

IQBAL AND DEMOCRACY

Part II

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Allamah Iqbal's criticism of democracy was firstly because of the creation of special circumstances and secondly was the pointer to some basic defects in democracy. If corrective measures for these defects were adopted these objections not only ceased to exist but democracy became even acceptable to him. This criterion of democracy by Allamah Iqbal cannot be taken to imply his support for monarchy or dictatorship, as our dictators have done in attempting to justify their dictatorial behaviour by quoting some verses of Allamah Iqbal against democracy. Such attempts have always been rejected by the people. The dictator's attempts are equivalent to dishonesty with Iqbal's thought. The Allamah has always rejected monarchy and dictatorship and has always rejected monarchy and dictatorship and has considered them as un-Islamic systems.

In his "Lectures" Allamah Iqbal has designated "Spