک کوئی دشمن نہ ہو اور وہ اس کو پچھاڑہ لیں خوش نہیں ہوتے۔ دشمن نہ ہو تو ہرانے کی خوشی کے لئے ایک آدھ دشمن پال لیتے ہیں۔“

انہوں نے سوال کرنے اور غلطی کرنے کے عمل کو بہت اہم جانا ہے۔ بختیار صاحب کہتے ہیں کہ سوال کریں گے تو ہی سیکھیں گے نا۔ اور غلطی سے ڈرتے رہے تو پھر تو کوئی بھی عمل نہ کر سکیں گے۔ سوال علم کی طرف پہلا قدم ہے اور غلطی دوسرا۔ غلطی کا خوف اکثر ہمیں نئے نئے تجربے کرنے سے روکتا ہے۔ کہتے ہیں

رو لکھاریوں بشمول کرنل محمد خان، سید ضمیر جعفری، شفیق الرحمن، سجاد حیدر یلدرم اور پطرس بخاری سے کسی طرح کم نہیں ہے۔ انہوں نے اپنی کتاب کا انگریزی مفہوم اُردو پڑھنے والوں کی سہولت کیلئے تخلیص کے طور پر پیش کیا ہے اور ایسا کرتے ہوئے اُن کی اُردو تحریر میں نہ صرف انشائیہ کی چاشنی پیدا ہو گئی ہے بلکہ اُن کے قائم کردہ سوالات زندگی کی ڈور کو بہتری کی جانب آگے بڑھانے میں بھی معاون ثابت ہو سکتے ہیں۔ کرنل صاحب کی نثر میں لفظوں، استعاروں اور تشبیہات کا استعمال جہاں ضروری ہے انتہائی معتبر انداز میں کیا گیا ہے بہر حال اُن کی تحریر میں فوجی نظم و ضبط کی جھلکیاں بھی بدرجہ اتم محسوس کی جاسکتی ہیں۔ کچھ دانشور زندگی کو دیوانے کے خواب سے تشبیہ دیتے ہیں اور کچھ زندگی کی تلاش میں سرگرداں پکارتے پھرتے ہیں کہ زندگی اے زندگی تجھے ڈھونڈوں کہاں لیکن تلاش بسیار کے باوجود زندگی کی حقیقی تعبیر پانے سے محروم ہیں۔ کرنل صاحب نے اس کمی کو دور کرنے کی قابل ستائش کوشش کی ہے۔ دراصل زندگی کی حقیقت وہی لوگ گہرائی اور گیرائی سے جان سکتے ہیں جنہوں نے موت کو انتہائی قریب سے دیکھا ہے چنانچہ کرنل صاحب اپنی فوجی زندگی کے حوالے سے زندگی اور قوموں کی اجتماعی موت سے نجات پانے کی جدوجہد کی اس خفیف فکر کو بھی اپنے اندھیٹے ہوئے ہیں۔ اندریں حالات کرنل بختیار حکیم کی کتاب موجودہ سیاسی، معاشرتی اور مذہبی منظر نامے میں ایک تازہ ہوا کے جھونکے کی مانند سامنے آئی ہے۔ مجھے اُمید ہے کہ زندگی کے حساس احساسات اور محسوسات کے حامل دانشور اس کتاب کو پسندیدگی کی نگاہ سے دیکھیں گے۔

رانا عبدالباقی اندرون اور بیرون ملک اچھے منصبوں پر سرکاری خدمات سرانجام دے چکے ہیں۔ 2005 میں اپنے منصب سے ریٹائرڈ ہونے پر انہوں نے مجید نظامی مرحوم کی خواہش پر روزنامہ نوائے وقت میں دس برس تک کالم لکھے ہیں۔ اسی دوران انہوں نے جنوبی ایشیا میں سیاسی کشمکش، جوہری بالادستی اور مسئلہ کشمیر سے متعلقہ امور پر تین اہم کتابیں لکھی ہیں اور ایک درجن سے زیادہ تحقیقی مقالے تحریر کئے ہیں۔ آجکل وہ آن لائن انٹرنیٹ پیپر ساؤتھ ایشین پلس کے مدیر اور جناح اقبال ساؤتھ ایشین پلس فورم کے چیئرمین کی حیثیت سے اعزازی کام کر رہے ہیں۔



تخلیقی کام میں بھی بہت حد تک معاون ثابت ہوئے۔ چنانچہ ادبی مراحل سے گزرتے ہوئے انہیں زندگی کا فلسفہ اور مفہوم سمجھنے میں قدرے مدد ملی۔ یہ ایک انتہائی احسن حقیقت ہے کہ وہ زندگی کے نچوڑ کو کتابِ زندگی میں منتقل کر کے مذہب اور اخلاق کو بنیاد بنا کر دنیا کو ٹکراؤ اور بے معنی کشمکش سے نکال کر ایک بہتر زندگی کی نوید دینا چاہتے ہیں۔

اس امر سے انکار نہیں کیا جاسکتا کہ جب مذہب اور اخلاق پر گفتگو کی جاتی ہے تو زندگی کا موضوع خود بخود سامنے آ جاتا ہے۔ بنیادی طور پر مذہب اور اخلاقی اقدار میں چولی دامن کا ساتھ ہے۔ تمام انبیاءِ اکرام کی وجدانی تعلیمات اخلاقی اقدار کو اپنے اندر سمیٹے ہوئے ہیں چنانچہ مذہبی اقدار سے متاثر جدید مغربی مفکرین بھی اخلاقی اقدار کا جائزہ لیتے ہوئے ادبی تخلیق کو اخلاق کے دائرے میں رکھنے پر زور دیتے ہیں۔ ایک مغربی مفکر رسکن کا کہنا ہے کہ ادبی تخلیقات سے اخلاق کو جدا نہیں کیا جاسکتا جو انسانی زندگی کا ایک اہم پہلو ہے جبکہ مذہبی اور اخلاقی اقدار کے مخالف لادینی فکر رکھنے والے مغربی دانشور بدستور انسانی زندگی میں دڑاریں پیدا کرنے کی کوششوں میں ہی مصروف نظر آتے ہیں جس کے سبب زندگی کی خوبصورت و حسین راہوں میں مذہبی خلیج اور فرقہ واریت کے جذبات کو ہوا مل رہی ہے۔ چنانچہ کرنل بختیار حکیم زندگی کی ہمہ گیر حقیقت کو بیان کرتے ہوئے انسانی زندگی کو فرقہ واریت اور مذہبی و تہذیبی ٹکراؤ سے بچانے کیلئے کوشاں نظر آتے ہیں۔ اسی پس منظر و پیش منظر میں قرآن کریم کی فکر کا اعادہ کرتے ہوئے وہ زندگی کو ایک اجتماعی عمل سے تعبیر کرتے ہیں اور انفرادی زندگی کو بھی اجتماعی زندگی کا حصہ ہی قرار دیتے ہیں۔ وہ کہتے ہیں کہ منہجائے زندگی درحقیقت ایک بہتر زندگی کا نام ہے اور گزرے ہوئے کل سے بہتری اُس وقت تک ممکن نہیں ہے جب تک گزرے ہوئے کل تک کی کمی، کمزوری اور خامی کا بخوبی احاطہ نہ کر لیا جائے کیونکہ آنے والے کل میں ان کمزوریوں کو دور کر کے ہی بہتر زندگی کے سفر کو محفوظ تر بنایا جاسکتا ہے۔ ذاتیں اور برادریاں اور اقوام عالم اپنی جگہ اہم سہی لیکن جب زندگی فرقہ پرستی کا شکار ہو کر شدت پسندی کی جانب راغب ہو جاتی ہے تو یہ نہ صرف بین المذاہب کے ٹکراؤ بلکہ ایک ہی مذہب کے ماننے والوں کے درمیان بھی ٹکراؤ کا سبب بن جاتی ہے۔

آخر میں یہ کہنا مناسب ہوگا کہ کرنل بختیار حکیم کا اسلوبِ تحریف و فوج اور رسول محکموں سے آنے والے اُن کے پیش

صلاحیتوں کا بھی بخوبی ادراک رکھتے ہیں جس کا تذکرہ اُن کی کتاب میں اقبال کے اشعار کی شکل میں ملتا ہے۔ کرنل صاحب جانتے ہیں کہ مذہبی اور اخلاقی حدود پر سائنس کی غیر ضروری تشریح اور لادینیت نے کس حد تک منفی اثرات منطبق کئے ہیں چنانچہ وہ اسلامی دنیا سے جڑی زندگی اور عالمی مویشگافیوں سے مڑین مذہبی اور اخلاقی تصورات میں در آنے والی لادینی الجھنوں کو وراثت میں ملنے والی مذہبی اور اخلاقی حدود و قیود کے حوالے سے نہ صرف سمجھنے کی کوشش کرتے ہیں بلکہ اُن پرسوالات قائم کر کے درمیانی راستہ نکالنے کی کوشش بھی کرتے ہیں۔

جنوبی ایشیا میں ہندو مسلم اختلاف اور فرقہ پرستی کے حامل گروپوں کی زندگی میں ٹکراؤ کی کیفیت پیدا ہونے والے عوامل کو بیان کرتے ہوئے کرنل، بختیار حکیم، علامہ اقبال اور قائد اعظم کی فکر سے اتفاق کرتے ہیں۔ وہ سمجھتے ہیں کہ تاریخ کے مختلف ادوار میں جنوبی ایشیا کی سرزمین تہذیب و تمدن، زبان، رسم و رواج اور معاشرتی طور طریقوں کے حوالے سے مختلف مذاہب کو ماننے والی قوموں کی آماجگاہ رہی ہے۔ قبل مسیح کے زمانے سے ہی برصغیر ہندوستان پر مختلف ایشیائی اور یورپی اقوام حملہ آور ہوتی رہی ہیں جسے لادینی نظام کے ماننے والے مغربی دانشور آج بھی برصغیر جنوبی ایشیا کی سیاست میں نہ صرف اپنے مخصوص مفادات کے تحفظ کیلئے کام کر رہے ہیں بلکہ مختلف مذاہب کے درمیان کشیدگی پیدا کرنے میں بھی پیش پیش ہیں۔ ہندوستان میں آریا ہندو سماج کی آمد بھی قبل مسیح کے زمانے میں فاتحین کے طور پر ہوئی تھی۔ ہندوستان میں ہندو سماج کے قدم جمانے کے بعد بھی بیشتر قومیں حملہ آور اور فتح یاب ہوتی رہی ہیں لیکن حقیقت یہی ہے کہ یہ قومیں ماضی میں آریا ہندو سماج کے ذات پات کے نظام میں جذب ہو کر اپنی شناخت کو قائم نہیں رکھ سکی ہیں۔ البتہ ظہور اسلام کے بعد جب مسلم فاتحین نے ہندوستان کو اپنا مسکن بنایا تو ہندو ازم، اسلام کو اپنے اندر جذب کرنے میں ناکام رہا چنانچہ ہندو ازم کی جانب سے اسلام پر غلبہ پانے کی یہ کشمکش قیام پاکستان کے حوالے سے بھی ناکامی کا شکار رہی جس کے منفی اثرات آج بھی بھارتی مقبوضہ کشمیر اور ہندوستانی مسلمانوں پر جاری و ساری ہیں جسے کرنل صاحب کے تحقیقی کام میں ہمیشہ اولیت حاصل رہی ہے۔ کرنل بختیار حکیم فوج میں ممتاز خدمات سرانجام دینے کے بعد تھنکر نورم پاکستان سے منسلک ہوئے تو فوجی زندگی میں حاصل ہونے والے تجربات اُن کے تحقیقی اور

## کرنل بختیار حکیم کی کتاب زندگی (Life)



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کرنل بختیار حکیم سے میری شناسائی چند برس قبل تھنکر ز فورم پاکستان کی تحقیقی اور تخلیقی مجلسوں کے دوران ہوئی اُس وقت وہ فوج سے ریٹائرڈ ہونے کے بعد دیگر افسران کی مانند گوشہ تنہائی میں جانے کے بجائے قومی زندگی میں اپنا مثبت کردار ادا کرنے کی کوششوں میں مصروف تھے۔ اُن کا گھر پاکستان کو درپیش مسائل کی الجھنوں کا حل تلاش کرنے کیلئے تحقیقی، ادبی و تنقیدی مجلسوں کی میزبانی کا مرقع بنا ہوا تھا جس میں انہیں اپنی اہلیہ کی بخوبی معاونت حاصل تھی جو

چالیس برس سے زیادہ اپنے شوہر کی زندگی میں دامے درمے سخن شامل ہونے کے بعد کچھ عرصہ قبل ہی آسمانی دنیا کو سدھار چکی ہیں۔ راقم نے اُن کی تدفین میں شرکت کی تھی اور یہی محسوس ہوا تھا کہ اہلیہ کی وفات سے کرنل صاحب کی زندگی میں ایک بڑا خلا پیدا ہو گیا ہے جسے کوئی دوسرا پُر نہیں کر پائے گا۔ غالباً کرنل صاحب نے بظاہر اس خلا کو پُر کرنے کیلئے اپنی زندگی پر محیط تجربات کی روشنی میں انگریزی اور اُردو سے مزین کتاب Life یا زندگی لکھنے کا شرف حاصل کیا تو اس کا انتساب بھی انہوں نے اپنی اہلیہ کے نام ہی کیا ہے۔

البتہ یہاں موضوع سخن کرنل بختیار حکیم کی کتاب زندگی یا Life ہی ہے۔ چنانچہ جب کرنل صاحب نے اپنی کتاب کا مسودہ تبصرے کیلئے مجھ ناچیز کو ارسال کیا تو مجھے کرنل صاحب کی تحقیقی صلاحیتوں کا تو پہلے سے ہی احساس تھا لیکن اس مسودے کے انگریزی اور اُردو مطالعے کے بعد محسوس ہوا کہ یہ کتاب قومی اور بین الاقوامی امور پر سیر حاصل بحث کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ بین الا مذاہب کشیدگی کم کرنے اور جنوبی ایشیا اور مسلم دنیا کے تہذیبی مسائل کو گہرائی اور گیرائی سے بیان کرنے پر ایک ہمہ گیر تفصیلی مقالے کی حیثیت رکھتی ہے۔ کرنل بختیار حکیم قرآن کریم پر وسیع مطالعے کے حامل ہیں اور اسی حوالے سے انبیاء کرام کی تعلیمات کے حوالے سے نہ صرف کڑہا ارض پر زندگی کے مفہوم اور فلسفے کو بخوبی سمجھتے ہیں جس کا تذکرہ اُن کی کتاب میں سیاسی، معاشرتی اور مذہبی حوالے سے بخوبی کیا گیا ہے۔ مسلم ائمہ کے مسائل پر فکری نظر رکھنے کے علاوہ کرنل صاحب جنوبی ایشیا میں مسلم ریاست پاکستان کے وجود میں آنے کے پس منظر میں علامہ اقبالؒ اور قائد اعظم محمد علی جناحؒ کی فکری

## جماعت

جماعت، میری ناقص عقل میں، اس لیے اہم بلکہ تقریباً "ضروری بنادی گئی تاکہ فرد اپنے ذاتی مکان، انفرادی مصلے اور ملکیت کی چھوٹی ترین سطح؛ مثلاً "اپنی روٹی کپڑے اور مکان، سے نکل کر جماعت کو دیکھ سکے، جماعت کے بارے سوچ سکے آتے جاتے راستوں کا ذمہ دار بن سکے اور یوں جماعت کی اجتماعی بہتری میں حصہ لے سکے۔ دیکھ سکے کہ دوسرے جماعت کے لیے کیا کر رہے ہیں، وہ کیا کر پایا، کل تک کیا نہ کر پایا۔ اور وہ کیسے کارِ خیر میں شامل ہو سکتا ہے۔

یہ عرض گزاشت عورتیں بھی تو پڑھ رہی ہیں۔ وہ اپنے رب کے حضور ویسے ہی جواب دہ ہیں جیسے مرد۔ پھر پانچ وقت کی جماعت سے ہر ہفتے ایک بڑے اجتماع کا انتظام و انصرام لازم کر دیا گیا۔۔۔ ان مساجد کو مخصوص نام دے دیا گیا۔ صرف اجتماع بڑا نہ کیا گیا بلکہ ہفتے بھر کے حالات حاضرہ، مسائل اور ملکی اور اقوام عالم کے معاملات پر جانکاری، اور جاری تحریک میں اپنا حصہ ڈالنے کا موقع اور طریقہ ممکن اور سہل بنا دیا گیا۔ جب اور جہاں مسلمان زندہ ہیں، وہاں ہو جمعے کے روز نیا خطبہ ہوتا ہے۔ سننے والے بولتے بھی ہیں اور گزرے کل جیسی زندگی کو بدلنے کی سعی حاصل کرتے ہیں۔

پھر عیدین یعنی دو عیدوں پر جماعت کا حجم اور مقام اور بڑا کرنے کی ہدایات دی گئیں۔۔۔۔ اور پھر عمرہ میں لازمی ہو گیا کہ کل عالم میں جماعت صرف ایک مقام پر منعقد ہو۔۔۔ ہاں حج کے مہینوں کے علاوہ سال بھر تقایم کرنے کی سہولت موجود رہی۔

اور آخر میں حج۔۔۔۔۔

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تبدیلی	کی ابتدا ایک سوال سے ہو سکتی ہے۔
نہیں آ سکتی:	آ سکتی ہے:
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2- نفرت سے۔	2- مقصد سے لگن سے۔
3- ہر اکر۔	3- دل جمعی اور عزم و ہمت سے۔
4- توڑ پھوڑ اور گرا کر۔	4- شوق سے۔
5- بدلہ لے کر۔	5- سیکھ کر۔
6- نقصان پہنچا کر۔	6- دے کر۔
7- پہچان کی تقسیم سے۔	7- بنا کر۔
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- ایک سے زیادہ ممکنہ جواب نہ ہو۔
- نئی رائے سننے اور سمجھنے کی وسعت نہ ہو۔
- اچھے یا برے، صحیح یا غلط کا پیمانہ ہزار سال سے تجدید طلب ہو، یا کسوٹی کی بنیاد تعصبات ہوں۔

جن کا:

- سائز کسی میز یا دیوار کی طرح ایک سا رہتا ہو۔
- وزن اور افادیت سنگ راہ کی مانند بڑھتی ہو نہ کم ہوتی ہو۔
- کل سرمایہ قریب ترین پر حیوانی سبقت لے جانا ہو۔

جنہوں نے:

- پچھلے ہفتے یا ماہ میں کوئی غلطی نہ کی ہو۔
- پچھلے سال بھر میں کچھ نیا نہ سیکھا ہو، بھلے ٹی وی کے ریموٹ کنٹرول کے مختلف استعمال ہوں یا پارکنگ کے بارے ٹریفک قانون ہی ہو۔
- پچھلے سہ ماہی یا سال بھر میں کوئی نئی غلطی کرنے نہ تو ہمت کی ہو، نہ سکتے رکھتے ہوں۔
- جو گذرتے وقت میں نہ تو نئی سوچ رکھتے ہوں، نیا تجربہ کرنے کی نہ تو ہمت رکھتے ہوں نہ جرات۔ جن کا کل اثاثہ ان کی دولت، جائداد، عمر، اسناد اور ممکنہ تجربے کا مفروضہ ہو۔

وہی تو بد نصیب ہوتے ہیں

## میں، سنت اور ہمسائیے

میں اور میرے ہمسائے کی سنت میں مندرجہ ذیل کبھی شامل نہیں ہوئے اور نہ ہی آئندہ شامل کرنے کا کوئی ارادہ ہے۔

- عربی زبان: لکھنی، بولنی اور سیکھنی۔

- نئی مملکت کا قیام۔ کیا یہ بھی سنت الانبیاء ہے! کبھی کسی مولوی اور واعظ سے نہیں سنا۔

- نیا آئین۔ مملکت اور شہری کی تعریف، فرائض اور حقوق کا جائزہ اور از سر نو تعین۔

- ہجرت۔ زندگی بھر کی محنت سے گھر بنایا ہے۔ پاگل ہیں کسی کے لئے چھوڑ دیں۔

- 20 جنگوں میں حصہ لینا۔ یہ ہمارا کام تو نہیں۔ فوجی لڑیں جا کر۔

- ایک کمرے پر مشتمل گھر۔ کوئی بھی ایک کمرے کا گھر نہیں بناتا۔ گاڑی تو میں بس 1800 سی سی ہی رکھتا ہوں۔

- بغیر گنبد اور مینار کے مسجد کی تعمیر۔ یہ کیا!

- دو ہمسائے متفقہ علیہ سنت کے مطابق سنی ہیں۔ دو شیعہ ہونے پر متفق ہیں۔ پچھواڑے والے تینوں وہابی ہونے پر خوش ہیں۔ ہمارا پورا گاؤں بریلوی ہے۔۔۔۔۔ پھر بھی مسلمان!

- تمام اعمال (سرکاری ملازمین) کی تنخواہ اور مراعات میں برابری۔ یہ کیسی انوکھی بات ہے۔

- ایک بات پر تمام شہر بلکہ پورا ملک متفق ہے۔ خلاف سنت الانبیاء ہم نے یک لفظی نام نہیں رکھنا۔ نہ مردکانہ

عورت کا۔ ہمارا سیاسی رہنما؛ بلاول بھٹو زرداری؛ میرے مرحوم ماموں کا نام تھا، پیرزادہ سید مبارک علی شاہ۔

سلسلہ انبیاء تقریباً 9 ہزار سال چلتا رہا۔ پہلا آدم آخری محمد۔ درد و سلام سب پر۔

دس مثالیں کافی ہیں۔۔۔۔۔ (بہر حال پانی بیٹھ کر پیوں گا، شلواریٹھنوں سے اوپر رکھوں گا، روزہ تو بس قبلہ رو ہو

کے نمک سے کھولوں گا پھر مدینے کی کھجور سے ہی کھولوں گا۔ اور جو ایسا نہ کرے وہ گستاخ رسول ہے۔)

## زندہ

میں نے تو کچھ نہیں کیا۔۔۔ میں نے تو کچھ نہیں کیا۔۔۔ ڈر کے مارے سارے بچے باری باری باپ کو یہی فقرہ کہہ جا رہے تھے۔ قیمتی گلدان ایک بڑے چھناکے کے ساتھ ٹوٹ گیا۔ سب طرف کانچ کے ٹکڑے تھے۔ اُدھر خاوند اندر داخل ہوا۔۔۔ یہ کیسی آواز تھی؟ بیوی گھبرا کر میں نے تو کچھ نہیں کیا۔۔۔ ابھی آپ کی گاڑی کی آواز سن کر کمرے سے نکلی ہوں۔۔۔ اری نجمہ۔۔۔ نجمہ اندھی کہاں ہو تم۔۔۔ ہائے میرا قیمتی کرٹل۔۔۔ ہائے۔۔۔ اف اللہ۔۔۔ اسی بدتمیز نے توڑا ہو گا۔۔۔ نجمہ خوف کے مارے۔۔۔ باجی میں نے تو کچھ نہیں کیا۔۔۔ میں تو نیچے تھی۔ ابھی آرہی ہوں۔

عامر اور اس کی باپ گاڑی کی اگلی سیٹوں پر تھے۔۔۔ گاڑی بہت برے جھٹکے کے ساتھ رُکی۔۔۔ اگلی گاڑی میں لگتے لگتے بچے۔۔۔ آگے ایکسڈنٹ ہو چکا تھا۔۔۔

باپ: بیٹا نکل چلو۔۔۔ ہم نے تو کچھ کیا نہیں۔۔۔ ویسے دھریے جاؤ گے۔

عامر: ابا آپ بیٹھیں۔۔۔ دیکھتا ہوں۔۔۔ دیکھ کر آتا ہوں۔

آگے موٹر سائیکل زمین پر گرا پڑا تھا۔۔۔ موٹر سائیکل والا بمشکل اٹھ رہا تھا۔۔۔ اس سے اگلی گاڑی بھی۔۔۔

ساتھ ہی پولیس وارڈن بھی آگیا۔۔۔ آتے ہی عامر سے آمناسا منا ہو گیا۔۔۔ ہاں جی کیا ہوا؟

عامر: میں نے تو کچھ نہیں کیا۔۔۔ ہم تو ابھی آرہے ہیں۔۔۔ اُن سے پوچھیں۔

مردے بھی کچھ نہیں کرتے۔ کبھی گندگی نہیں پھیلاتے نہ ہی صفائی کرتے ہیں۔ نہ اپنی قبروں کی مرمت کرتے

ہیں، نہ کچی قبر پکی کرتے ہیں۔ ساتھی کی مدد نہیں کرتے، نہ کسی ظالم کا ہاتھ روکتے ہیں۔ نہ مظلوم کے حق

میں آواز اٹھاتے ہیں۔۔۔ حد یہ کہ زخمی کی مدد بھی نہیں کرتے۔

آپ کیا ہیں؟



حوالہ: بخاری شریف پارہ ۱۳، کتاب بد الخلق، حضرت یونس کا بیان

آؤ دینا سیکھیں۔

اس کو جو انتظار کرتا رہ گیا۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔ آؤ دیکھیں۔

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سونے سے پہلے

جس نتیجے پر آپ آج پہنچے ہیں، اور یہی سو فیصد درست ہے اور اس میں غلطی نہیں ہو سکتی تو پھر کل نیا دن نہیں چڑھے گا۔ آپ کل بھی وہی کچھ کریں گے جو آج کرتے رہے۔  
تو تلاش کیجئے اس میں خامی کہاں رہ گئی۔۔۔ اور کتنی رہ گئی۔  
رد عمل۔۔۔ آپ کو ساقط ہی نہیں پیچھے لے جائے گا۔ اور ہر بنا سورج تارخ بدلتا رہے گا۔

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## انبیاء علیہ السلام کے درمیان مسابقت اور درجہ بندی

کاش قرآن اور احادیث نبوی ﷺ ہمارے لئے مکمل اور برہان قاطع ہوتیں، نہ کہ رسم و رواج، تاریخ، فرقے اور مسالک کی شرمناک جکڑ بندیاں۔

ملاحظہ کیجئے قرآن: البقرہ: ۱۳۰-۱۳۲، ۲۵۳ اور ۲۸۵، العنکبوت: ۲۳-۸۴، ۸۵

اور ۱۴۴، النساء: ۱۵۲-۱۵۰ اور الشوریٰ: ۱۳۔

ان سب کے مطالعہ کے بعد کہیں کچھ تبدیلی کے آثار پیدا ہوئے، یا آپ بھاگ کر ایسے حوالے کی تلاش میں نکل کھڑے ہوئے جو آپ کو اپنے گزرے کل کے مقام محفوظ، جماعت اور آباؤ اجداد کے مسلک اور عقیدے پر قائم رہنے میں تقویت دے سکے؟

آئیے تلاش حقیقت کے اگلے نشان راہ سے راہنمائی حاصل کرنے کی کوشش کرتے ہیں۔  
ملاحظہ کیجئے:-

۱۔ روایہ ابوسعید خدریؓ۔ ایک لمبی حدیث ہے، ایک واقعہ بیان کیا گیا ہے۔ درخواست ہے پوری پڑھیے۔  
اس کے درمیان یہ عبارت ہے۔

قال لا تخيرونى من بين الانبياء

ترجمہ کرنا مشکل کام نہیں ہونا چاہیے۔

حوالہ: متفقہ علیہ، پارہ ۱۸، کتاب التفسیر باب تفسیر سورہ الاعراف باب ۶۸۸

۲۔ لا تخيرونى على موسى

حوالہ: باب بد الخلق وذكر الانبياء عليهم الصلوة والسلام الفصل الاول مشکوٰۃ المصابيح

۳۔ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَا تَفْضِلُوا بَيْنَ أَنْبِيَاءِ (باب ۶۳۷)

ترجمہ: پھر فرمایا اللہ کے پیغمبروں میں ایک کو دوسرے پر فضیلت نہ دیا کرو۔

۴۔۔۔ لا يَقُولَنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ اِنِّى خَيْرٌ مِنْ يُونس۔۔۔ (باب ۶۳۶)

کائنات (14-12:45) بن جانے کی نوید سناتی ہے۔ تب قریش کا خوفناک کافر عمر خلیفہ دوم اور رضی اللہ تعالیٰ بن جاتا ہے۔ ابدی دشمن ابوجہل کا بیٹا عکرمہ صحابی رسول ﷺ بن جاتا ہے<sup>9</sup>۔ دو کافروں کی بیوہ مومنین کی ماں بن جاتی ہے اور نام بھی تبدیل نہیں کرنا پڑتا۔

کچھ انسانی رشتوں کے حوالے سے زندگی میں نئی کل لانے کی سعی خیر کر رہے ہیں۔ اور مبارک کے حقدار ہیں وہ لوگ جو اسلام کے نظریاتی رشتے میں زندگی کرنے کی خورکھتے ہیں۔ اور تلاش حق کی جہد مسلسل ان کا وطیرہ ہے۔

آپ کا کوئی سوال؟

آؤ مسلمان بن کے جنیں۔

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### بلا عنوان۔۔۔۔۔ آج کے نام

ہے تیرے عزم و ہمت و کوشش کا شمار  
جیتا تھا کہ ہارا تھا۔۔۔ حسین، بولوگے کچھ تم؟  
کوشش ہے تیرے ذمے نہ نتائج کا کرو غم  
اٹھو کہ ہے۔ آج۔۔ کر بل کا نظارہ  
ہو زندہ تو جٹ جاؤ۔۔۔ بھلے شام سے پہلے  
ہے جہد مسلسل فقط زندوں کا نظارہ۔

ہر وقت یہاں جو رہے ہر وقت یہاں ظلم  
ہوتا ہے یہاں اور یہ ہوتا ہی رہے گا  
جانویہ ہے تیری وجہ مسلسل  
زندہ ہو تو اٹھ باندھ کمر۔۔۔ لڑ جاؤ کہ بس آج  
دم۔۔۔ تیرا دم ہے کچھ دم،  
کہ رہے ہر دم، برسرِ پیکار  
ہے آج اک زندہ حقیقت۔۔۔ کہ بس آج



بس کیا کرنا ہے اب جی کے۔۔۔۔۔

موت کو سمجھے ہیں غافل اختتام زندگی ہے یہ شام زندگی صبح دوام زندگی  
معلوم نہیں اقبال کس ابدی زندگی کی بات کر رہے ہیں؟۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔۔ اگر ہے تو یہ اک نظریہ ہی تو ہے۔  
Land of Rising Sun پینگ یا نگ، شمالی کوریا میں ایک آفاقی قانون کے تحت فجر کا وقت صبح صادق  
سے شروع ہوتا ہے اور سورج کی انی نظر آنے پر ختم ہو جاتا ہے یہ ایک آفاقی نظریہ ہے۔۔۔ یہاں مسلمان  
اسلام آباد میں تمام نمازوں کے اوقات ایک کرنے پر تلے ہوئے ہیں۔۔۔ یہ وہی سوچ ہے جو اسلام پر بات  
کرنے کے لیے تمام مسالک کے لوگوں کو بلا لیتے ہیں۔۔۔۔۔ جب تک مسلمان کی تختی کے تحت کوئی مسلمان  
بولنے کے لیے نہیں ہوگا، یہ نظریہ (اسلام) کیسے پروان چڑھ سکے گا۔

قرآن انبیاء میں تقسیم اور فرق کرنے والوں کو کافر (152-150:4) کہتا ہے۔ یہاں سب Prince Charles  
کی رہنمائی میں اتفاق اور رواداری بین المذاہب کے لیے عرق ریزی کرتے رہتے ہیں۔  
ایک ابدی نظریے کے تحت چاند لاہور اور امرتسر میں ایک ہی شام نمودار ہوتا ہے یہاں حکومتیں ایک ملک میں  
ایک عید پر زور دیتی رہتی ہیں۔۔۔ عید کے کل تین دن ہیں۔ رب کی کائنات میں چاند تقریباً 4.527 ارب  
سال سے ایسے یہ نمودار ہو رہا ہے۔ اور معلوم دنیا میں کل چار دنوں میں عید ہو جائے گی۔  
یوں کوئی بھی مسافر کہیں بھی چلا جائے سب لوگوں (اولاد آدم ﷺ) کے ساتھ مل کر عید منالے گا۔

خلاصہ:

کہیے رشتوں کا کون سا درجہ اور دائرہ کار آپ کی زندگی کی مشعل راہ ہے۔  
حیواناتی یا خون کے رشتوں سے کوئی پیارا نہیں۔۔۔ لیکن کیا کریں آپ کو محمد ﷺ سے بھی پیارا کوئی  
نہیں۔۔۔ اور پھر بہت ساروں کو محمد ﷺ اور عیسیٰ ﷺ ایک سے نہیں بھاتے!  
ہاں میں جانور ہوں مگر کھانے پینے سونے اور بچے پیدا کرنے کی حد تک۔۔۔ انسانی زندگی اسکے بعد شروع  
ہوتی ہے اور جہاں انسانی زندگی کے پر جلنے لگیں نظریاتی زندگی مجھے خلیفۃ اللہ بن جانے کی اور مالک کے





دو گاؤں ننھیال کے ہیں میرے ماموں کھاتے پیتے چوہدری ہیں۔ ایک تایا اور دو چچے ہیں۔ تایا MNA تھے، ایک چچا اب بھی ناظم ہے۔ بس کیا بتاؤں دلدار قریشی (دادا) اور جہانگیر قریشی (والد) کے خاندان کی بادشاہت ہے۔ چڑی پر نہیں مار سکتی۔

میں ان سب کے لیے زندہ ہوں۔۔۔ مگر کیا کروں۔۔۔

بڑے بیٹے نے پہلے گاؤں چھوڑا پھر شہر چھوڑا اب ملک چھوڑ گیا ہے۔ بڑے پیار سے شہزادہ نوید قریشی کو پالا پوسا تھا۔ اب وہ صرف Mr. Navid کہلاتا ہے۔ UK کی ایک Firm میں IT Manager ہے۔ ہمیں صرف پونڈ بھیجتا ہے۔ کال بھی نہیں کرتا۔

کوشش ہے قریشیوں کے دو گاؤں اور بسادوں۔ زمین خرید رہا ہوں۔ چھوٹا بھائی MPA ہے اگلے الیکشن میں انشاء اللہ MNA ہوگا۔۔۔

NCA Lahore سے لڑ کے بلوائے تھے اچھے آرٹسٹ تھے۔ انہوں نے میری دس پینٹنگز بنائیں کوئی بیس تصاویر کھینچیں۔ میری پگ اور چتری گھوڑی والی تصویر بہترین لگی۔ پچاس ہزار انعام دیا۔ کیمرے والے نے مونچھ کا بہترین اینگل لیا اس کو چالیس ہزار انعام دیا۔

## انسانی:

اب بہو بیٹی کی جگہ تو نہیں لے سکتی۔ خون خون ہوتا ہے۔ ایک میجر کی بیٹی ہے دوسری تو یتیم تھی، کہتی ہے باپ ریلوے میں Chief Engineer تھا۔ ساس ساس ہوتی ہے اُس کو ماں کیسے بنالیں۔ سُسر ٹھیک ہے اپنے گھر حکم چلائے ناں۔ ہمارے گاؤں میں اکثر لوگ سر کو چاچا یا تایا کہتے ہیں۔۔۔ [تایا اور چچا حیواناتی رشتے جو ہوئے]

ہمارے شہر میں چنیوٹی شیخوں کا زور ہے ایکسپورٹ کا سارا دھندہ اُن کے پاس ہی ہے۔ بنا کر رکھنی پڑتی ہے۔ ویسے ہیں خالص لوگ۔ پراچے بھی ہیں لیکن اصل مسئلہ غیر پختونوں کا ہے۔ ان میں سے زیادہ تر شیعہ ہیں ایرانی سفیر بھی اُن کو ملنے آیا تھا اب یہ ہزارے سیدھے منہ بات نہیں کرتے۔

پتہ چلا ہے کہ جن اللہ کے لوگوں کا آنا جانا ہے۔ میں دو سال مکے رہا ہوں، یمنی زیدی ہیں تو تھوڑے پر

اقدار کا ورق الٹتے ہیں۔ رشتوں کی قدر سے مصافحہ کرتے ہیں۔ رشتوں کی جکڑ بند یوں، شرائط و حدود، توقعات، فرائض اور ذمہ داریوں کے حوالے سے زندگی کا مطالعہ کرتے ہیں۔ اور ایک بہتر کل کے لئے سعی کرتے ہیں۔

اس مقالے کی حدود متعین کرتے ہوئے رشتوں کو تین اقسام میں ترتیب دیا گیا ہے۔ حیواناتی رشتے، انسانی رشتے، اور نظریاتی رشتے۔

واضح، مختصر اور جامع تحریر بجائے خود ایک قدر ہے۔ یہاں میری پہلی ترجیح اختصار ہوگی۔

### حیواناتی:

میں، میرا جسم، میری رنگت، میرے بالوں کا حسن، سر پار عنائی حسن و جمال، صحت، تن سازی، اظہار قوت، آسینے میں ظاہر ہونے والے پر میں قربان۔ میری روٹی، کپڑے اور مکان کی تگ و دو، اور ان تینوں میدان جنگ میں میری جیت اور بڑھوتی کے اشاریے۔۔۔۔۔ یہی تو زندگی ہے۔ طبعی زندگی اور عزیز از جاں زندگی۔

میں اور میرے ورثاء۔ ہاں میں بیٹوں اور پوتوں والا، مغرور و مشکور، مربعوں اور کوٹھیوں کا مالک دو بیویوں اور آٹھ ذاتی ملازموں کا مالک۔۔۔ بڑی پگ اور اونچے شملے والا۔

یہ حاجی صاحب ہیں جناب حاجی جہانگیر قریشی، والد محترم۔

جوانہوں نے کہا پورا کر دکھایا انکے کہنے پر دشمنوں کے دو بندے مار دیئے۔ جیل بھی کاٹی، قریشیوں کی مونچھ نیچے نہیں ہونے دی۔

بڑے قریشی صاحب گاؤں میں ہوتے ہیں بزرگ ہو گئے لیکن داد کی اب بھی بڑی دہشت ہے۔ پورا گاؤں مطیع و فرمانبردار ہے۔

وہاں اپنی مسجد ہے اپنا سکول ہے اور تھانہ بھی اپنا ہی ہے۔

یہ ہیں میری بیٹیاں، دراز قد، ماشاء اللہ پڑھی لکھی، کسی کی ہمت نہیں نظر اٹھا کر دیکھے۔



## رشتے



### تعارف:

منہائے نظر ایک بہتر زندگی ہے۔ اور گزرے کل سے بہتری ممکن نہیں جب تک کل تک کی کمی، کمزوری اور خامی کا احاطہ نہ کر لیا جائے۔ کسی بھی چیز کی پیمائش (Appraisal and Evaluation) بغیر پیمانہ (Reference) ممکن نہیں۔ زندگی کی جانچ مشکل سہی ناممکن نہیں۔ زندگی کی حدود بے کراں اسکے رنگ بے شمار، اس کے گنجلک پیچدار، کبھی خوبصورت کبھی عذاب۔

میری اور آپ کی رائے جتنی بھی صائب اور قابل احترام ہو زندگی کی پیمائش کو مشکل تر بنادے گی۔ آئیے اقدار کا سہارا لیتے ہیں۔ گو آخر میں فیصلہ آپ کی رائے پر ہی منحصر ہوگا۔ لیکن تب محض رد عمل نہیں کسی کی رائے کے حق میں یا خلاف نہیں اقدار کو پرکھ کر اور خالق کائنات (The Creator and the law giver) کی ہدایت کی روشنی میں ہوگا۔

زندگی حقیقت میں اجتماعی عمل ہی ہے۔ انفرادی زندگی اجتماعی زندگی کا ہی حصہ (Sub-set) ہے۔ ایک بڑے دائرے میں ایک چھوٹا دائرہ۔

کچھ اپنے چھوٹے دائرے کے (Circumference) کو انتہائی گہری سطر سے ناقابل تسخیر بناتے رہتے ہیں اور یوں زندگی کی ساری توانائیاں فسیل کو مضبوط اور اونچا کرنے میں صرف کر دیتے ہیں اور انسان کے لئے اس غیر فطری اور غیر قدرتی کام میں کامیابی کو سب سے بڑی کامیابی تصور کرتے ہیں۔ اور فسیل کی موٹائی اور اونچائی کو دیکھ کر فخر محسوس کرتے ہیں۔ ایسے لوگوں کے لیے فیض کی ترسیل اور اس کی بڑھوتی ایک کارِ محض ہوتا ہے، بجائے خود مقصد نہیں۔

آپ مجھ سے مکمل اتفاق نہیں کرتے ناں!

یوں زندگی کے معنی، پیمائش کے حوالے (Parameter) اور اس میں بہتری کی جستجو رائے میں اختلاف اور تحفظات (Reservations) کی زد میں رہیں گے۔ لیکن پھر بھی ہمیں بہتری کی جستجو کرنی ہے۔ آئیے

میں اور اسکی کار استعمال کروں! خوش فہمی ہے بھائی صاحب کو، خرم ذرا کامران کو کلئیر کر دینا۔۔۔۔۔

ایسی چند اور مثالیں دی جاسکتی ہیں۔۔۔۔۔ اور آپ کے مشاہدے میں بہت کچھ اور بھی ہوگا، جہاں گھر کے افراد براہ راست کم اور بلواسطہ ہی بولنا اور سننا پسند کرتے ہیں۔ یہ طرز عمل اس بات کی غمازی کرتا ہے کہ اہل خانہ کس قدر کمزور ہیں۔ وہ سچ سن سکتے ہیں نہ بول۔ اور خدا نے انہیں غلط ہونے کی توفیق بھی نہیں بخشی۔

خاندان مثبت سوچ، محبت اور ایثار کی بنیاد پر تعمیر ہو سکتے ہیں۔ آگے بڑھنے کے لئے انہیں مشترکہ مفادات کی نوید چاہئے، اور یہ بھروسہ کہ میرا باپ، میری ماں، بہن، بھائی، بیوی غرضکیہ خاندان کا ہر رشتہ میرا بہترین دوست ہے۔ اور آخر میں سب سے اہم یہ کہ میں اتنا ہی اچھا ہوں جتنا میں اپنے رشتہ داروں کے لئے موجب فیض ہوں۔

اس دعا کے ساتھ کہ خاندان ہنستے ہستے رہیں۔ اور ہم دوسروں کے لئے کچھ کر کے جنیں۔۔۔

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## اندھے اور بھوکے

ہر قسم کے اندھے پائے جاتے ہیں۔ کچھ تو صرف کلر بلائند ہوتے ہیں۔۔۔ اور کچھ مجھ جیسے۔۔۔ جنہیں پیہ ہی نہیں چلتا کیا دیکھنے سے قاصر ہیں کہ کس رنگ میں ڈوب چکے ہیں۔ احساس ہی نہیں ہوتا کہ کہاں بصارت کا فقدان ہے اور کہاں بصیرت کا۔ گاہے ٹھوکر بھی لگ جاتی ہے۔۔۔ لیکن وہ بھی بے سود۔ کچھ بھائی نہیں دیتا، وجہ کیا تھی اور اگلی ٹھوکر سے کیونکر بچا جائے۔ بھوکے بھی بہت سی قسموں کے ہوتے ہیں۔ اور نئی اقسام بھی پیدا ہوتی رہتی ہیں۔ اور کچھ میری طرح کے بھوکے بھی ہیں۔ پیہ ہی نہیں چلتا بھوک کس بات کی ہے۔ صرف کی کا احساس قائم رہتا ہے۔۔۔ دن بھر، عمر بھر۔ دوسروں کو کھاتا دیکھ کر مزید کھانے کی خواہش پیدا ہو جاتی ہے۔ پر کیوں کھانا ہے اور کیا کھانا ہے، اور کہاں سے کھانا ہے۔۔۔ نہ پیہ چل پایا نہ میں سیکھ پایا۔

اسی اندھے اور بھوکے پن کی وجہ سے، دینا نہ سیکھ پایا۔

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## خاندان

جو خاندان لفظ 'میرا، میری' یا 'میں' کا زیادہ استعمال کرتے ہیں اور جن میں لفظ 'ہمارا' یا 'ہماری' کم استعمال ہو پاتا ہے، وہ آہستہ آہستہ ٹوٹ پھوٹ کا شکار ہو جاتے ہیں، کمزور پڑ جاتے ہیں اور کبھی بھی بڑے نہیں ہو پاتے۔

چند بیرونی عوامل، خاص طور سے معاشی مفاد ایسے خاندانوں کو بظاہر اکٹھا رکھ پاتے ہیں، لیکن زیادہ دیر نہیں۔ مزید اقسام کے چند خوف اور تحفظات شاید ایسے گھرانوں اور خاندانوں کو کچھ عرصہ اکٹھا رکھ سکیں۔ لیکن! آخر مشترکہ مقاصد کا فقدان، مثبت سوچ، محبت اور ایثار کی کمی اور بے اعتباری کی فضا تنزلی کے منطقی انجام سے ہمکنار کر دیتی ہے۔ خاندان کیا تھا اور آج کہاں ہے، بہت کم اہم ہے۔ خاندان کے قدموں کا رخ کس جانب ہے بہت اہم ہے۔ آپ مستقبل کا رخ متعین کرنا چاہتے ہیں؟ تو آئیے ایک چھوٹا سا سروے کرتے ہیں۔

گھر کے کتنے لوگ دن بھر میں یا ہفتہ بھر میں کتنی بار ہم، ہمارا یا ہماری کا لفظ استعمال کرتے ہیں۔ اور کتنی بار میرا، میری یا میں کا؟ -- گن لیجئے۔

یہ یاد رہے، کہ اس شمار میں بچوں کو شامل نہ کریں۔ یا یوں کہہ لیں، اٹھارہ سے بیس سال سے کم عمر افراد اس امتحان سے مبرا ہیں۔

یقیناً خاندان سماجی زندگی کی سب سے اہم اکائی ہے، فرد کی تربیت میں سب سے اہم کردار خاندان ہی ادا کرتا ہے۔ لیکن کیا کیجئے، افراد کی ایک بڑی تعداد، یا ہر خاندان میں ایک مخصوص تعداد، یا عمر کے ایک حصے میں ہر کوئی اس حقیقت سے نابلد ہوتا ہے اور فرد، اپنی ذات میں مگن، خود فریبی میں مبتلا رہتا ہے۔ شائد میں ہی سب سے اہم ہوں، میں ہوں تو جہاں ہے، میری ذات بقیہ تمام کاموں کی محور ہے، اور نہیں تو مجھے اُن کاموں سے کوئی غرض نہیں۔ آئیے ایک اور نشان راہ سے ملتے ہیں۔

کیا تم نے اسکو بتا دیا تھا؟ نہیں۔۔۔ آج بتا دینا

سارا محلہ یہی کہہ رہا ہے۔۔۔ بس میری ساس کے کان ہی بند ہیں۔۔۔ دیکھنا میرا نام نہ آئے، بیچ میں

وہ بڑے بھائی صاحب میری بیوی کو پتہ نہیں کیا کہہ کر گئے ہیں؟؟؟ اماں مجھے کچھ سمجھ نہیں آ رہا۔۔۔

وہ نجمہ سے ضرور ملی ہوگی، پتہ نہیں کیا کہہ کر گئی ہے؟ ورنہ نجمہ کبھی ایسی نہ تھی، اب تم ہی بتاؤ میں کیا کروں۔۔۔۔

تک فعال ہونے کی حد بندی۔

یہ ہے خود اپنا خدا بننے کی بیماری۔ کچھ تو اسکا مان رکھ لیتے جس نے ہمیں دنیا سوپ دی، اپنا CEO بنا دیا۔ تمام کائنات کا مختار کار (قرآن البقرة ۲: ۳۰) قرار دے دیا۔ لیکن نہیں میں اسکا نہیں اپنے پنجرے کا ہوں۔ آج میں اکیلا F-6، اسلام آباد کی ایک کوٹھی میں بیٹھا ہوں۔ گیٹ بہت بڑا ہے لیکن کھلا ہے۔ رات کو بھی کھلا ہی رہتا ہے، صرف ایک زنجیر لٹکا دی جاتی ہے۔ ایک بوسیدہ سی تختی پر شہاب لکھا ہے۔۔۔ کتا ہے نہ دربان، بیگم بھی نہیں رہی۔ خدا بخشے بہت اچھی تھی۔ میری طرح اتنے پنجروں کی قیدی نہیں تھی۔ سب کا بھلا مانگتی، سب کی خیر مانگتی۔ شاید میرے گناہوں کا کفارہ اس کی نیکیاں ادا کر دیں، مگر کیسے؟ یہ کیسے ممکن ہے۔ یہ اُس کے قانون کے خلاف ہے۔

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## دعا

دعا تو نام ہے اقدار اور تعصبات میں فرق کو سمجھ جانے کا۔ تاکہ میں، تعصبات کو چھوڑ کر اقدار کا تمنائی بن جاؤں۔ اقدار کو جان لینے کے بعد درست فیصلہ کرنے کے لیے مدد طلب کرنے کا۔۔۔ عزمِ جدوجہد میں ثابت قدم رہنے کا۔۔۔ مشکلات کے پیش نظر، کٹھن راستوں میں مشیتِ ایزدی پر بھروسہ کا۔۔۔ دعا نام ہے دی گئی مہلتِ زندگی میں، دامے درمے سخنے مقدور بھر جہدِ مسلسل کے بعد فیصلوں کے مالک سے اچھے انجام کی التجا کرنے کا۔۔۔ رب تو وہی دے گا جس کے لیے میں نے سعی کی ہوگی۔ رب کعبہ کے گھر سے آپ کے لیے دعا گو۔

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اس کا قصاب الگ تھا، اسکا درزی الگ۔۔۔۔۔ اُس نے ہزارہ کے مالیوں کی تعریف سنی۔۔۔۔۔ ایوب خان کے پوتے سے ملا۔۔۔۔۔ اس سے گلاب کے پھول اور مالی مانگ لایا۔۔۔۔۔ اُس مالی کو فیلڈ مارشل کہتا تھا۔۔۔۔۔

پچھلے دنوں تیسری بیوی کی تلاش میں تھا۔۔۔۔۔ پتہ چلا ہونے والی بھگوان دس مربعوں کی مالک ہے اور ایک چیف منسٹر کی مطلقہ ہے۔۔۔۔۔

کیا کہوں اکبر طوسی کس پنجرے میں بند تھا؟؟؟؟

افسوس زندگی نے مہلت نہ دی، ٹریفک کا ایک غیر معمولی حادثہ اُسے جہان کے اُس پار لے گیا۔۔۔۔۔ پچھلے ماہ میں اس کے قبرستان گیا۔ ایک قبر سے اُس کا مخصوص قہقہہ ابھرا۔۔۔۔۔ آواز آئی۔۔۔۔۔ بول شاہ ہے کوئی ایسی قبر؟؟؟؟؟؟  
طوسی طوسی کر دیاں گا۔

یہ بھی درست ہے کہ سب کے لئے پہچان اور امتیاز کی یہ سب حد بندیاں پنجرے نہیں ہوتیں۔ کچھ اللہ کے بندوں نے اپنا علم عمل کے بغیر نامکمل جانا اور وہ عمل جو فیض نہ دے پایا اُسے عمل نہ جانا۔۔۔۔۔ اور یوں پنجرے کے اندر اور باہر ہر سُوروشنی کا منبع بن کر رہے۔ وہ ہر خاص و عام کے لئے، ہر خس و خاشاک کے لئے اور ہر شاہ و گدا کے لئے گنج بخش بن کے جیئے۔ اُس ذاتِ باری تعالیٰ نے حد بندیاں، تعصبات انسانی غلامی اور پنجرے توڑنے کے لئے قرآن دیا تو تھا، لیکن صد افسوس خود کو اسکا قاری کہنے والے اس میں سے بھی ذات، برادری، فرقوں اور مسالک کا جواز ڈھونڈنے میں کامیاب ہوتے رہے اور کالی پگڑی اور سبز پگڑی کے پرچم تلے اپنے اپنے پنجروں میں بہت مست و مسرور رہے۔

پچھے مڑ کر دیکھتا ہوں تو ایک اور قید، ایک اور پابندی ایک اور معذوری انسانوں کو دبوچے نظر آتی ہے۔ ہاں قدرے خوشی کی بات یہ ہے کہ یہ پنجرہ بہت حد تک انفرادی ہے۔ اس پنجرے کی پیت، حدود اور بے جسامت تقریباً ہر شخص کے لئے الگ ہے۔ جو جتنا علم سے بہرور ہے اتنا اس قید سے آزاد ہے۔ یہ Underestimation کا پنجرہ یعنی، اپنی کوتاہ نظری کا پنجرہ، اپنے تئیں کمزور، کم تر اور ایک خاص حد

دروازہ میرے لئے بھی نہ کھلتا۔ اتنا مضبوط تھا یہ دولت اور مال و زر کا حصار۔ میرے خیال میں مجھے ہمیشہ نہایت مذہبی اور دین دار شخصیت جانا گیا۔ اُسکی ایک وجہ تو نام تو دوسری چہرے پر داڑھی تھی۔ داڑھی تو میرے قصبے میں سید گھرانے کا رواج تھی۔ مجھے یاد بھی نہیں کہ داڑھی رکھنا کبھی میرا شعوری فیصلہ تھا۔ میرے اور قرآن میں وہی رشتہ رہا جو اس معاشرے میں مروج تھا۔ قرآن میں پچیس (25) انبیاء کرام کے نام لکھے ہیں، سب ایک لفظی، کوئی سید ہے نہ شاہ۔

اکبر طوسی عجب شخصیت تھی۔ اُسے کیا کہوں؟ دوست؟ نہیں!۔۔۔ ساتھی تھا، سول سروٹ تھا، مگر بہت ہی مختلف۔ انتہائی توجہ طلب انسان۔ ہر دم اُس کے سر میں ایک خاص سودا سما یا رہتا۔ اکڑ کر کہتا۔۔۔ طوسی طوسی ہو جائے گی، دن میں ایک آدھ بار یہ فقرہ ضرور اُس کی زبان پر آ جاتا۔۔۔ طوسی دے ڈنکے وجن گے، آپ دیکھنا۔۔۔ یا میں تے کوئی ہو روی!!!!

ایک دن میں اس کے دفتر بیٹھا ہوا تھا، کہنے لگا، شاہ جی ایک پی اے تو ہر کسی کے پاس ہوتا ہے۔۔۔ اندر دیکھ لو۔۔۔ دو ہیں۔ اگلے سال دیکھنا ایک سیکرٹری بھی ہوگی۔ اور اللہ نے چاہا تو دو سالوں بعد ذاتی سٹاف افسر بھی ہوگا۔۔۔

بابا بابا۔۔۔ آپ دیکھنا طوسی طوسی کردوں گا۔

ایک دن اس کا ٹیلیفون آیا۔۔۔ (establishment) والوں پر بہت غصے میں تھا۔۔۔ مجھ سے پوچھنے لگا۔۔۔ تمہارا ٹیبل کتنے انچ کا ہے۔۔۔؟ میں نے کہا کیا مطلب؟؟؟ بولا۔۔۔ ۲۸ انچ کا ہے یا ۳۲ کا؟؟۔۔۔ کس پر بیٹھے ہوئے ہو؟؟؟ اُس نے مجھ پر تقریباً لعنت ہی بھیج دی۔۔۔۔ بولا، تم اس قابل ہی نہیں کہ گریڈ اٹھارہ کے افسر کہلاؤ۔ تمہیں آج تک یہ نہیں پتہ کہ گریڈ بڑا ہونے کے ساتھ ٹیبل بھی بڑا ہو جاتا ہے۔۔۔۔

خیر آج پیر ہے، اگلے پیر میرے دفتر آنا۔۔۔ ۳۲ انچ کا ٹیبل میرے نیچے ہوگا۔۔۔۔ ان کی ایسی تہیسی۔۔۔ ایک دن الائے رم کے بارے پوچھ رہا تھا۔۔۔ چند دن بعد اپنی گاڑی دکھانے لایا۔۔۔ کیوں شاہ جی بولو!۔۔۔ پورے پنجاب میں ہے کوئی ایسا ڈپٹی، جس کی سرکاری گاڑی میں ایسے الائے رم ہوں؟؟؟؟

وجہ سے میٹرک کا امتحان وظیفے سے پاس کیا۔ اب کالج جانے کی باری تھی اور کالج شہر میں تھا۔ کالج جاتے ہی احساس ہوا کہ شاہد میرا نام بہت لمبا ہے۔ اکثر لڑکے شہاب کہتے، کچھ سعید کہتے کم از کم دو پروفیسروں نے تو بڑا سیدھا سا مگر سخت سوال کر دیا "شاہ جی ایک نام بتاؤ، شہاب پسند ہے یا سعید؟" مجھے حیرانگی ہوئی کہ انہوں نے 'شاہ جی' کا استعمال ازراہ تفناً کیوں کیا۔ کالج کے چار سالوں کے بعد میں صرف شہاب تھا۔ پہلا پنجرہ بہت حد تک کمزور پڑ چکا تھا اور یہ پڑھا لکھا نو جوان اُس پنجرے سے آزاد ہونے کو تھا۔

'قصبے میں واپس آیا تو پتہ چلا اپنے قصبے میں صرف تین بی اے پاس تھے اور میں چوتھا۔ سب لوگ ہمیں پڑھا لکھا تصور کرتے۔ لوگ ہم سے کم بات کرتے اپنے ہنسی مذاق میں شامل کرنے سے کتراتے، بات کرنے سے پہلے سوچتے ایک عجیب حد فاصل سی بنتی چلی جا رہی تھی۔ میرا گریجویٹ ہونا وہ بھی گورنمنٹ کالج لاہور سے ایک دم چھلا سا بن گیا۔ ایک نئے پنجرے نے جنم لے لیا تھا۔

دو سال اور گزر گئے میں پنجاب یونیورسٹی سے ایم اے کر گیا اور اپنے قصبے سے بہت حد تک کٹ کر رہ گیا۔ ساتھ ہی ساتھ مقابلے کا امتحان بھی پاس کر گیا۔ سال اور گزرا اور میں اسٹنٹ کمشنر بن چکا تھا۔ اب ایک تیسرا پنجرہ درکھولے مجھے قید کرنے کو بے قرار تھا۔ شاہ جی، پیر جی، سید بادشاہ جناب محترم شہاب الدین سعید صاحب، تیسرے پنجرے میں اترنے چلے جا رہے تھے۔

قصبے میں جو کچھ تھا بیچ دیا گیا، ہم چار بھائیوں میں سے صرف ایک گاؤں میں رہ گیا تھا۔ وہ زمینداری بھی کرتا لیکن اصل کام پیری مریدی تھا۔ میں مین بلی وارڈ، گلبرگ لاہور منتقل ہو چکا تھا۔ برس گزرتے گئے مکان بڑا ہوتا گیا اور گیٹ بھی۔ پہلے ایک چوکیدار کا اضافہ ہوا، پھر گارڈ کا۔ پہلے ایک کُتار رکھا گیا پھر دو ہو گئے۔ کچھ عرصہ پہلے دیوار پر خاردار تار بھی لگ گئی۔ پہلے ایک چھوٹی سی تختی تھی نام کی۔ آج سنہری حروف جگمگاتے ہیں۔

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اور یقیناً جانیں یہ چوتھا پنجرہ تو بہت ہی مضبوط تھا۔ پہلے تمام پنجروں سے پُر شکوہ۔ انتہائی مکمل قید خانہ، رعونت اور فرعونیت ہر اینٹ سی ٹپکتی تھی۔ حرام ہے چڑیا پر مارے۔

جب تک میں اپنی مخصوص گاڑی میں نہ ہوتا یا گارڈ (جلال شاہ) میرے ڈرائیور تقی شاہ کو دیکھ نہ لیتا میرے محل کا



جب میں پیدا ہوا تو میری مرضی کے بغیر ہی میرا نام رکھ دیا گیا۔ نام تھا، اور ہے، سید شہاب الدین سعید شاہ اور یوں مجھے پتہ بھی نہ چلا اور میں ایک پنجرے میں بند کر دیا گیا۔ اور یہ شکنجہ ایسا سخت تھا کہ میں ساری زندگی اس کو توڑ نہ سکا۔

سب مجھے شاہ جی کہہ کر پکارتے، میرے علاوہ بھی ارد گرد سب شاہ جی ہی تھے۔ یوں میری سماعتوں سے سب سے زیادہ ٹکرانے والا لفظ شاہ جی ہی تھا۔ بولنے کے قابل ہوا تو میں شائے، پھر سازی اور پھر گزرتے وقت کے ساتھ ساتھ شاہ جی پر آ گیا۔ لڑکپن میں مجھے بتایا جاتا، یہ گھر شاہوں کے نہیں وہاں نہیں جانا۔ کسی کا جوٹھا نہیں کھانا پینا۔ غیر سید پر مہربانی تو کر سکتے ہو، اُس پر رحم کھا سکتے ہو لیکن وہ برابر کا دوست نہیں ہو سکتا، ہاں جب تک سید اور شاہ نہ ہو۔ صرف سید اور صرف شاہ قابل قبول ضرور ہیں۔ میرے نام میں سعید کا اضافہ تب ہوا جب میں پانچ سال کا تھا۔ اصل میں دادا کا نام سید سعید الدین شاہ تھا۔ مجھ سے بہت پیار کرتے تھے۔ اور شائد میں ان کا ہم شکل بھی تھا۔ ان کے انتقال کے بعد سعید مجھے ورثے میں ملا۔

اس امتیازی، خصوصی اور اعلیٰ ترین نام نے مجھے انسانوں کے آفاقی اور خونی رشتے سے کاٹ کر رکھ دیا۔ اور یوں میں بذات خود قرآن (الحجرات ۴۹: ۱۳) کی نفی بن کر رہ گیا۔ سید شہاب الدین تو تھا ہی، سعید کے اضافے نے پنجرے کی بنائی میں ایک سنہری تار کا اضافہ کر دیا۔ جس گاؤں میں میں نے آنکھ کھولی مرید کے پاس ہی تھا بڑا ہوتا گیا اور آج مرید کے کا ایک محلہ بن چکا ہے۔ اُس گاؤں میں زیادہ تر لگھڑتھے چند گھر گجروں کے کچھ گورائے اور گنے چنے ہمارے۔ آج سوچتا ہوں، ہمارا بہت خیال کیا جاتا، عزت دی جاتی اونچی جگہ پیش کی جاتی، دم درود کے لئے بلایا جاتا، حلوں مانڈوں اور مٹھائیوں میں ہمارا حصہ سب سے زیادہ ہوتا، لیکن گاؤں کے اصل معاملات لگھڑوں اور گجروں کے حوالے تھے۔ ہم صرف متبرک تھے۔

ہمارے گاؤں میں ایک ہائی سکول تھا، اُس میں صرف ایک استاد سید اور شاہ جی تھے اور صرف ایک شاہ جی تھے۔ سکول کے کل 83 بچوں میں صرف 7 سید زادے تھے۔ لائق تو میں تھا ہی، محنت اساتذہ کی خصوصی توجہ کی

✽ باہر چار دیواری پر امریکن خادراتار لگوائی گئی ہے۔ اور بڑے بڑے کتے۔۔ کوئی اندر آ کر دکھائے۔

✽ ہر کمرے کا تالافتگر پرنٹ سے کام کرتا ہے، اور وہی مین سوچ بھی ہے۔

✽ کلوز سرکٹ کیمرے سے نگرانی کا بندوبست بھی ہے۔ آگ سے بچاؤ کے لئے ہر کمرے میں الگ سنسر

لگے ہوئے ہیں۔

✽ گھر کے رقبے پر پڑنے والے بارش کے پانی کو اکٹھا کرنے اور زیر استعمال لانے کا بہت ہی اچھا انتظام

کیا ہے۔ پانی کوری سائیکل بھی کر لیتے ہیں۔۔۔ آس پاس تو سب پانی کی کمی کا رونا روتے رہتے ہیں۔

✽ بہت سے کام کرنے باقی ہیں۔ مثلاً:

☆ مرکزی خود کار آڈیو وڈیو ٹیلی فون کا نظام۔

☆ گیٹ پر خفیہ سنسر لگوانا ہے۔

☆ پانی گرم کرنے کا سمشی نظام لگوانا ہے۔۔ یونان والوں کا بہت مشہور ہے۔۔ وہی لگواؤں گا۔

☆ ڈرائینگ روم میں خفیہ آڈیو وڈیو ریکارڈنگ کو بندوبست۔۔

☆ کچن سے کھانا لانے اور خالی برتن واپس لے جانے کے لئے۔

کیا کروں اتنی استطاعت ہی نہیں۔۔ کہ یہ سب کچھ کر سکوں۔ خیر ہے ایک بینکر اچھا جاننے والا ہے۔

دیکھو کیا کر پاتا ہے۔۔

بڑی دیانت داری سے دو گھروں کی پیمائش کی کوشش کی ہے۔ ایک کو سوچ کے ایک دھارے سے ناپا۔ کہ گھر

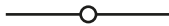
کرتا کیا ہے، یا کیا کر سکتا ہے؟ ایک کو دائرہ کار، عمل اور فیض کی کسوٹی پر ناپ کر دیکھا۔ دوسرے کو اپنی

جسامت، ڈیل ڈول، ظاہری شان و شوکت اور حشمت و جلال کے جلوے سے پرکھا۔۔ ایک کچھ دینے کا منبع

تھا تو دوسرا ارتکاز دولت اور نمود کا پرتو تھا۔

ہیں تو امید باقی ہے۔ دیر تو کبھی بھی نہیں ہوتی۔ آئیے بہتر گھر کی نیور کھیں۔۔ آج سے۔

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☆ ہر آنے والی کال کا ریکارڈ ہونا چاہیے، کوئی کال جواب طلب نہ رہ جائے۔ اس کا انتظام کرنا ہے۔  
☆ ہر روز کوئی نہ کوئی غلطی ہوتی ہے، اکثر غلطیاں بار بار ہوتی ہیں۔ ان غلطیوں کو لکھنے کا انتظام کرنا ہے۔  
شائد کم ہو جائیں۔

☆ ہر آنے والا کچھ نہ کچھ سکھا کر جاتا ہے۔ نہ ہم اس کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہیں، نہ ہی اچھی طرح سیکھ پاتے ہیں اور۔ بہت جلد بھول بھی جاتے ہیں۔ اس کے بارے ابھی سمجھ نہیں آ رہی کیا بندوبست کیا جائے۔

### دوسرا گھر:

✧ رقبہ کتنا ہے۔ دس مرلے، بارہ، ایک کنال یا فارم ہاؤس ہے۔  
✧ ہے کہاں؟ یہ بہت اہم معاملہ ہے۔ کسی ڈیفنس، اسلام آباد ای ۶، چک شہزاد یا باتھ آئی لینڈ۔۔۔ اگر گھر اچھی جگہ نہ ہو تو بندے کی عزت دو کوڑی کی۔۔  
✧ کل چھتا ہوا کتنا ہے، یعنی کو روڈ ایریا کتنا ہے۔ سات ہزار فٹ اور انکیسی علیحدہ ہے، یا ایک کمرہ ایک غسل خانہ اور کچن برآمدے کے کونے میں؟  
✧ غیر دادانے ڈیزائن کیا تھا یا ایک راج ایک مزدور لگایا اور بیوی، بچوں نے مل کر بنالیا۔  
✧ ٹائلز اٹلی کی لگی ہوئی ہیں سپین کی؟ یا۔۔۔ آدھا کچا آدھا چپس ہے۔  
✧ شاور کیمپیول ہے۔۔۔ تھر موٹیوٹ ریموٹ کنٹرول ہے۔ یا صحن میں لگی ٹوٹی سے بالٹی بھر کر لانی پڑتی ہے۔  
✧ کچن سیٹ کہاں کا ہے۔۔۔ ہوڈ میں کون کون سے آلات لگے ہیں۔ بخارات اور دھوئیں کے نکاسی کا کیا نظام ہے۔ شینک میں بون کر شر لگا ہوا ہے یا نہیں؟  
✧ گیٹ کیسے کھلتا ہے۔ ریموٹ سے یا بائیولاک ہے، یعنی فنکر پرنٹ سے۔ ہو سکتا ہے ابھی صرف ٹاٹ ڈال دیا ہو۔ اور آڈر دیا ہوا ہو۔۔۔ پیسے آئیں گے تو لاکر کو آڈل دیں گے۔  
✧ ڈرائیوے میں کتنی گاڑیاں پارک ہو جاتی ہیں۔ آٹھ سے کم تو بات نہیں بنتی۔۔۔ چھوٹا گھر بھی کیا گھر ہوا! اچھا نہیں لگتا۔

اب اپنا پیانہ اٹھا لیجئے اور آئیے گھر کی پیالش کرتے ہیں۔۔ پسند اپنی اپنی خیال اپنا اپنا۔۔ اور یہ دونوں چیزیں بدلتی رہتی ہیں۔۔ مگر یہ تبدیلی صرف اُن میں آتی ہے جو آج کو گزرے کل سے بہتر بنانے کی جستجو میں ہوتے ہیں۔ ورنہ عمر تو پتھر کی بھی بڑھتی رہتی ہے۔

آئیے دیکھتے ہیں کون سا گھر بہتر ہے؟

### ایک گھر:

✧ سب ہمسائیوں سے ہر ہفتے ملاقات کا نظام ہے۔ شکر ہے سب ہمارے گھر آتے ہیں۔  
 ✧ ہر آنے والے کے لئے، جب کہ وہ گیٹ پر کھڑا ہو، دھوپ اور بارش سے بچاؤ کا انتظام۔  
 ✧ گھر کے باہر لان میں بڑوں کے بیٹھنے کے لئے کرسیاں اور بچوں کے کھیلنے کی جگہ۔  
 ✧ ہر آنے والا کسی وقت بھی آسکتا ہے۔ کسی پیشگی اطلاع یا اجازت کی ضرورت نہیں۔ آنے والا محسن ہے۔  
 ✧ ملازم کو ہدایت کہ کوئی بھی آنے والا، چائے، شربت یا پانی پیئے بغیر نہ جائے۔  
 ✧ آنے والوں میں سے خواتین کے لئے خاتون خانہ خورد و نوش خود پیش کرتی ہیں، جب کہ مرد حضرات کو صاحب خانہ۔

✧ مہمان خانہ ہر دم تیار۔ جو جب بھی آئے اہلاً وسہلاً۔  
 ✧ اس بات کا حساب رکھا جاتا ہے کہ اس ماہ مہمان پچھلے ماہ سے کم تو نہیں آئے؟ کتنے رات ٹھہرے۔۔ اضافے پر خوشی اور سرخروئی کا احساس ہوتا ہے۔  
 ✧ پڑھنے لکھنے والے باذوق دوستوں کے لئے لائبریری کا انتظام کیا ہے۔ کوشش ہوتی ہے کہ جاتے وقت مہمان کی پسند کے مطابق کوئی تحفہ ساتھ چلا جائے۔

بہت سی چیزوں کا سوچ رکھا ہے۔۔ اللہ وقت اور سب مہیا کرے گا تو مندرجہ ذیل کا اضافہ کرنا ہے:-

☆ بڑے دروازے کے باہر پھولوں کا ایک ٹرے لگوانا ہے۔ اس میں روزانہ کچھ تازہ پھول رکھیں گے۔ آنے والا خوش ہو جائیگا تو وہ بھی خوش ہو جائے گا۔۔۔ جس نے گھر دیا ہے۔

قرآن کریم کی سورۃ الشعراء میں دو آیات مبارکہ (۱۲۹-۱۲۸) عمارات اور مکان بنانے کے بارے کچھ کہہ رہی ہیں۔ شائد قابل توجہ اور قابل تقلید بن جائیں۔۔۔

گھر کی بات ہوگی تو مضامین فی البناء کا مطالعہ تو کرنا پڑے گا۔۔۔ یہ امر بھی شاہد ہے کہ معاشرہ میں عوام و خواص دونوں طبقوں کی اکثریت یہ سمجھتی ہے کہ مذہب بندے اور اس کے رب کے درمیان کا کوئی خفیہ معاملہ ہے۔۔۔۔۔ معیشت، معاشرت، تمدن، سماج۔۔۔ لین دین اور روزمرہ کے معاملات سے اس کا کیا تعلق! بہر حال درخواست ہے ایک نظر ادھر بھی ڈال لیجیے۔۔۔

سنن ابوداؤد۔ پارہ ۳۲، باب فی البناء ۵۸۵ اور ۵۸۶۔۔۔ احادیث نمبر ۹۶-۹۷ میں مکان کی تعمیر اور مرمت کے بارے ایک قدرے لمبا اور ایک چھوٹا واقعہ درج ہے۔ معذرت یہاں تفصیل درج نہیں۔ خلاصہ: ایک صحابی نے قدرے عالیشان مکان تعمیر کیا، یوں کہ اس پر ایک گنبد یا قبہ دکھائی دیتا تھا۔ حضور ﷺ نے اُس صحابی سے بے رخی اور بے اعتنائی برتی۔ صحابی کو وجہ معلوم ہوئی تو اُس نے سب ڈھا دیا۔ آخر میں یہ الفاظ ہیں، ہر مکان اسکے مالک کے لئے وبال ہے، مگر وہ کہ اس کے بغیر چارہ کار نہ ہو۔ سنن ابن ماجہ، کتاب الاداب، باب ۱۵۷ اور ۱۵۶، میں بھی یہ کچھ مذکور ہے۔ پڑھنیے ترجمہ کے فرق کو محسوس کیجیے۔ حقیقت کے قریب جانے میں مدد ملے گی۔

میں نے مکان بنایا تو میرا حوالہ میرا ہمسایہ تھا۔۔۔ پھر وہ خوبصورت گھر جو بڑے عرصے سے داد طلب کر رہا تھا، متع نظر تھا۔ پھر انا کی تسکین کے لئے قرضہ بھی لیا۔۔۔ جب مکمل ہو گیا، پھر بیسیوں مبارکبادیں وصول کیں۔۔۔ پھر اڑتیس مہمانوں کے لیے پُر تعیش کھانے کا اہتمام بھی کیا تھا۔۔۔

ہم شرفاء اور متمول لوگ یہاں یہی کچھ کرتے ہیں۔۔۔ حُب رسول اور حرمت رسول کے نام پر صرف توڑ پھوڑ، نفرت اور بربادی کا ساماں کرتے ہیں اور یوں حقیقی اسلام کے راستے کی دیوار بن جاتے ہیں۔۔۔ میرا یہی کردار اسلام کی بدنامی کا باعث بن رہا ہے۔



گھر



کون سا گھر بہتر ہے؟

ہر دو الفاظ مکان اور گھر عام فہم ہیں، اور بہت سارے لوگوں کو فرق واضح ہوگا۔ اگر میں اردو کا طالب علم ہوں یا استاد، پھر تو معاملہ اور آسان ہو جاتا ہے۔ لیکن جب ایک مکان میرا گھر بن جاتا ہے تو پھر شخصیت کے نہاں خانے کے عوامل کبھی گھر کو مکان بنا دیتے ہیں اور کبھی مکان کو گھر کر لیتے ہیں۔ اور معاملہ لڈ لڈ ہو جاتا ہے۔ کبھی میری انا اینٹوں کے ڈھیر پر چڑھ دوڑتی ہے۔ اور مکمل بلندی پر پہنچ کر پستی میں کھڑے محمود الایاز کو حقارت کی نظر سے دیکھتی ہے، اور یوں سامانِ تسکین مہیا کرتی ہے۔ کبھی خوف اور کم مائیگی کا احساس موٹی اور مضبوط دیوار چننے لگتا ہے۔ اور ایسی کہ مکین اپنے سانس کے لئے بھی وزن نہیں چھوڑتا۔ اور خود اپنے ہاتھوں اپنا دم گھٹنے کا بندوبست کرتا ہے۔ مکین ہلاک نہیں تو بے ہوش ضرور ہو جاتا ہے۔ اور یہ بے ہوشی کبھی گھڑی کبھی دو گھڑی، لیکن کبھی اگلی پشتوں تک چلی جاتی ہے۔

گھر کسے کہتے ہیں۔ کیا یہ کسی چیز کا نام ہے؟ یا پھر کوئی عمل ہے۔ جو اپنے مقاصد اور نتائج سے عبارت ہے۔ جو کم ہو سکتا ہے، زیادہ ہو سکتا ہے اچھا ہو سکتا ہے اور بُرا ہو سکتا ہے۔ کون سا گھر بہتر ہے؟ کیا ناپنے کی کوشش کی جائے۔۔۔ معاملہ آسان نہیں۔ اصل میں بہت کچھ اس بات پر منحصر ہے کہ ہمارا پیمانہ کیا ہے۔

حُرمت رسول پر پچھلے دنوں بہت کچھ لکھا گیا۔۔۔ بہت سی تقاریر ہوئیں، بہت سی املاک جلائی گئیں۔ توڑ پھوڑ، فساد اور حد یہ کہ ہلاکتیں بھی ہوئیں۔ اللہ کے آخری نبی ﷺ، اے رحمت العالمین تیرے نام پر یہ بھی ہونا تھا۔۔۔! تیرہ سال ہر مجرم، ہر ملزم کو معاف کرنے والے۔۔۔ ہر ظلم کو مسکرا کر سہنے والے۔۔۔ فتح مکہ کے دن اپنے دشمن کے گھر کو جائے پناہ قرار دینے والے۔۔۔ تیری سنت کی یہ اتباع؟؟؟

اصل بات یہ ہے کہ ہمارا پیمانہ کیا ہے؟۔۔۔ ہم کیا نتیجہ حاصل کرنا چاہتے ہیں؟ اور ہمارے نزدیک کامیابی اور جیت کس چیز کا نام ہے۔

نبی ﷺ نے تو گھر بنایا ہی کبھی نہیں۔۔۔ خیر ہمیں ایسی سنت سے کیا غرض!

خوبصورت cantonment بنایا ہے۔ جاؤ دیکھو۔ سڑکیں کیسی ہیں۔ گھر کیسے ہیں۔ جوانوں کے لئے Cook house کیسے ہیں۔ وہ دوسری ہی دنیا ہے۔ میں نے بہت خدمات سرانجام دیں ہیں۔

(I have served this Country a lot) اس ملک کے لئے۔۔۔۔

یہ جو پچھلی Tranche، ورلڈ بینک سے ملی ہے۔ اس میں بھی میرا بڑا ہاتھ ہے۔ آف کورس، میں علی الاعلان اسکا کریڈٹ نہیں لے سکتا۔۔۔ اور کوئی سوال، آپ کا؟۔۔۔۔

سر آپ آج بھی بہت سمارٹ ہیں، آپکا Hair cut بھی بالکل فوجی افسر جیسا ہے اور جوتے بھی خوب چمک رہے ہیں۔

(بہت بڑی مسکراہٹ کے ساتھ، سینہ پھلاتے ہوئے۔۔۔) یہ چار دہائیوں پر محیط فوجی پیشہ (Profession) کا نتیجہ ہے۔۔۔۔ ہا ہا۔۔۔۔ چلو شکر ہے میں نے آپکو کچھ تو دیا۔۔۔۔۔

کوئی اور سوال آپ کا۔۔۔۔ ہاں میں وقت کا بھی بہت پابند ہوں۔۔۔۔ میری اندرونی اور بیرونی گھڑیاں ہمیشہ درست اور ہم آہنگ (synchronised) رہتی ہیں۔

کچھ اور پوچھنا چاہتے ہیں، آپ؟

جی نہیں سر، آپ نے وقت دیا، کافی پلائی۔ کیک کھلایا۔

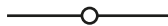
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اللہ حافظ۔ جی خدا حافظ سر۔

take care young man - شکر یہ سر۔

(ایک فرضی مکالمہ، حقیقی بھی ہوتا تو۔۔۔۔۔)

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میرن شاہ اور اعظم ورسک بن گئے ہیں، آپ۔۔۔۔۔

you see، تم ابھی (young) نوجوان ہو۔ جو کچھ میں دیکھ سکتا ہوں تم نہیں۔ تمہارے پاس وہ انفارمیشن نہیں۔ میری بڑی سردردیاں ہیں۔

مجھے extension بھی لینی ہے۔ ابھی تو میں نے آرٹلری گنز (guns) اور F-16 کو بھی ان ٹارگٹس پر (engage) حملہ کرنے کا حکم دے دیا ہے۔۔۔ جلد ٹھیک ہو جائے گا۔ فکر نہ کرو۔۔۔۔۔ ان دہشت گردوں کو (wipe out) ختم کر کے دم لیں گے۔

waiter صاحب کے لئے کافی لاؤ۔۔۔۔۔ دیکھو Mexican کافی لانا، (مسکراتے ہوئے) یہ میں برازیل سے لایا تھا۔ اور ہاں بچے وہ امریکن سنگل باٹ پیٹری بھی لانا۔

س۔۔۔۔۔

آپ کیو بن سگاریس گے؟۔

شکر یہ سر میں سگریٹ نہیں پیتا۔۔۔

س۔۔۔۔۔ سر روز drone حملے ہو رہے ہیں۔ ملک کا دفاع کس کی ذمہ داری ہے۔۔۔۔۔

اوہ۔۔۔۔۔ بس، میری کچھ لینڈز (Lands) ہیں جنوبی پنجاب میں۔ مجھے ڈر ہے ہاٹ پرسوٹ میں NATO والے وہاں نہ پہنچ جائیں۔ ڈرون ختم ہو سکتے ہیں (گہری سوچ میں جاتے ہوئے)۔۔۔۔۔ جنرل Patreus آرہا ہے۔ یہ تو مائیک مولن سے بھی چار ہاتھ آگے ہے۔ میرا son-in-law ہے Chicago میں۔۔۔۔۔ سوچ رہا ہوں۔۔۔۔۔ ہاں! یہ drone بھی (pain in neck) سردردی ہیں، لیکن شکر ہے میڈیا اور عوام نے کبھی براہ راست مجھے یا ارنفورس کو مورد الزام نہیں ٹھہرایا۔۔۔۔۔ (قہقہہ۔۔۔۔۔) س۔۔۔۔۔ سر! آپ نے کوئی جنگ جیتی؟۔

اوہ! یاد آیا اگلے ہفتے میں نے Anti-terrorism پر لیکچر بھی دینا ہے۔ you know میں نے بلوچستان میں بڑا کام کیا۔ 1974 میں انتہا پسندوں کو ٹھکانے لگایا۔

پھر بھنجر ٹاپ پر جو آپریشن تھا۔ وہ میرا ہی brain child تھا۔ (go and see) جاؤ دیکھو میں نے کتنا

س۔ تو سر؟۔۔۔

کمال کا کام ہوا، میں امریکہ میں فوجی اتاشی جانا چاہتا تھا۔ بلکہ میری پوری فیملی یہی چاہتی تھی۔ بس خدا وہاں بھی لے گیا۔

اب تو میں نے سب طرف sand bag لگوا دی ہیں۔ یہ امریکن ہیں۔ دنیا میں بہترین۔ سب طرف ناکے (pickets) لگوا دیئے ہیں۔ گشت (patrolling) بھی ہے۔ بس میں سوچ رہا ہوں جو بیس گھنٹے کی گشت ہو جائے تو بہتر ہے۔ بس فنڈ کا مسئلہ ہے۔ یو نو (You know) یہ جو پولیٹیشن (politician) ہیں!

میں نے تقریباً دو فارمیشنز (formanions) مغربی سرحد پر لگوا دی ہیں۔ ہاں۔ پچھلے الیکشن (Elections) میں میں لاہور میں تھا۔

میرے رزلٹس (results) 95 فیصد تھے۔ جیسے باس (boss) نے کہا تھا۔

س۔ سر کون؟۔ مشرف

ٹرو (True)

س۔ سر؟، آپ۔۔۔

ہاں ہاں پوچھو پوچھو۔۔۔

سر آپ نے کوئی دشمن مارا؟ کتنا علاقہ فتح کیا؟۔ کسی حملے کا کامیابی سے دفاع کیا۔۔۔؟  
میں کشمیر کمیٹی میں تھا۔ کلوز کواٹر لڑائی کے لیے ہتھیار لئے۔ ٹریننگ کروائی۔ میں نے ملین خرچ کئے ہیں  
ملین۔۔۔

ہائی الٹیو ڈاپریشن پر بڑا کام کیا۔ میں نے کتابیں لکھی ہیں۔ یہاں ڈی ایس رہا ہوں۔ وار کالج میں۔ (ہوں)  
امریکیوں کو بڑا Assist کیا ان کو fix کر دیں گے۔ آپ لوگوں کو دہشت گردوں سے ڈرنے کی ضرورت  
نہیں۔

س۔ سر! پہلے ہمارے ہدف آدم پور ہلو اڑہ، پٹھان کوٹ اور کھیم کرن تھے۔ اب تو کابل، لونی گرم، مٹہ،



اسلام علیکم! تو آپ ایک فوجی جرنیل ہیں۔ انٹرویو کے لئے وقت دینے کا بہت بہت شکریہ۔  
ہاں (مسکراتے ہوئے)، علیکم السلام آئیے آئیے، آپ مجھے سرکہہ سکتے ہیں۔  
جی اچھا۔ (مختصر تعارف اور ابتدائی کلمات کے بعد)

دیکھئے۔ جب میں Basic کورس پڑ گیا تو (A) الفالیا۔ میرا bearing اور turnout سب سے اچھا تھا۔ اور آپ کو پتہ ہے میں Atchisonian ہوں۔ یونٹ میں اکثر درمیانہ درجے کے افسر تھے۔ سی او نے مجھے جلد ہی Adjutant لگا دیا۔ میں نے سب کو سیدھا کر دیا۔ سی او گولف کھیلا کرتے تھے۔ اور میں سکول سے ہی sportman تھا۔ میں سی او کی فلائٹ میں شامل ہو گیا۔ گولف کھیلی اور سی او کو کھلائی۔

صرف پہلی رپورٹ Above Average تھی۔ اگلی تینوں Outstanding لیں۔ اُدھر مشرقی پاکستان میں حالات خراب ہوئے تو۔۔۔۔۔

اور سنو۔۔۔۔۔: جرنی میں ایک کورس تھا۔ اب تو یاد نہیں تقریباً سال بھر کے لئے تھا۔ ایم ایس (MS) برانچ میں ایک انکل ڈپٹی ایم ایس (Dy MS) اُن سے کہا (OEI) میں نمبر پورے تھے۔ کمپنی کمانڈر کورس کے لئے نکل گیا۔ That is how I saved my skin والہی پر GHQ میں پوسٹ ہوا۔ بڑے بڑے دن تھے۔ (سر جھٹکتے ہوئے)۔ وہاں سے وائس چیف کے ساتھ آ گیا۔ بس صرف سڑک ہی پار کرنی تھی، سو کر لی۔

میری کوشش تھی وار کورس ملے۔ مسئلہ تو ہوا۔ بس کمانڈر پورٹ لی اور وار کورس لئے آ گیا۔ بس پھر راستہ صاف تھا۔۔۔۔۔



ماں



فریب زندگی تھی زندگی تیری  
مجھے معلوم نہ تھا

ہر ذی روح کو موت کا مزا چکھنا ہے  
مجھے معلوم تھا یہ

تیری گرم آغوش کو زوال آئے گا  
تیری مسکراہٹ کو سکوت آئے گا

تیری چاہت کو زوال آئے گا  
تیری رحمت میرے سر سے چھٹ جائے گی

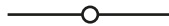
تو مجھے روتا دیکھ کر بھی  
اس وادی سے نہ پلٹ پائے گی

تیری اک دعا کی خاطر  
تیرے پلو کی لمس کی خاطر

کب تلک انتظار مجھے کرنا ہوگا  
کب تلک دکھ سے گزرنا ہوگا

لوگ کہتے ہیں کہ تو لوٹ کر نہ آئے گی  
مجھے معلوم نہ تھا

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## جیت

کچھ لوگ تجربے اور عمر کی سیڑھی پر چڑھ کر کامیابی کا سہرا اپنے سر خود باندھ لیتے ہیں۔ جیت کے لئے انہیں اور کچھ درکار نہیں ہوتا۔ اور کچھ تو سفید بالوں اور داڑھی کو ہی سند آ خر منوانے پر تلے رہتے ہیں۔ دراصل ایسے ذہن کے مالک خود فریبی اور خود ستائی میں غرق اسکی نعمتوں اور لذات دنیا میں محو رہتے ہیں اور رہنا چاہتے ہیں۔ کچھ کی جیت کا منبع مقابلے میں موجود وغیر موجود اصلی یا خیالی دشمن کی ہار ہوتی ہے۔ بعض لوگ بعض اوقات گاؤں کے کمزور ترین آدمی کو یا گھر کے ملازم کو جوتے لگا کر یا لگوا کر اپنے سینے پر جیت کا تمغہ لگا لیتے ہیں۔

تعلیمی اسناد میں اضافے، روز افزوں مالی وسائل اور بڑھتی عمر کے باوجود وہ یہ نہیں سیکھ پاتے کہ جیتنے کے لئے کسی کو ہرانا ضروری نہیں۔

عمر اور تجربے کی سیڑھی پر فروزاں ایسے لوگ اپنے زینے پر چڑھے پیچھے آنے والوں پر اک تبسمِ فاخرانہ ڈالے برتری اور کامیابی کی راہ پر شاداں گامزن رہتے ہیں۔ یا اپنے ان ہم عصروں سے مسابقت کرتے نظر آتے ہیں جو عمر اور اپنے اپنے مخصوص مضامین میں تجربے کی سیڑھیوں پر سوار کامیابی کی منزلیں طے کر رہے ہوتے ہیں۔

صحیح کیا ہے، غلط کیا ہے، وہ کل تک کتنے غلط تھے، ان کے فیصلوں کے پیمانے اقدار پر مبنی ہیں یا تعصبات پر؟ گزرے کل، ہفتے یا ماہ و سال میں کیا سیکھا۔۔۔۔ اور اس سے بڑھ کر آج تک کیا دے پائے؟ انہیں اس سے کچھ سروکار نہیں ہوتا۔ جب تمیس کے پیٹے میں تھے تو کیا دیا کرتے تھے آج پانچویں دہائی گزر رہی ہے تو کیا بہتری آئی۔۔۔ جب ساٹھ کے ہو جائیں گے تو کتنا زیادہ اور کتنا بہتر دے سکیں گے۔

ان کے نزدیک مقابل کو ہرانے اور دشمن کو خاک میں ملانے سے بڑی خوشی کوئی نہیں ہوتی۔ دست بدست عرض ہے۔

آؤ سیکھ کر اور دے کر جیتیں ہر اک اور لے کر نہیں۔



## آؤ سیکھ کر جیتیں، ہرا کر نہیں



خوش نصیب ہیں وہ جو غلطی کرتے ہیں، نئی غلطی۔  
جنہوں نے کل کوئی غلطی نہیں کی اُن کا آج بھی کل جیسا ہی گزرے گا۔  
نئی تاریخ نیا دن تب لاسکتی ہے جب آپ غلطی کرنے کی ہمت اور جرات رکھتے ہوں۔  
بزدل غلطی نہیں کرتے۔ صرف بہادر غلطی کرتے ہیں،  
بہادر اپنی غلطیوں کا شمار رکھتے ہیں۔ اور بزدل چھپاتے رہتے ہیں۔  
انا پسندی، ضد اور ہٹ دھرمی بزدلی کے ہی دوسرے نام ہیں۔  
انا پسندی بزدلی کو جنم دیتی ہے۔  
اپنی رائے، عمر اور اپنا تجربہ کمزور حوالے ہیں۔ یہ سب گزرے کل  
کے حوالے ہیں۔ سیکھنے سے روکتے ہیں۔  
بہادر لوگوں کے دوست ان سے زیادہ سوچ بوجھ اور عقل رکھتے ہیں۔  
سیکھنے کی ابتداء سوال سے ہوتی ہے۔ کیا کل کوئی نیا سوال کیا؟  
کیا کوئی نیا جواب ملا؟ کیا آج کسی نئے سوال نے سر اٹھایا؟  
چھلے ہفتے یا پچھلے ماہ میں کیا سیکھا؟  
کتنا فاصلہ طے کیا؟  
کیا دینا سیکھا؟  
خوش نصیب ہیں وہ جو غلطی کرتے ہیں۔ نئی غلطی۔  
اور غلطی کرنے کی جرات رکھتے ہیں۔

انبیاء میں فرق کیا جاسکتا ہے نہ اللہ کی کسی کتاب میں۔ انبیاء میں فرق کرنے والا کافر ہے (151-150:4)۔  
اور دین میں فرقے اور گروہ بنانے والوں کا اسلام سے کوئی تعلق نہیں۔

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## مجھے کیا ملا؟

روزانہ ایک ہی فکر کھائے جاتی ہے! مجھے کیا ملا؟  
کاش کوئی دن دینے کے لئے بھی چڑھے۔ اور میں خود سے پوچھ سکوں، آج میں نے کیا دیا؟  
تحقیق، نئی سوچ، اللہ کی بہترین مخلوق ہونے کا احساس، زندگی بعد الموت پر یقین، آزادی، مملکت،  
خود مختاری، خودداری، آفاقی سوچ، فیض کائنات کی فکر اور اپنے عمل اور جدوجہد کے بارے اللہ کو جوابدہ  
ہونے کا معاملہ مسلمان کی زندگی کے حوالے ہیں۔  
جب کہ قریب ترین کے ساتھ شدید مسابقت، صحیح اور غلط کے پیمانے کا فقدان، تنخواہ، نوکری، قرض،  
معافی یا استثناء، بھیک (گرائنٹ)، امداد اور سہولت اور مزید سہولتوں کا حصول، دوستوں اور قرابت  
داروں سے زیادہ حاصل کرنے اور سمیٹ لینے کی تگ و دو۔۔۔۔۔ غلام کی زندگی کے حوالے ہیں۔  
غلام غلامی میں کامیابی اور کامرانی انہی پگڈنڈیوں پر چل کر حاصل کرتے ہیں۔  
آؤ مسلمان بن کر جیئیں۔۔۔۔۔ مسلمان کسی پیدائشی عنوان کا نام نہیں۔۔۔ ایک رویے اور طرز زندگی کا نام ہے،  
جو خدا اور بندے کے تعلق کے ادراک سے پیدا ہوتا ہے۔ اور اس تعلیم کا اہتمام خالق اور مالک نے اپنی کتب  
اور انبیاء کے ذریعے کیا۔۔۔۔۔ آؤ مسلمان بن کر جیئیں۔۔۔۔۔ کچھ دے کر جیئیں۔

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☆ گھر کی اندرونی آرائش میں کیا اضافہ کیا؟ آجکل اس پر کیا ہو رہا ہے؟ آپ کی اس خوبی کا ہمسائیوں کو کیا سوسائٹی کو کیا فائدہ ہوا۔

☆ کپڑے دھونے کے لئے کون سا پاؤڈر اچھا ہے اور کیوں؟ موجودہ پاؤڈر یا صابن کس کمی کا شکار ہیں؟ نیا فارمولا کیا ہونا چاہئے؟

☆ کپڑے اور برتن دھونے کیلئے کیا ہونا چاہئے۔۔۔؟ موجودہ طریقہ کار کس خرابی کا شکار ہے؟ آج کا طریقہ کتنا پرانا ہے؟ کب سے نہیں بدلا؟ کیا کپڑے دھونے یا کھانا پکانے کے لئے کوئی نئی مشین سوچی یا بنائی؟

یہ گیارہ سوال بڑھا کر پچاس بھی بنائے جاسکتے ہیں اور کم بھی کئے جاسکتے ہیں۔ اصل بات یہ ہے۔۔۔۔۔ اے میرے میری ہونے والے دولہا دلہن تم اس دنیا میں آئے آئی، جوان ہوئے ہوئی اب گھر بسانے جارہے رہی ہو۔۔۔۔۔ اے میرے پیارے ہمسفر آ مضبوطی سے ہاتھ تھامیں۔۔۔ اور وعدہ کریں ہم دونوں مل کر اک نیا جہان آباد کریں گے۔۔۔ آؤ دونوں مل کر ایک خوبصورت دنیا کے تصور کی تکمیل کرتے ہیں۔۔۔ آؤ خیر الناس بن جائیں۔

۱۔ محترم ڈاکٹر طفیل ہاشمی صاحب نے کہا ان آیات کی تلخیص بھی لکھو۔ ہاشمی صاحب رُلا دیا آپ نے۔ اے کلام اللہ معاف کر دینا۔۔۔ یہ نا اہل اور نابلد کیا کرنے جارہا ہے۔

**تلخیص اور ضروری حوالے:**

اسلام اللہ کا دین ہے۔ (6:153) یہ کسی نبی کا دین نہیں، اور نہ ہی کسی نبی کی زندگی اور موت کا اس سے تعلق ہے (3:144) یہودی ہوں، صابی یا عیسائی، جو ایمان لائے اور نیک عمل کئے ان کے لئے خوشخبری ہے۔

☆ اپنے گھریا علاقے کی حفاظت میں کوئی کردار ادا کیا؟

☆ کیا کسی مجرم، کوپکڑا، یا پکڑوا یا؟

☆ کتنے مظلوم لوگوں کے حق میں گواہی دی۔۔۔ تھانے یا کچہری جا کر ظالم کے خلاف جدوجہد کی؟

☆ کھیتوں میں پانی کے ضیاع پر کچھ کام کیا؟ کوئی نیا کیمیکل جراثیم کش یا دوا (salt) تیار کیا؟

### تلاش دہن کے لئے

☆ کتنے نئے کپڑے ڈیزائن کیے؟ کتنی نمائشیں لگائیں۔۔۔ کیا کوئی نیا نام دیا؟ شلوار، قمیض دوپٹہ اور

ساڑھی۔۔۔ یہ سب نام تو معلوم تھے، آپ نے کوئی نیا نام دیا؟

☆ کتنے مریضوں کی تیمارداری کی؟ سب سے مشکل مریض کون تھا یا تھی؟ بچوں کی تیمارداری کے لئے

کن باتوں کا خاص خیال رکھا جائے؟

☆ کتنے کھانوں پر تحقیق کی، کوئی نیا پکوان؟ کیا کھانوں پر کوئی کتاب لکھی؟ کتنی لڑکیوں کو کھانا پکانا

سکھایا؟

☆ نرسری کی تعلیم کے بارے کوئی خاص بات؟ کیا ماں بولی میں تعلیم دی جانی چاہئے؟ کیا فائدے اور

نقصانات ہو سکتے ہیں؟

☆ کیا تقریر، شاعری یا مباحثوں کا شوق تھا؟ اگر ہاں تو، کتنے مقابلوں میں حصہ لیا۔۔۔

☆ کیا گزلز گائڈ تھیں؟ کتنے کمپ انٹینڈ کیے؟ کیا سیکھا۔۔۔ کیا سکھایا۔

☆ کیا گھریا کہیں اور پودے لگائے؟ کتنے پھول لگائے۔۔۔ قلمی پودے کیا ہوتے ہیں؟ کیا کوئی تجربہ کیا؟

☆ کیا کوئی جانور یا پرندہ پالا؟ کیا ان کے لئے کوئی خوراک تیار کی۔۔۔ اپنے تجربات کو قلم بند کیا۔۔۔



پھر سوراخ بڑا کرتے چلے جاتے ہیں۔۔ ہاں یہ نہ سمجھ لیا جائے کہ شادی صرف بذریعہ اشتہار ہی ہوتی ہے یا ہوگی۔۔ اصل بات زندگی کے مقصد کی پہچان، خواہشات، کامیابی کی پیائش اور آنے والے کل کے تصور کی ہے۔

تقریباً ڈیڑھ سو کے لگ بھگ ضرورتِ رشتہ کے اشتہار دیکھے۔ مندرجہ ذیل سوال تو معلوم نہیں پڑے۔ شائد کبھی پہچان کی یہ نشانیاں، خصوصیات مطلوبہ، اور تلاش گوہر کے نشانِ راہ، ضرورتِ رشتہ کے اشتہار میں نظر آجائیں۔۔۔۔۔

### تلاشِ دولہا کے لئے

- ☆ کیا کبھی اپنے سکول، کالج یا یونیورسٹی کی نمائندگی کی؟
- ☆ الیکٹریکل انجینئر ہیں تو اپنے گھر، محلے، شہر، صوبے کے لئے (گرڈ سٹیشن، پاور ہاؤس)۔۔ بجلی کی ترسیل میں پخت یا پیداواری اضافے کیلئے کیا حصہ ادا کیا؟
- ☆ ڈاکٹر ہیں تو کیا کوئی نئی بیماری یا کوئی نئی دوا یا علاج دریافت کیا؟ یا اس پر کام جاری ہے؟
- ☆ کتنے مریضوں کا علاج کیا؟؛ کتنے شفا یاب ہوئے؟
- ☆ استاد یا لیکچرر ہیں تو کیا تعلیم و تربیت میں کوئی نیا طریقہ ڈھونڈا؟ کوئی نیا سکول کھولا؟ کتنے شاگردوں کو پڑھایا؟ اور وہ اس کائنات کو کیا دے رہے ہیں؟
- ☆ کیا کسی کھیل میں ملک یا صوبے کی نمائندگی کی؟
- ☆ کسی کھیل میں کوئی طرح نکالی کوئی جدت پیدا کی؟ یا کوئی نیا اصول دیا؟



چھوٹا ہو۔۔۔ آرٹ فورسز میں ہو۔۔۔ سول سرونٹ ہو۔۔۔ یہ نہیں تو بیرون ملک ہو۔۔۔ یا جانے کے قریب ہو۔

س ۳۔ کوئی ذات والے سب سے زیادہ اپنی ذات کی تلاش میں رہتے ہیں؟

ج: جاٹ

س ۴۔ اپنی ذات یا اپنی پسندیدہ ذات نہ ملے تو پھر لوگ کیا کرتے ہیں؟

ج: 80 فیصد لوگ ذات سے باہر بھی شادی کر لیتے ہیں۔۔۔ اگر دیگر خصوصیات اور مطالبات پورے ہو جائیں تو۔۔۔

س ۵۔ کتنے لوگ گونگے بہرے، لوے لنگڑے یا دیگر معذوری والوں کے ساتھ شادی کرنا قبول کر لیتے ہیں؟

ج: ۲ فیصد

س ۶۔ کتنے فیصد لوگ مخصوص شعبہ جات سے متعلق یا پروفیشنل ساتھی کی تلاش میں ہوتے ہیں؟

ج: تقریباً نوے فیصد لوگ شروع میں اپنے پسندیدہ یا کسی مخصوص شعبہ سے متعلق جیون ساتھی کی تلاش میں ہوتے ہیں۔۔۔ جب تلاش طول پکڑ جائے تب معاملہ مختلف ہو جاتا ہے۔

س ۷۔ اپنے دودھائیوں پر پھیلے ہوئے تجربے کی روشنی میں کچھ اور کہنا چاہیں گی؟

ج: میں تین اہم باتوں کا اضافہ کرنا چاہوں گی۔

۱۔ آجکل دونوں فریق انتہائی مادی سوچ کا مظاہرہ کرتے ہیں۔ ہر وہ چیز جو دولت، چمک اور امارت کے اظہار سے متعلق ہو، اسے حاصل کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔

لڑکی 23 سالہ BS-Lums خوبصورت اسلام آباد لڑکی  
24 سالہ ACCA-26 سالہ لیڈی ڈاکٹر لڑکی iT:24  
انجینئر دینی عامر چوہدری 0312/0333-4258010  
سی۔ ایم۔ 233629

لڑکا 34 سالہ خوبصورت، تعلیم انڈر میٹرک رنگت بھوری،  
شریف مہذب گھریلو لڑکی کے والدین رابطہ کریں بیورو  
معذرت: 0336-1536633 (س۔ ایم۔ 165602)

شائد یونانیوں سے

بہتر کوئی نہیں جانتا۔۔

کچھ عجب ہے کہ ہمارے معاشرے

میں یہ پہلو کچھ اتنی اہمیت حاصل نہیں

کر سکا۔

### مسز خواجہ:

مسز خواجہ انیس سال سے ایک شادی دفتر چلا رہی ہیں۔ دفتر کا نام ہے، Marriage Point Pakistan۔ اب تک تقریباً 6,000 امیدوارانِ ہمسفر جرٹھ ہو چکے ہیں۔ ان کی لمبی پیشہ ورانہ زندگی کے تجربے سے استفادہ کرنے کے لئے چند سوالات لے کر ان کے پاس حاضر ہوا۔ بعد میں یہ لکھ کر پیش کئے گئے اور ان کے لکھے ہوئے جوابات حاصل کئے گئے۔ اب ملاحظہ ہوں بختیار کے سوالات اور مسز خواجہ کے جوابات:

س ۱۔ لڑکے والوں کی جانب سے سب سے زیادہ کس چیز کی تلاش ہوتی ہے۔ کیا مانگتے ہیں وہ؟

ج: لڑکی لیڈی ڈاکٹر ہو۔ اگر یہ نہیں تو کوئی اور کام کرتی ہو۔ دراز قد ہو، گوری اور ڈبلی پتلی ہو۔ ہاں اگر امریکن یا برٹش نیشنل ہو تو پھر کیا بات ہے۔۔۔ باقی کمیوں کو درگزر کر دیا جاتا ہے۔

اسکے علاوہ لڑکی کا باپ اعلیٰ عہدے پر فائز ہو۔ اور امیر بھی ہو۔۔۔ اگر دونوں خوبیاں نہیں تو کم از کم امیر تو ہو۔ صرف یہی نہیں۔۔۔ خاندان چھوٹا ہو۔۔۔ اکیلی بیٹی ہو تو بہت ہی اچھا ہے۔

س ۲۔ لڑکی والوں کی جانب سے سب سے زیادہ کس چیز کی تلاش ہوتی ہے۔ لڑکی والے کیا مانگتے ہیں؟

ج: لڑکا معاشی اور سماجی طور پر مضبوط مقام پر ہو۔ (well-settled) خود مختار ہو۔۔۔ گھر اپنا ہو۔ خاندان

ر ن ا م - (165946) -  
دینی سٹیل رہائشی "BBA, 5+5" کنواری خوبصورت لڑکی  
آج کل پاکستان آئے ہوئے ہیں دینی یا دوسرے ممالک  
سٹیل لڑکوں کے والدین رابطہ کریں 0323-9913603

تمام خوبیاں اگر ایک ہی  
شخص میں مل جائیں  
تو اس سے بڑی نعمت  
خداوندی نہیں ہو سکتی۔

خوبصورت چاب والی لڑکی  
دوسری شادی کیلئے رشتہ ضرورت باروڑگار کیلئے چاب والی لڑکی  
ضرورت ہے۔ صرف ایک شرط، لڑکی خوبصورت ہو، بیوہ  
ہستاقہ، کنواری یا پردہ کو ترجیح دی جائے گی۔ 0310-0055042

اگلی نسل کی صحت،

بیماریوں سے بچاؤ

کی سوچ مثبت بات

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لڑکی عمر 25 فیئر کلر ہائٹ 4-MBA5 نیوز لیڈی ڈاکٹر،  
ڈاکٹرز اور اندرون و بیرون ملک سے ہر قسم کے رشتے  
موجود۔ میرج پیور و معذرت: 0300-5590816  
(سے 165558)

خوبصورت بیٹی Divorced عمر 24 (P2L1B2) ویل سٹیلڈ اندرون،  
بیرون ملک لڑکیوں کے والدین رابطہ کریں بھروسے سے غیر مجیدہ لڑکیوں  
سے معذرت رابطہ: 0340-2244377 سے 10:30 شام 5 تک رابطہ  
(سے 165776)

خاص طور سے دلہن کے

چناؤ کے لئے حسن و جمال،

اور جاذب نظر ہونا

ایک درجہ خاص۔۔

اہمیت کا حامل ہے۔

ر ن ا م - (165659) -  
خوبصورت دراز قد تعلیم BA عمر 32 سال طبع یافتہ  
بیٹی کیلئے شریف خاندان سنجیدہ والدین رابطہ کریں  
0333-5117135  
سی ایم - (165659)

مردانہ وجاہت، رعب اور

جمالیاتی خصوصیات

ر ن ا م - (166026) -  
نہایت خوبصورت پڑھی لکھی 3 لڑکیوں کیلئے آری ایئر فورس کی  
فیملی میجر F-10، F-11 تجربہ ناؤن کے رشتے موجود۔ عباسی،  
رابطہ، شہبازی لڑکیوں کے رشتے موجود 0334-5004430  
سی ایم - (166026)

بی 26 سالہ گریجویٹ سرکاری ملازم بہانہ ملازم PIA سی ایم اے  
ملائندگی مستقل رہائش پذیر کے لئے سرکاری ملازمین کے رشتے دار  
ہیں صرف ملحدین باطن کریم راجہ سے معذرت 0346-5407283  
سی ایم اے۔ (165941)

حاصل نہ کر پائے

کوئی سبق نہ ملا کہ

ایک باپ کی اولاد

اعمال کی بنیاد پر اچھے،

برے اور کم برے میں؛

تفریق نہ کر پائی۔۔

النساء کی پہلی آیت جیسے قرآن میں تھی ہی نہیں۔

27 سالہ گریجویٹ اگلا خوردہ بیانہ 6 فٹ پلس پرائیویٹ جاب  
کیلئے دراز قد خوبصورت حافظہ قرآن Ba/Bsc پڑھا رہی چاہئے  
بے شک یتیم مگر شریف دیندار ہو رابطہ: 0335-5547828  
(سی ایم اے۔ 165263)

بی 26 سالہ M.A انگلش خوبصورت کے لیے سی ایم اے  
ایجوکیشن اچھی جاب والے لڑکوں کے والدین رابطہ کریں  
صرف چٹری اسلام آباد سے نو بیورو رابطہ 0305-5120324  
سی ایم اے۔ (165747)

حسن اور وجاہت

قد، بُت، ظاہری خوبصورتی

شادی بیاہ کے معاملے میں

بہت اہمیت اختیار کر جاتی ہے۔۔۔

ایسا کیوں نہ ہو۔۔ چناؤ کا

مرحلہ جو ہوا۔

بی 26 سالہ MBA قد 5.4 کیلئے موزوں  
رشتہ درکار والدین اور سنجیدہ حضرات  
رابطہ کریں 0333-7204640  
سی ایم اے۔ (E-25)

بی 27 سالہ MBBS ملک ایم اے قد 5.6 خوبصورت  
FCPS پارٹ دن کیلئے ڈاکٹرز، انجینئرز لڑکوں کی والدین  
رابطہ کریں پیسہ سے معذرت 0333-8671391  
سی ایم اے۔ (165621)

یہاں ۱۴ نمونے

حاضر خدمت ہیں۔

بی 32 سالہ Eng MA لیچرر، دراز قد خوبصورت، مطلق  
یافتہ۔ بی 24 سالہ خوبصورت M Phill مطلق  
یافتہ کیلئے ہم پلہ رشتے درکار۔ سسر کرل  
الطہر 0300-9544554, 051-9270134  
(سی ایم اے۔ 165631)

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سندھی اور اردو بولنے والے

کسی نبی سے کوئی تعلیم

بنی آدم کے نام پر، گورنمنٹ ٹیچر پنشن و پونڈ نمبر 35 سال کیلئے پڑھا  
لکھا، سرورنگار پنشن و پونڈ نمبر سے لڑکے کا رشتہ دکھانے کا ہے۔ لاہور  
اسلام آباد سے صرف والدین رابطہ کریں: 0334-1050482

خوبصورت 32 سالہ پنجابی بٹ 5'5" 2nd میرج لڑکی  
کیلئے 40 سال تک بزنس مین کے 2nd میرج  
Independent والدین رابطہ کریں: 0323-9913603

لڑکا PHD اور MSC اردو سٹینڈنگ OGDC میں 19 گریڈ عمر  
38 دور PHD اٹا مکسٹری میں 19 گریڈ قریبی فیملی عمر 36 لکچر کیلئے  
فیملی کی لڑکیوں کے والدین رابطہ مسز غزالہ 5467767  
(سی ایم - 30 - E) - - - - -

مسر صدیقی میرج سروسر  
سکینڈ میرج بیٹی 34 (UK تیشل) بینک جاب آرائیں  
سکینڈ میرج بیٹی 35 گورنمنٹ ٹیچر اعوان، سکینڈ میرج بیٹی  
MSC صدیقی اردو سٹینڈنگ، سکینڈ میرج بیٹی MBBS  
34، ملک کیلئے منجیدہ فیملی رابطہ کریں 5584462



## سماجی مقام و مرتبہ دولت اور امارت

سماجی مقام اور رتبہ یا معاشرے

میں نام، ایک

انتہائی طاقتور محرک ہے۔

کچھ کے لئے جیت سے

بڑی خوشی کوئی نہیں ہوتی۔

اور بہت سارے لوگ

صرف ہرا کر جیتتے ہیں۔

اور خوش ہوتے

ہیں۔ جب تک کوئی دشمن

نہ ہو اور وہ اس کو پچھاڑ نہ لیں

خوش نہیں ہوتے۔

دشمن نہ ہو تو ہرانے

کی خوشی کے لئے

ایک آدھ دشمن

پال لیتے ہیں۔

چند ماہ گذرے

گورنمنٹ جاب والی لڑکی کا رشتہ چاہئے ہائی کلاس  
فمیلیز کے والدین یا خود مختار رابطہ کریں،  
0 3 3 1 - 5 5 5 7, 7 5 0  
(سی ایم۔ 165631)

ڈاکٹر بی 29 سال لہذا MBBS ڈاکٹر فارن کوالیفائیڈ  
اسلام آباد رپائش فارن ہم پلہ لڑکوں کے والدین رابطہ کریں  
راولپنڈی / اسلام آباد سے رابطہ 0332-5332807  
(سی ایم۔ 165641)

کریچن لڑکا امریکن سٹیزن کو اچھے گھرانے کی لڑکی درکار  
ہے جو شادی کے بعد امریکہ میں ہی رہے تفصیل کیلئے  
رابطہ 0 3 1 2 - 5 5 9 7 8 4 4  
(سی ایم۔ 166013)

ہمارا بیٹا تعلیم M.A French, MS Telecom  
کینیڈین سٹیزن بہترین آمدن والدین حیات نہیں عمر تقریباً  
39 قد 5.8 غیر شادی شدہ کیلئے (ڈیٹا کے مطابق گورے  
رنگ کی برکشش دراز قد) 20 تا 28 سال تک لڑکی  
چاہئے تو جیز کوئی خاص تعلیم کی ضرورت نہیں صرف  
خوبصورت لڑکی ہو، مڈل کلاس خود یا والدین اعتماد سے  
رابطہ کریں No SMS یہ شادی دفتر نہیں،  
لاہور 0 3 4 5 - 4 2 6 5 6 1 7

انتہائی خوبصورت کرل صاحب کی بیٹی 23 سالہ کے لئے فوری  
رشتہ درکار گورنمنٹ اچھی جاب والی تین بچیوں کے لئے پڑھی لکھی  
فیلی رجوع کریں اہل تشیع رشتے موجود 0333-5321224  
(سی ایم۔ 92588)

38 سالہ بزنس مین  
مرد 38 سالہ MBA بیرون ملک میں بزنس کیلئے خوبصورت  
لڑکی غریب فیملی کو ہر قسم کی مکمل سپورٹ لازمی نہ جیز نہ ڈیٹا  
رشتہ درکار 051-5893140 islamicdr.com



میرا بیٹا چاہیے میں ایم بی بی ایس کر رہا ہے اس کیلئے ایک ایم  
بی بی ایس لیڈی ڈاکٹر کا رشتہ چاہئے:  
0345-5081624/0344-5497276  
----- (ایم-165549)

اچھی تعلیم اور باعزت پیشہ

منبع فیض ہو سکتا تھا۔۔

یہ بہت طاقتور بھلائی کا ذریعہ

(tool of influence)

بن سکتا تھا۔۔

افسوس!

یہ انسانوں میں تفریق اور نفاق کا

سبب بن گیا۔۔ معاشرہ کمزور ہوتا

چلا گیا۔۔

جعلی ڈگریاں دینے والی کمپنیاں

کھل گئیں۔

صرف USMLE BDS MBBS اور امریکہ ریڈیٹری  
انجینئر ز اور اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ اندرون و بیرون ملک سے والدین  
رابطہ کریں سبز ٹوشن  
0333-0638000  
ideal.bureau-lmb@gmail.com  
سی۔ ایم۔ 233633

فری انفارمیشن 46 سالہ "3'5" Msc کنواری  
سلم سارث راجپوت زمیندار ایجوکیٹڈ فعلی کیلئے بلا تفریق  
ذات ایجوکیٹڈ ہم پلہ رشتہ چاہئے رابطہ صبح 9 تا 12 فون  
پر امان اللہ شیخوپورہ 4338355-0300  
CM-3516

فری انفارمیشن جٹ 31 سالہ ایم فل امریکہ سافٹ ویئر  
ایکسپرٹ امریکہ ملازمت پیشہ رپاٹی اسلام آباد/ فیصل  
آباد کیلئے جٹ ایجوکیٹڈ فعلی کپیڈ ٹرائنم بی اے اکاؤنٹنٹ قد  
5'1 سے زائد 26 سال تک کا رشتہ درکار ہے رابطہ فون پر  
امان اللہ شیخوپورہ 4338355-0300

فرمٹ میرج بینڈ 45 سال راجپوت گورنمنٹ جاب (ٹائٹک)  
سکینڈ میرج بینڈ 35 سال راجہ گورنمنٹ جاب (ٹائٹک)  
سکینڈ میرج 9 4 راجپوت O G D C میں جاب  
سکینڈ میرج 60+ MBBS ٹیکہ ذاتی کلینک + گورنمنٹ جاب  
کیلئے صرف سنجیدہ فیملیز میں گھر بلوائیں 5584462





بی بی MBA 25 آرائیں، بی بی ماسٹر 25 مگر ہر ذات  
برادری کے رشتے موجود فوری رابطہ کریں ایمان صبرج  
ہاؤس: 0300-5323063/0333-1526817  
(سی ایم۔ 165652)

راجپوت، کشمیری، جاٹ،

قریشی، گجر، بھٹی۔۔۔ وغیرہ۔

غور کیجئے جہاں 30-40

ذاتیں زبان زدِ عام ہوں

وہاں صرف یہ سات آٹھ کیوں؟

ذاتوں کی ایک فہرست یہ بھی تو ہے:

چمار، دھوبی، نائی،

میراٹھی، کمہار اور موچی وغیرہ

۔۔ ان کا کوئی طلب گار نہیں!

کوئی نمائندہ کوئی دعویٰ دار نہیں۔۔

کیوں؟

صرف ذات اور صرف

فرقہ تقسیم کی حدود ڈھیک

سے متعین نہیں کر پاتے، اس

باقا رطلقہ بی بی جاٹ چیمبر مختصر شادی پچیس 36/5.2 ماسٹر  
آسٹر یلیا ماسٹر سول سرف۔ امیدوار علی عہدہ ملی سادگی حیثیت  
Zohava@gmail.com ہوں نہ ہوں  
(سی ایم۔ 165652)

لڑکی نرس گورنمنٹ جاٹ 6 سال اعلیٰ  
خلع یافتہ کیلئے رشتہ درکار صابر شاہ  
0300-9720718 واہ کینٹ  
(سی ایم۔ 151569)

DHA-2 کی 29 سالہ جٹ کنوری بی بی یونیورسٹی پیکچرار گریڈ  
18 خوبصورت "M-Phil-5.4" فزکس کیلئے ویل سیٹلڈ ویل  
ایجوکیشنل بیٹے کا موزوں رشتہ مطلوب 0333-6221604  
(سی ایم۔ E-04)

بیٹا راجپوت دراز قد 30 انجینئر آفسر گریڈ سترہ کے ہم پلہ  
رشتہ کیلئے مقامی سکوتی معزز خاندان کی اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ آفسر  
بیٹیوں کے والدین رابطہ فرمائیں: 0315-5011595

راجپوت انجلی بیٹا ڈاکٹر امریکہ میں ریڈیو نیس جاری عمر 30  
قد 5.11 میٹر MS انجینئر 29 قد 5.11 صرف ڈاکٹر بیٹیوں  
کے والدین رابطہ کریں 0332-5565577



گھکڑ، کیانی، آرائیں،

36 سالہ لڑکے کیلئے ٹیک سیرت لڑکی جٹ فیملی سے رشتہ  
درکار ہے، صرف والدین رابطہ کریں میرج بیورو سے  
معذرت عرفان چیمہ: 0313-6999078



سیدنی باپردہ، ایم فل بی کیلئے ڈاکٹرز، انجینئر، سید  
سٹی لڑکوں کے والدین رابطہ کریں پورومعدرت  
رابطہ 0303-8942007  
سی ایم۔ (165921)

سید، شیعہ، الحدیث،  
فقہ جعفریہ، اہل سنت والجماعت۔

اور میرے زیرِ قارئین

آپ اتفاق کریں گے کہ

اس کی نظر میں، جس کا

اسلام ہے، یہ تقسیم باطل ہے۔

قرآن میں جیسے الانعام کی 159

اور الروم کی 32 ہوئی نہ۔

تقریباً ساڑھے آٹھ ہزار

سال تک اس نے انبیاء بھیجے،

ان میں سے کوئی بھی ان تعصبات

میں ڈوبا ہوا نہیں تھا۔ ان میں

سے کسی کی بھی سنت ہمارے کام نہ آئی۔

سید اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ بحرہ ناؤن، پنڈی، دہلی، اسلام  
آباد، عرب، یورپ سیکل فیلٹی (یارب کریم سنت نکاح میں  
برکتیں، کبیرہ گناہوں سے توبہ اور ساری اُمت کا ایمان پر  
خاتمہ بالخیر فرما آئیں) بیوہ / طلاق یافتہ لڑکیوں / لڑکوں  
کے ویب سائٹ پر سپوننگ رشتے 051-5893140  
سی ایم۔ 2039

سید شیعہ 25 سالہ خوبصورت بیٹی 5'4" MBA-5'4" اسلام  
آباد کیلئے سید شیعہ مختصر فیلٹی سے تعلیم یافتہ ویل سیٹلڈ کا  
موزوں رشتہ مطلوب رابطہ: 0300-6892574

شیعہ بیٹی 5'8" 33، ہائیلی پلیڈ، ماہر تہیاری بارسوخ لینڈ لارڈ فیلٹی  
مسندھ / کراچی / لاہور کی اسلام آباد میں سیٹلڈ سہلیز سے  
ہم پلہ رشتہ چاہئے۔ 0315-2228198

عمر 50 سال سینڈ ہرج کیلئے ترجیحا بیوہ، مطلقہ 35 سال  
تک ابجدیٹ سارٹ خاتون کا رشتہ چاہئے۔ روائتی  
مسئلہ و شرائط سے معذرت۔ 0334-5407757

ذات پات کی تقسیم

یہ ہے ہماری تقسیم کی ایک بڑی وجہ۔

۲۱ نمونے حاضر خدمت ہیں۔

کہنے کو مسلمان لیکن ذات پات

یہ ہیں عمل اور ردِ عمل کے دھارے، بدلے کا بیج اور مشاہدے کی کسوٹی۔۔ کیا سیکھا، کیا نتیجہ اخذ کیا آپ نے؟ آئیے ایک اور کھڑکی کھول کر۔۔ دیکھتے ہیں کہ ہم کون ہیں۔۔ کیا نظر آتا ہے؟ اور پھر۔۔ درست راستہ تلاش کرنے کی کوشش کرتے ہیں۔۔ کیا معصوم سی اور چھوٹی سی کھڑکی ہے یہ۔۔ اس کا نام ہے، ضرورتِ رشتہ کا اشتہار۔

اس مقالے اور مطالعہ کے لئے بنیادی طور پر ثانوی تحقیق (Secondary Research) سے اور پھر پرائمری تحقیق Research Primary سے مدد لی گئی۔ مفروضہ (Hypothesis) یہ تھا، کہ دلہا اور دلہن کی تلاش کیلئے ہمارے پاس اخبار میں یک کالمی تین یا چار سطریں ہی تو ہوتی ہیں۔۔ اس چھوٹے سے سوراخ کے ذریعہ ہم کوشش کرتے ہیں کہ انتہائی جامع، واضح اور کم ترین الفاظ میں اپنی بہترین ترجیحات، اول ترین خواہشات (Areas of concern) اور اپنی پہچان کے بہترین پیمانوں کے ساتھ۔۔۔ جلد سے جلد اپنی منزل مقصود پا لیں۔

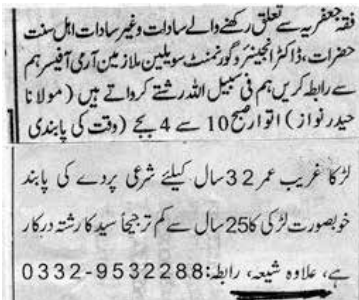
تقریباً 140 ضرورتِ رشتہ کے اشتہارات کا مطالعہ کیا گیا۔ Mrs.Khawaja انیس سال سے ایک شادی دفتر چلا رہی ہیں۔۔۔ ان سے تفصیلی بات چیت ہوئی۔۔۔ پھر اس تمام تر مواد کو 7 ذیلی اقسام میں ترتیب دیا گیا۔ سب سے پہلی قسم ہے:-

فرقے اور مسالک برائے تقسیم۔

۹ نمونے حاضر خدمت ہیں۔

ان میں غور طلب الفاظ

مندرجہ ذیل ہیں:



بھی ہیں اور کسوٹی بھی۔ عمل اور ردِ عمل سدا تبدیل ہوتے رہے ہیں اور ہوتے رہیں گے۔ فریق، قاضی بن کر ظلم اور نا انصافی کرتے رہیں ہیں، اور کرتے رہیں گے۔ قانون دینے والا اور اصل منصف صرف ایک ہی ہے۔

اگر میری پہچان روٹی کپڑا اور مکان ہی ہے تو، تیسری قوت کی کیا ضرورت، زندگی بعد الموت کی کیا ضرورت۔۔۔ جزا اور سزا سب غیر متعلقہ ہو جاتے ہیں۔

کچھ نمونے ملاحظہ ہوں:

- ۱۔ میں غریب تو پیدا ہو گیا، لیکن سسر غریب۔۔۔ نہیں نہیں۔۔۔ وہ امیر ہی ہو گا۔ انشا اللہ۔
- ۲۔ بچے لوگوں کو کیوں منہ لگاؤں گا۔۔۔ فکر نہ کرو۔۔۔ ابا، ماموں ہے تو کیا ہوا، گریڈ ۱۱ کے لوگ ہیں یہ۔ آپ تو گریڈ 18 میں ریٹائر ہوئے تھے۔
- ۳۔ میری بہن کے لئے گاڑی کی شرط لگا دی۔۔۔ میں ان سے گھر مانگ لوں گا۔۔۔ نہیں تو بس نہ سمجھ لیں میری طرف سے۔
- ۴۔ میری دونوں بہنیں لے گئے۔۔۔ اچھا۔۔۔ چھوٹے بھائی کو بڑا ہو لینے دو۔ ایک تو میں لے آیا ہوں ناں۔ دوسری۔۔۔
- ۵۔ کل کی بات ہے، بیٹی، جو ڈاکڑ تھی اس کا حق مہر 50,000 لکھوایا تھا۔ یہ۔۔۔ دیکھو۔۔۔ BBA پاس ہے۔ اور 30,000 اور تمام زیور لکھوار ہے ہیں۔۔۔ عجیب لوگ ہیں۔
- ۶۔ امریکہ بہادر کی دو بلڈنگیں گر گئیں۔۔۔ 3,000 لوگ مارے گئے۔ آج تک معلوم نہیں ہو سکا۔ اصل مجرم کون تھا۔ کیا امریکہ خود تھا؟ لیکن الزام القاعدہ پر رکھا گیا، کس نے مجرم ٹھہرایا، فریق نے۔۔۔ منصف کون تھا، امریکہ۔۔۔ مدعی خود۔ سزا کس نے دی اور کس کو دی۔ افغانستان کو؟ کیوں؟۔۔۔ امریکہ تو مدعی تھا!



یہ ہیں ہم



ابتدائیہ

دسمبر 2006 میں 'اسلام قرآن اور ہم' کی رونمائی ہوئی۔ اس کتاب کے چوتھے باب کا عنوان تھا، ہم کون ہیں، اور پانچویں کا تھا ہم کیا نہیں ہیں؛ پیش خدمت کوشش کا نام ہے یہ ہیں ہم۔ بحوالہ عنوان، ہم کون ہیں، قرآن مجید فرقان حمید سے سات حوالہ جات پیش کیے گئے۔ بر محل ہوگا کہ ان حوالہ جات کی فہرست یہاں دے دی جائے۔

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کچھ اہل نظر کے نزدیک جو کچھ قرآن میں ہے درست سہی مگر صرف تھیوری (theory) ہے۔ حقیقت وہ ہے جو آج برسرِ پیکار ہے۔ عمل اور ردِ عمل کی شکل میں روز روشن کی طرح عیاں ہے۔ اصل وہ جو محسوس کیا جا رہا ہو اور محسوس کروایا جاسکے۔ بصدا احترام عرض ہے کہ یہی الفاظ اٹل ہیں، سچ ہیں اور تمام تراجم کی مشعل راہ

- دہرانے کے لئے نہیں دیا۔ اس دن کو کچھ نیا دے کر کچھ مزید دے کر اس کا شکر ادا کیجئے۔
- آج دو نئے لوگوں کو سلام کیجئے۔ مسکرا کر ملیئے، گرمجوشی سے مصافحہ کیجئے۔ یوں اجنبیت اور مردم بیزاری کے حصار سے آزادی حاصل کریں۔ انسان دوستی کی جانب یہ قدم زندگی میں ایک خوشگوار تبدیلی لاسکتا ہے۔
- ایک ماہ گزر گیا، کہیئے کوئی نئی کتاب پڑھی، کوئی نیا ساز بجانا سیکھا، کچھ نیا لکھا، کوئی نیا دوست بنایا یا کوئی نئی جگہ دیکھی؟
- کوئی نیا پودا لگایا، کیا گھر میں لگے پودوں اور پھولوں کے نام آتے ہیں، پچھلے ماہ میں کتنے نئے نام سیکھے، یا کسی کو سیکھائے؟
- کچھ نیا پکانا سیکھا، موجودہ چولھے میں کیا کمی ہے، کیا کسی نئی قسم کے چولھے یا ایندھن کے بارے سوچا؟
- گلی، محلے یا سڑک کے بارے کچھ سوچا؟ گندے پانی کے نکاس کے نظام سے مطمئن ہیں؟ مسئلہ ہے کیا حل کیا ہے؟
- کوئی نئی دوا بنائی؟ کوئی سوفٹ ویئر بنایا یا سیکھا؟ آپ کے شہر میں Uber یا Creem کس نے شروع کی، کیا سوچ رہے ہیں؟
- یہ ماہ کیسا رہا۔۔۔ کیا نئے دوست چائے پر آئے۔۔۔ کتنے رشتہ دار آپ کے ہاں رات گزارنے آئے۔۔۔ کسی قریبی دوست یا رشتہ دار کا کوئی مسئلہ حل کیا؟
- کم مائیگی کے احساس، ڈر اور خوف سے نکلنے۔ لوگ آپ کی توجہ کے طالب ہیں۔ آپ کے بہت سے قریبی لوگ کسی سہارے، اور غم گسار کی تلاش میں ہیں۔ کسی کا ہاتھ تھامیے۔ دو گھڑی اس کی بات سنئے۔ آپ کی مدد ان کے لئے انمول تحفہ ہوگا۔ آپ کی تھوڑی سی توجہ کسی کی زندگی بدل سکتی ہے۔ آپ خدائے ذوالجلال کا بہترین شہکار ہیں۔ اس نے تو یہ دنیا آپ کے حوالے کر دی ہے۔ اٹھیے۔ کمر کس کر نئے دن کا آغاز کیجئے۔ آپ نے سیکھ کر جیتنا ہے، ہرا کر نہیں۔ دے کر چھین کر نہیں۔

زندگی سانس لینے اور کھانا کھانے کا نام نہیں۔ آؤجینا سیکھیں۔

اقدار اور تعصبات میں فرق جانے۔ ہوتی تو یہ بعد الطرفین، مگر کچھ لوگوں کے لئے یہ بہت قریب قریب ہوتی ہیں، ان میں یہ بس سکے کے دورخ سمجھ لیں۔ کیونکہ وہ جس سے محبت کرتے ہیں اسے قدر سمجھ لیتے ہیں۔ خدا کی ذات ہے منبع اقدار۔ فاروق خیر و شر۔ ہمسائیہ نہیں۔ شریک یا دوست یا آپکے تعین دشمن یا معاشرہ نہیں۔ - آپکے ذمہ کچھ بھی نہیں، بجز کوشش یا سعی کے۔ مگر بھلے کے لیے۔ سعی برآے فیض۔ بھلا مانگیے۔ خیر مانگیے۔ فیض دینے کی کوشش کیجئے۔ کل سے زیادہ اور کل سے بہتر دینا سیکھیے۔

- جہاں سچ بولنا ہو وہاں خاموشی یا یہ کہ وہاں سے غیر حاضری، تقریباً جرم ہے۔ بزدلی تو ہے ہی۔  
- جو نہیں معلوم اس کے بارے سوال کرنے کی ہمت پیدا کریں۔ تیرا نہیں آتا تو کسی ڈوبتے کو چٹائیں گے کیسے؟ سوال نہیں کر سکیں گے، تو جو جانتے ہیں اس کی تصدیق نہیں کر پائیں گے، آپ درست تھے یا غلط۔ کمی یا غلطی کی نشاندہی اور پیمائش نہیں ہوگی تو گزرے کل سے کیسے نکل پائیں گے؟  
- صرف بہادر ہی غلطی کرتے ہیں۔ بزدل تو اپنی ذات کے خوف کے حصار میں محفوظ رہتے ہیں۔ اپنی روٹی، کپڑے اور مکان کی تگ دو کے علاوہ بہت کم فعال ہوتے ہیں، اور یوں غلطی سے بچے رہتے ہیں۔  
- کچھ اپنا خوف بہت بڑا سا گھر بنا کر، خوف ناک سا گن مین رکھ کر دور کرتے ہیں، کچھ بڑی سی کار خرید کر، کچھ اپنی دستار اونچی کر کے دوستوں اور دشمنوں کو زیر دست کرتے رہتے ہیں۔

- کچھ کا ذریعہ فضیلت صرف ان کی بڑی عمر (تجربہ)، بڑی مونچھ اور والد کی طرف سے ملی ہوئی زمینیں ہوتی ہیں۔

- ایسے لوگ اپنی انتہائی سوچ کے بعد اپنی ناکامیوں کی وجہ دوسروں کی بے اعتنائی، ناشکری اور بے وفائی میں ڈھونڈ نکالتے ہیں۔ بعینہ اپنی کامیابیوں کے لئے بیرونی سہاروں کی تلاش میں رہتے ہیں، وہ فرد واحد ہوں یا ملک۔

**پیغام امروز۔ کیسے جیئیں:**

- مہربانی کر کے غور کیجیے، آج نیا دن ہے۔ یہ تاریخ پہلے کبھی نہیں آئی۔ اس ذات باری تعالیٰ نے نیا دن کل کو

- میں تو وہاں تھا ہی نہیں۔
- میری جیب میں ایک پیسہ نہیں۔
- بس میں ہی ذمہ دار نظر آتا ہوں۔
- کرپشن کے بارے ان بڑے لوگوں سے پوچھو۔۔۔۔۔ میں تو مالی ہوں۔
- کچھ لوگ زندگی بھر کے حاصل کا اظہار کچھ یوں کرتے ہیں:
- کسی کو اپنا راز دار نہ بنانا۔ بھید دے دیا تو پھر دھوکہ کھانے کے لیے تیار رہو۔
- اپنی عزت اپنے ہاتھ ہوتی ہے۔ ایک چپ ہزار سکھ۔
- دوسروں کو چھوڑو۔ تم یہ دیکھو تمہیں کیا ملا۔
- چلو بھاگ چلو یہاں سے، مفت میں دھریے جاو گے ضرور گواہ بننا ہے۔ اور تھانے کچہری کے چکر کاٹنے ہیں۔
- جو جاتا ہے جانے دو۔ دفع کرو۔ وہ اپنے گھر خوش ہم اپنے گھر۔
- تمہیں یہ بات بتا رہا ہوں کیونکہ تمہیں بھائی مانتا ہوں۔ وہ آئے گا، خبردار جو اسکو میرا نام بتایا۔ وہ ہے ہی بچ اور کم ذات۔
- کاش کوئی میرا ہاتھ بھی پکڑنے والا ہوتا۔ میں بھی ایم پی اے بن کر دکھا دیتا۔ نہیں تو تھانیدار تو لگ ہی سکتا تھا۔
- باپ ہی غریب تھا۔ شہر جا کر کیسے پڑھتا۔ چلو جو قسمت۔
- میں اُس کو کیوں کچھ دوں۔ اس خبیث نے مجھے کیا دیا۔
- باقی لوگ ٹیکس دے رہے ہیں جو میں دوں
- پڑھائی میں ہمیشہ کمزور رہا۔ میٹرک بمشکل پاس کر سکا۔ کیا کرتا، گاؤں کا سکول تھا، اور استاد سارے سفارشی اور نالائق۔
- فلاں شہر کے بندے سے ہاتھ ملانا تو پھر انگلیاں گن لینا



## آؤ جینا سیکھیں



تنہائی اور اکیلا پن جان لیوا بیماریاں بن سکتی ہیں۔ پہلے یہ دونوں مل کر بزدل بنا دیں گی یا بزدلی آپ کو تنہائی کے اندھے غار میں دھکیل دے گی۔ شخصیت کی کمزوری اور اندر کا خوف بہت سی اشکال میں ظاہر ہو سکتا ہے۔ خوف اور خود اعتمادی میں کمی کی بہت ساری وجوہات ہو سکتی ہیں۔ لیکن سب سے بڑی وجہ پہچان کا بحران ہے۔ کہ آپ کون ہیں؟ آپ خود کو کیا سمجھتے ہیں؟ کمزور اور خوف زدہ شخص نہیں جانتا اس کا خالق کون ہے اور یہی وجہ ہے کہ ایسے لوگوں کو اپنا مقصد حیات صرف ایک سراب، پرچھائیں یا ہیولا نظر آتا ہے۔ اور ایسے انسان کی زندگی صرف ایک رد عمل کا پرتو بن کر رہ جاتی ہے۔ اور اسکے تمام تر تجزیے، نتائج اور فیصلوں کا حتمی جج یا قاضی اس کے تعصبات، ذات کا بحران یا خوف ہوتے ہیں۔

ذمہ داری سے فرار، خاموشی، پردہ پوشی، ہر دوسرے شخص سے راز داری، مصلحت کے تحت بیان سازی (جھوٹ) یا موقع کے مطابق بات سب خوف کی مختلف شکلیں یا علامتیں ہیں۔ بہادری اور بزدلی کا سماجی مقام سے اور سرکاری عہدے سے کوئی تعلق نہیں۔ یہ مسئلہ شخصیت کی تعلیم، تربیت اور اٹھان کا ہے۔ ایک وزیراعظم کا یا مالی کا خوف، صرف اظہار کی ہیئت میں مختلف ہوگا۔ مثلاً "ادارہ کا سربراہ اپنی کمزوری یا غلطی کی ذمہ داری کسی ماتحت پر ڈال کر اس کام کی سزا بھی اپنے ماتحت کو دے سکتا ہے۔ یا جس اہم پالیسی و دستاویز پر اس نے دستخط کرنے تھے، بوجہ اپنی بزدلی اپنے نائب یا ڈپٹی کو دستخط کرنے کو کہہ سکتا ہے۔ ادارے کی تمام تر کمزوری اور نقصانات کی ذمہ داری اپنے سے پہلے حاکم اور انچارج پر ڈال سکتا ہے۔

مالی پودا جل جانے کی ذمہ داری شدید گرمی، پانی کی عمومی کمی یا گھر کے ملازم پر ڈال سکتا ہے۔ بات بے بات غصہ، چھوٹی سی مشکل پر حوصلہ ہار جانا، برداشت میں کمی اور مندرجہ ذیل فقرے کمزور اور بزدل شخصیت کی چغلی کھارہے ہوتے ہیں:

- مجھے کیا پتہ۔

- میں نے نہیں کیا۔

چند احادیث ہمیں بہت پسند ہیں، اسی طرح چند سنت النبی ﷺ ہماری حرز جاں ہیں۔۔۔  
 سب کیوں نہیں۔۔۔ بقیہ کیوں نہیں؟؟؟ چند معاملات میں قرآن حوالہ ہوتا ہے، کچھ کے لئے سنت۔  
 بقیہ معاملات کے لئے پسند کی شریعت اور باپ دادا کے فقہ میں عافیت تلاش کی جاتی ہے۔۔۔ جہاں  
 تعصبات اور انا کی کسی صورت تسکین نہ ہو رہی ہو۔۔۔ اور جہالت کمزور پڑتی نظر آرہی ہو۔۔۔  
 وہاں خاندانی روایات اور رسموں کا سہارا لیا جاتا ہے۔۔۔  
 یہ تو شائد سب جانتے ہیں کہ مسلمانوں کا کوئی بھی نبی (۳:۱۴۴) یا رسول سنی تھا نہ شیعہ (۶:۱۵۹)۔۔۔  
 نہ ہی کسی کو فقہ کی ضرورت پڑی اور نہ ہی جعفری۔۔۔ شافعی یا حنفی بننے کی۔۔۔ اور رب کائنات نے اپنے آخری نبی کی  
 زندگی میں ہی اپنے دین (۶:۱۵۳) کے مکمل ہونے کی خوش خبری بھی دے دی (۵:۳)، اور دوسرے راستوں پر چلنے  
 سے منع بھی کر دیا۔۔۔۔۔ ہے نہ یہ سب کچھ سوچ طلب، غور طلب۔۔۔  
 آئیے نئے سرے سے مسلمان بننا سیکھیں۔۔۔ اور ایک نئی زندگی کا آغاز کریں۔

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## سوال؟

کیا آج کوئی نیا سوال ہے؟  
 کیا کل کسی نئے سوال کا جواب ڈھونڈا تھا؟  
 کیا کل کوئی غلطی کی تھی، کچھ یاد ہے؟  
 گزرے ہفتے یا ماہ میں جو غلطیاں کی تھیں،  
 یاد ہیں۔ لکھیں تھیں کہیں؟  
 اس نے آج ایک نیا دن دیا ہے۔  
 کیا ممکن ہے کہ آپ اپنے کل تک کے  
 تجربے میں اضافہ کر پائیں۔۔۔

ہاں عین ممکن ہے:  
 اگر۔۔۔  
 ☆ آپ نیا سوال کر سکتے ہیں۔۔۔۔ اور  
 ☆ جو کل تک جانتے تھے اور سیکھ چکے تھے  
 اس نے آپ کو کچھ نیا سیکھنے سے معذور نہیں کر دیا تو۔

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۱۳۔ انبیاء السلام ابرہیم، لوط، شعیب، صالح، یوسف، موسیٰ۔۔۔ اور نبی آخر الزماں ﷺ قرآن سورۃ ۲۸، ۱۹، ۱۲	سب نے روئے زمین میں بہت دور دراز علاقوں کا سفر کیا۔ وہ کاروبار اور تجارت کے ذریعے انسانیت سے معاملہ کرتے، انسانی معاشروں کا مشاہدہ کرتے اور ان کے ہادی اور طبیب بن کر نکلتے۔ یوں رب کی زمین میں اس کا نظام قائم کرنے کی سعی کرتے۔
س کیا آپ نے اس غرض سے کبھی سفر کیا۔۔۔ آپ کے بھائیوں اور دوستوں میں کوئی ایسا ہاں یا نہیں مرد مسلم؟	
۱۴۔ حضرت محمد ﷺ کے مدنی دور میں مساجد کی تعداد آہستہ آہستہ بڑھتی چلی گئی اور تعداد نو تک پہنچ گئی۔ کسی مسجد میں گنبد تھا، نہ مینار۔۔۔ اور نہ ہی عورتوں کے لئے الگ کمرہ۔	الرحیق المختوم ص ۲۵۲-۲۵۵ باب مسجد اسلام اور ہم، بحوالہ اسلام اقرآن اور ہم
س کیا آپ نے ایسی مسجد دیکھی، سنی یا تعمیر ہوتے دیکھی؟	
۱۵۔ اللہ کے آخری نبی ﷺ نے جب حبشہ کے بادشاہ نجاشی کی موت کی خبر سنی تو بولے، اپنے بھائی کے جنازے کے لئے صف بندی کرو۔ وہ عیسائی تھا اور نبی نے اس کی غائبانہ نماز جنازہ پڑھی۔	راوی ابو ہریرہؓ ترمذی شریف
س کیسے کیا آپ نے اس حدیث مبارکہ پر کبھی عمل درآمد ہوتے دیکھا؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۱۶۔ ۱۔ (آنحضرت ﷺ نے) فرمایا، (دیکھو) دوسرے پیغمبروں پر مجھ کو فضیلت نہ دو۔ ۲۔ لا تخیرونی علی موسیٰ۔ ۳۔ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَا تَفْضِلُوا بَيْنَ أَنْبِيَاءِ ترجمہ: پھر فرمایا اللہ کے پیغمبروں میں ایک کو دوسرے پر فضیلت نہ دیا کرو۔ ۴۔۔۔ لا يَقُولَنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ اِنِّیْ خَیْرٌ مِنْ یُّوْنُسَ۔۔۔ ترجمہ: کوئی یوں نہ کہے کہ میں یونس (پیغمبر) سے اچھا ہوں۔	قرآن ۱۵۰: ۱۔ متفقہ علیہ، پارہ ۱۸، کتاب التفسیر باب تفسیر سورہ الاعراف باب ۲۸۸۔ ۲۔ باب بد الخلق و ذکر الانبیاء علیہم الصلوٰۃ والسلام الفصل الاول مشکوٰۃ المصابیح ۳۔ (۲۳۷)۔ (باب ۲۳۶) ۴۔ بخاری شریف پارہ ۱۳، کتاب بد الخلق، حضرت یونس کا بیان۔
س کیا آپ تمام انبیاء کو ایک ہی طرح لکھتے اور پکارتے ہیں؟ اور تمام انبیاء کی مدحت بھی لکھتے اور پڑھتے ہیں اور سب کا یوم ولادت بھی مناتے ہیں؟	ہاں یا نہیں

۹۔ آخری نبی ﷺ نے زندگی کے بیشتر حصے میں دو ڈھیلی ڈھالی چادروں کو زیب تن رکھا۔ اکثر تہمند کا نام استعمال کیا گیا۔ ایران سے واپسی پر آپ نے پاجامہ کو پسند کیا۔۔ اور بغیر کالر کے کرتے کا بھی استعمال کرتے رہے۔ شلواریا سلبار کبھی نہیں پہنی۔ اور زبان کے بارے کسی حوالے کی ضرورت نہیں۔	کتاب اللباس ص ۴۵۵-۴۶۵ جلد سوم صحیح البخاری الرحیق المختوم ص ۹۵
س خیر پختون خواہ اور لکھنؤ کے مسلمانوں کے لئے۔۔ اور دیگر زبانوں کے بولنے والوں کے لئے اس حدیث کا کوئی عملی مقام ہے؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۱۰۔ اللہ جل شانہ کے انبیاء کا سلسلہ تقریباً ۸،۵۰۰ سے ۹،۰۰۰ سال تک جاری رہا۔ مختلف علاقوں اور معاشروں سے آنے والے تمام انبیاء کا صرف ایک ہی نام تھا۔ اسلام میں کوئی بیگم ابرہیم ﷺ تھی اور نہ ہی بیگم محمد ﷺ۔ نہ کوئی زینب محمدؓ اور نہ ہی کلثوم محمدؓ۔	الرحیق المختوم ص ۷۵ القرآن
س کیا آپ کا بھی ایک ہی نام ہے، اور آپ کی بیوی اور بچوں کے بھی نام کے ساتھ آپ کا نام نہیں؟ اس حدیث کی اتباع میں کوئی خاندانی رسم و رواج؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۱۱۔ حضرت محمد ﷺ نے اپنی زندگی میں نو گھر بنائے۔ سب کے سب یک کمرہ گھر تھے۔	
س کیا آپ بھی ایک ہی کمرے کے گھر میں رہتے ہیں۔۔ اور اپنے گھر میں اتباع رسول کی خاطر ایک ہی کمرہ رکھنا چاہتے ہیں؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۱۲۔ ہر جمعہ کی نماز پر ایک ہی آذان ہوتی۔ اور یہ سلسلہ حضرت عثمانؓ تک چلتا رہا۔ اور ہر جمعہ کے اجتماع میں نیا خطبہ دیا جاتا، جو مملکت اسلامیہ اور کائنات خداوند کے حالات حاضرہ کا تجزیہ اور اس پر تبصرہ ہوتا۔	باب ۳۳۱ کتاب الاذان جلداول صحیح البخاری
س کہیئے کیا آپ کی مسجد میں بھی ایسا ہی ہوتا ہے؟ کیا کسی تبدیلی کا ارادہ یا منصوبہ ہے؟	ہاں یا نہیں

۴۔	حضرت داؤد علیہ السلام ایک بادشاہ تھے ان کے بیٹے حضرت سلیمان علیہ السلام بھی ایک بادشاہ تھے۔ آخری نبی نے تقریباً دس سال حکومت کی۔	قرآن ۳۸:۳۰ الرحیق المختوم ص ۹۳۰ زبور ۱
س	کیا آپ نے حاکم وقت بننے کی کوشش کی، یا اس حدیث الانبیاء کی اتباع کر رہے ہیں؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۵۔	نبی آخر الزماں علیہ السلام نے مختلف وقتوں میں آٹھ بادشاہوں اور حاکمان وقت کو خطوط ارسال کئے۔۔ خطوط کے مقاصد اور مندرجات کے بارے حوالہ ملاحظہ ہو۔	الرحیق المختوم ص ۹۳۳-۹۷۶
س	آپ کتنے ارباب اختیار یا سربراہان وقت کو خطوط لکھے چکے ہیں۔۔ یا لکھنے کی تیاری کر رہے ہیں؟ یا بطور خلیفۃ اللہ؛ اس ذمہ داری کے بارے کچھ کیا؟ یا کبھی اپنے امام مسجد سے اس حدیث کے بارے اور اس پر عمل کے بارے کچھ سنا ہو؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۶۔	حضرت محمد علیہ السلام نے اپنے قریب ترین دوست، حضرت ابوبکرؓ؛ جو ان سے عمر میں صرف ڈیڑھ سال کے فرق سے تھے؛ ان کی بیٹی سے شادی کی۔	
س	کہیئے آپ اگر سرسریں تو کیا آپ کا داماد سے اور اگر داماد ہیں تو۔۔ سرسے عمر کا یہی فرق ہے؟ کیا آپ کے معاشرے میں اس اسوۂ حسنہ کی پیروی ہوتی ہے؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۷۔	آخری نبی علیہ السلام نے ایک خاتون جو عمر میں پندرہ سال بڑی تھیں اور دو کفار کی بیوہ تھیں، ان سے شادی کی۔۔ اور کبھی بھی ان کا نام نہیں بدلا۔ حضرت عیسیٰ ابن مریم علیہ السلام نے کبھی شادی نہ کی۔۔۔	
س	کیا شادی بیاہ کے معاملے میں آپ کسی نبی کی حدیث کی پیروی کرتے ہیں؟	ہاں یا نہیں
۸۔	حضرت محمد علیہ السلام نے اپنی دو بیٹیوں کی شادی اپنے چچا ابولعب کے دو بیٹوں، عتبہ اور عتیبہ سے کی۔۔ وہ دونوں اپنے باپ کی طرح غیر مسلم تھے۔	الرحیق المختوم ص ۱۲۳
س	کیا شادی بیاہ کے معاملے میں آپ کسی نبی کی حدیث کی پیروی کرتے ہیں؟	ہاں یا نہیں



## چند غور طلب اور جواب طلب سوالات

سولہ سوالات پیش خدمت ہیں۔ یقیناً ایسے بہت سارے اور بھی شامل کئے جاسکتے ہیں۔ ہر سوال سے پہلے قرآن، سیرت النبی یا صحیحہ سے ایک تاریخی واقعہ یا حقیقت، بمعہ حوالہ بیان کی گئی ہے۔ اگر آپ اس بیان سے متفق ہیں تو پھر اس حقیقت پر مبنی سوال آپ کے لئے ایک سوال کی حیثیت رکھتا ہے؛ وگرنہ نہیں۔ چھوڑ دیجئے اور آگے بڑھیے اور آپ یقیناً درست جواب دے کر خوشی محسوس کریں گے۔ آپ کی خوشی کو دو بالا کرنے کے لئے ہر درست جواب پر سو روپے انعام بھی رکھا گیا ہے۔ یوں آپ ۶۰۰ روپے جیت سکتے ہیں۔۔۔ آئیے بسم اللہ کیجئے۔۔۔

۱۔	نبی آخر الزماں ﷺ نے مدینہ میں نئی ریاست کے قیام کے لئے ایک نیا آئین پیش کیا۔ اور ایک ایسی مسلم ریاست کا کامیاب آغاز کیا جہاں یہودی اکثریت میں تھے اور مسلم [معاهدے کی دفعات ص ۶۲-۶۲۳] اقلیت میں۔
س	کیا آپ نے کبھی آئین لکھا، لکھنے کی سعی کی یا اس حدیث کی پیروی کی کوشش کی ہو؟ ہاں یا نہیں
۲۔	محمد ﷺ جب گلی سے گزرتے ہوئے در و دیوار پر تھوک کا نشان دیکھتے تو، ایک چھوٹی سی چھڑی کے ٹکڑے سے یا درخت کی شاخ سے؛ جو جیب میں اس کام کے لئے رکھی ہوتی؛ اس کو مٹا دیتے۔
س	کیا آپ نے کبھی کوئی ایسی چھڑی یا کوئی چیز اپنے پاس رکھی کہ تھوک کا نشان مٹائیں، یا آپ ایسے کتنے نشان روزانہ مٹاتے ہیں؟ آپ کے دوستوں یا قریبی رشتے داروں میں ایسی کوئی رسم یا عادت؟ یا آپ کتنے لوگوں کو روزانہ سرعام اور سرراہ تھوکتے ہوئے دیکھتے ہیں؟
۳۔	آخری نبی ﷺ نے سترہ (۱۷) یا اکیس (۲۱) جنگیں (غزوات) بہ نفس نفیس لڑیں۔ اور ستر سے زائد چھوٹے بڑے مسلح معرکوں (سریہ) کی منصوبہ بندی اور نگرانی کی۔
س	آپ نے اسلام کی خاطر کتنی جنگوں میں حصہ لیا۔ یا ارادہ رکھتے ہیں۔۔۔ کیا آپ کے والد نے آپ کو یا آپ نے اپنے بچوں کو ایسی رغبت یا تربیت دی؟

**Translation:** Of those who spilt up their religion (i.e. who left the true Islamic monothism) and became sects, {they invented new things in the religion and followed their vain desire}, each sect rejoicing in that which is with it.

(Dr. Muhammad Muhsin,  
Dr. Muhammad Taqi-ud-Din Al-Hlali)

تم سب حضرت آدمؑ کی اولاد ہو اور آدمؑ مٹی سے تھے اور اللہ کے نبی بھی۔ وہ بھی مسلمان تھے اور محمد ﷺ بھی۔  
اللہ کے انبیاء میں سے کوئی بھی سنی، شیعہ یا وہابی نہیں تھا۔ قرآن نہایت صریح الفاظ میں فرقہ بندی، گروہ بندی اور  
تقسیم فی الدین کی مذمت کر رہا ہے۔ اگر آپ شناخت کے لیے کسی فرقہ کے مرہون منت ہیں تو بتلایئے ایسا  
کیوں ہے؟ کیا قرآن و سنت آپ کی عقل، فہم و فراست کے لیے کافی نہیں؟

اگر آپ باپ دادا کو درست نہیں کر سکتے تو کم از کم خود اللہ اور اس کے انبیاء کے راستے کی طرف لوٹ آئیے۔  
اللہ سے مدد مانگئے یا ایک نعبد وایاک نستعین۔

باب پنجم اسلام قرآن اور ہم۔ 2006ء

## محبت

صرف زندہ چیزیں بڑھتی، پھیلتی اور پھولتی ہیں۔ پتھر، قبریں اور مزار گزرتے وقت کے ساتھ بوسیدہ اور ٹوٹ پھوٹ کا شکار  
ہو جاتے ہیں۔ محبت دینے کا نام ہے، دل ہار کر جیت جانے کا۔ پرستش کا نہیں۔ کسی نبی نے کسی کا یوم ولادت منایا نہ عرس  
نہ یوم وفات۔ زندہ ہیں تو آؤ دیتے چلیں، کل سے بہتر کل سے زیادہ۔ بس یہی کچھ ہے تقاضہ محبت۔

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## ہم کیا نہیں ہیں؟

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيعًا لَسَتْ  
مِنْهُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ إِنَّمَا أَمْرُهُمْ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ يُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾

الانعام 159: 6

ترجمہ: جنہوں نے راہیں نکالیں اپنے دین میں اور ہو گئے بہت سے فرقے تجھ کو ان سے کچھ سروکار نہیں۔  
ان کا کام اللہ ہی کے حوالے ہے پھر وہی بتلائے گا ان کو جو کچھ وہ کرتے ہیں۔  
(مولانا محمود الحسن شاہ، مولانا شبیر احمد عثمانی)

**Translation:** Verily, those who divide their religion and break up into sects (all kinds of religious sects,) you (O Muhammad) have no concern in them, in the least. Their affair is only with Allah, who then will tell them what they used to do.

(Dr. Muhammad Muhsin,  
Dr. Muhammad Taqi-ud-Din Al-Hilali)

مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا  
دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيعًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

الروم 32: 30

ترجمہ: جنہوں نے اپنا اپنا دین الگ بنا لیا ہے اور گروہوں میں بٹ گئے ہیں۔ ہر گروہ کے پاس جو کچھ ہے اسی میں مگن ہے۔  
(تفہیم القرآن: مولانا مودودی)

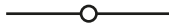
ان تازہ خداؤں میں بڑا سب سے وطن ہے  
جو پیر ہن اس کا ہے وہ مذہب کا کفن ہے  
یہ بُت کہ تراشیدہ تہذیبِ نوی ہے  
غارتِ گر کا شانہء دینِ نبوی ہے

دین، کو اللہ کے دین اسلام کو بانٹ کر یہودیت اور عیسائیت کے نام دیئے گئے اور ان سب کے اندر مزید فرقے اور ٹکڑے اور حصے بخرے ہوتے چلے گئے۔ خود کو مسلمان کہنے والے حضرت عیسیٰ ﷺ کو کسی اور امت کا نبی ماننے لگ گئے۔ سورۃ مومنون کی آیات 53-52 کی تعلیمات یکسر بھول گئیں، کہ تم سب ایک ہی امت ہو۔ پہچان کے بحران نے مزید تنگ و تاریک گلیوں میں دھکیل دیا۔ دین کی خدمت اور دینی تعلیم کے نام پر مسلک، فقہ اور فرقہ کو فروغ دیا گیا۔ آج میرے لیے سنی یا شیعہ بنے یا کہلائے بغیر مسلمان بننا ناممکن نہیں تو انتہائی مشکل بن چکا ہے۔

کیا یہ حوالہ جات قرآنی کافی نہیں؟ ان سے مدد حاصل کریں۔ اس تحفہ کیاب سے استفادہ حاصل کریں۔ اسکو مکمل اور آخری جانیں۔ اسکو برہانِ فرقان جانیں۔

کہیے کیا اب بھی آپ کے پاس سنی یا شیعہ بن کر رہنے کا اور حضرت موسیٰ ﷺ کو یہودی یا حضرت عیسیٰ ﷺ کو عیسائی جاننے کا کوئی جواز ہے؟ کیا ہم انبیاء میں مراتب قائم کر سکتے ہیں کیا کسی کو سردار اور کسی کو سوالی بنا سکتے ہیں؟ اپنی پہچان اور شناخت انتہائی ضروری ہے۔ اس کی درستگی اس سے بھی زیادہ ضروری ہے۔ یہی وہ نقطہء آغاز ہے جو آپکی سوچ، عمل، اور اخلاق (Conduct) کیلئے بنیاد فراہم کرتا ہے۔ آپکے علم و عمل میں اضافہ کی بہت ساری دُعاؤں کے ساتھ۔

باب چہارم اسلام قرآن اور ہم۔ 2006ء



ترجمہ: اللہ تعالیٰ نے تمہارے لئے وہی دین مقرر کر دیا ہے جس کے قائم کرنے کا اس نے نوح کو حکم دیا تھا اور جو (بذریعہ وحی) ہم نے تیری طرف بھیج دی ہے اور جس کا تاکید حکم ہم نے ابراہیم اور موسیٰ اور عیسیٰ کو دیا تھا کہ اس دین کو قائم رکھنا اور اس میں پھوٹ نہ ڈالنا جس چیز کی طرف آپ انہیں بلا رہے وہ تو (ان) مشرکین پر گراں گذرتی ہے، اللہ تعالیٰ جسے چاہتا ہے اپنا برگزیدہ بناتا ہے اور جو بھی اس کی طرف رجوع کرے وہ اس کی صحیح رہنمائی کرتا ہے۔

(مولانا صلاح الدین یوسف، مولانا محمد جون گڑھی)

آپ کون ہیں؟ ایک بظاہر سادہ سوال اور اس کا ایک انتہائی سادہ اور مختصر جواب آپ کا نام ہو سکتا ہے۔ مگر کیا کہیے اس سادہ سے استفسار کے پیچھے بڑے طوفان چھپے ہیں۔ پہچان کے بحران نے اور غلط بنیادوں پر استوار پہچان نے دنیا میں شدید ترین مسائل پیدا کئے ہیں۔

ڈارون نے کہا کہ ہم انسان بندروں (Apes) کی ارتقائی منزل ہیں۔ معلوم نہیں یہ سلسلہ اور عمل ارتقاء اگلی شکل کیا اختیار کرے؟ Behavioral Psychologists نے تھیوری X اور Y کی بنیاد رکھی۔ ہٹلر نے خود کو بلند پایہ نسل Arian، قرار دے کر لاکھوں یہودیوں کے قتل کو جائز جانا۔ نریندر سنگھ مودی نے جو صوبہ گجرات، ہندوستان، کا وزیر اعلیٰ تھا، حکومتی منصوبہ بندی یا کم از کم حکومتی مدد کے تحت 2500 مسلمانوں کو نذر آتش کر دیا۔ ابھی تک 16000 مسلمان بے گھر ہیں۔ کچھ لوگ قبیلے اور برادریوں میں بٹ کر تعصبات کی گہرائیوں میں گر گئے۔ کچھ علاقائی بنیادوں پر بٹ گئے اور الگ قومیں اور نسلیں قرار پائے اور اس طرح ایک اور طرز کی کشمکش اور جنگ میں مبتلا ہو گئے اور انسان واحد کی اولاد ہونے سے اور خدائے واحد کے پیروکار ہونے سے منکر ہو گئے۔ تاریخ فرانسیسیوں اور برطانوی قوم کی سو سالہ جنگ پر شاہد ہے۔ زبان، لباس اور جغرافیائی حدود، سب نے مل کر وطن پرستی کے خدا کو جلادی۔ تب اقبال نے اسکو یوں محسوس کیا۔

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ  
بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ  
وَيَقُولُوا نُوْمِنُ بِبَعْضٍ وَنَكْفُرُ بِبَعْضٍ وَيُرِيدُونَ  
أَنْ يَتَّخِذُوا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا ﴿١٥٢﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ  
حَقًّا وَاعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُّهِينًا ﴿١٥٣﴾ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَلَمْ يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ أُولَٰئِكَ سَوْفَ  
نُؤْتِيهِمْ أَجْرَهُم بِغُورِهِمْ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿١٥٤﴾

النساء 150-152: 4

ترجمہ: جو لوگ منکر ہیں اللہ سے اور اس کے رسولوں سے اور چاہتے ہیں کہ فرق نکالیں اللہ میں اور اس کے رسولوں میں اور کہتے ہیں ہم مانتے ہیں بعضوں کو اور چاہتے ہیں کہ نکالیں اسکے بیچ میں ایک راہ، ایسے لوگ وہی ہیں اصل کافر، اور ہم نے تیار کر رکھا ہے۔ کافروں کے واسطے ذلت کا عذاب اور لوگ ایمان لائے اللہ پر اور اس کے رسولوں پر اور جدانہ کیا ان میں سے کسی کو ان کو جلد دے گا انکے ثواب اور اللہ ہے بخشنے والا مہربان۔

(مولانا محمود الحسن شاہ، مولانا شبیر احمد عثمانی)

شَرَعَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّى بِهِ نُوحًا وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا  
إِلَيْكَ وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى وَعِيسَى أَنْ أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ  
وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ كَبُرَ عَلَى الْمُشْرِكِينَ مَا تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَيْهِ اللَّهُ  
يَجْتَبِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يُنِيبُ ﴿١٣﴾

الشورى 13: 42

ءَاٰمَنَ الرَّسُوْلُ بِمَاۤ اُنْزِلَ  
اِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَّبِّهِۦۚ وَالْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ كُلُّۭ ءَاٰمَنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَمَلٰٓئِكَتِهٖۚ وَكُتُبِهٖۚ  
وَرُسُلِهٖۚ لَا تَفْرِقُ بَيْنَ اَحَدٍ مِّنْ رُّسُلِهٖۚ وَقَالُوْا سَمِعْنَا  
وَاَطَعْنَا غُفْرٰنَكَ رَبَّنَا وَاِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيْرُ ﴿٢٨٥﴾

البقرہ 2: 285

ترجمہ: رسول اس پر ایمان لایا جو اس پر اس کے رب کی طرف سے نازل ہوا، اور سب ایمان لانے والے بھی اللہ پر، اسکے ملائکہ پر، اور اسکی کتابوں پر، اور اسکے رسولوں پر ایمان لائے (انکا قول ہے) ہم اس کے رسولوں میں کسی ایک میں بھی فرق نہیں سمجھتے، اور وہ کہتے ہیں ہم نے سن لیا اور ہم نے اطاعت کی، اے ہمارے رب ہم تیری مغفرت کے خواستگار ہیں، اور تیری ہی طرف لوٹ کر آنا ہے۔

(ابومنصور)

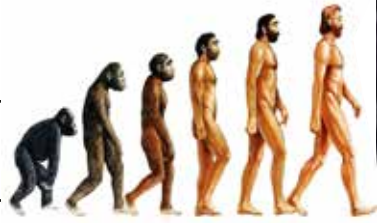
قُلْ ءَاٰمَنَّا بِاللّٰهِ وَمَاۤ اُنْزِلَ عَلَيْنَا وَمَاۤ اُنْزِلَ عَلٰٓى اِبْرٰهِيْمَ  
وَاسْمٰعِيْلَ وَيَسْحٰقَ وَيَعْقُوْبَ وَالْاَسْبَاطِ وَمَاۤ اُوْتِيَ  
مُوسٰى وَعِيسٰى وَالنَّبِيُّوْنَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا تَفْرِقُ بَيْنَ اَحَدٍ  
مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُۥ مُسْلِمُوْنَ ﴿٨٤﴾

آل عمران 3: 84

ترجمہ: تو کہہ ہم ایمان لائے اللہ پر اور جو کچھ اتر ابراہیم پر اور اسمعیل پر اور اسحاق پر اور یعقوب پر اور اس کی اولاد پر اور جو ملا موسیٰ کو اور عیسیٰ کو اور جو ملا سب نبیوں کو انکے پروردگار کی طرف سے ہم جدا نہیں کرتے ان میں کسی کو اور ہم اسی کے فرمانبردار ہیں۔

(مولانا محمود الحسن شاہ، مولانا شبیر احمد عثمانی)

## ہم کون ہیں؟



إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَى وَالصَّبِيَّانَ  
مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ  
عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

البقرہ 62: 2

ترجمہ: بیشک جو لوگ مسلمان ہوئے اور جو لوگ یہودی اور نصاریٰ اور صابین جو ایمان لایا (اُن میں سے) اللہ پر اور روزِ قیامت پر اور کام کیے نیک تو اُن کے لیے ہے اُن کا ثواب اُن کے رب کے پاس اور نہیں اُن پر خوف اور نہ وہ غمگین ہوں گے۔  
(مولا نامحمد الحسن شاہ، مولا ناشیر احمد عثمانی)

قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا  
أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ  
وَأَلْسَابِطَ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ  
مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

البقرہ 136: 2

ترجمہ: اے مسلمانو تم سب کہو کہ ہم اللہ پر ایمان لائے اور اس ہدایت پر جو ہماری طرف اتاری گئی اور جو ابراہیم علیہ السلام، اسماعیل علیہ السلام، یعقوب علیہ السلام کی طرف نازل ہوئی تھی اور جو موسیٰ علیہ السلام اور عیسیٰ علیہ السلام اور دوسرے تمام پیغمبروں کو اُن کے رب کی طرف سے دی گئی تھی۔ ہم ان کے درمیان فرق نہیں کرتے اور ہم اُسی پروردگار کے فرمانبردار (مسلم) ہیں۔

(تفہیم القرآن: مولا نامودودی)

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## Review



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Colonel Bakhtiar Hakeem is a man of versatile qualities. After retirement, he has kept himself busy spreading his thoughts on matters of national interest, from the platform of *Thinkers Forum Pakistan*. Lately he has joined hands with respected Mr. Sultan Bashir Mahmood on charity work. A noble combination, indeed.

In this book, he calls upon the humanity to know the true meanings of Creation, as expounded in the holy Quran, and suggests an open mind towards this matter, as reflected in the teachings of Islam. His thoughts and writings provide the perspective on life, here and beyond. In the nutshell: “May this book help you discover yourself,” as he himself says – a noble message from a preacher of truth.

I pray May Allah almighty accept his hard work for the noble cause and grant him the courage to keep it going. Allama Iqbal says:

آئینِ جواں مردی حق گوئی و بیباکی  
اللہ کے شیروں کو آتی نہیں رو باہی

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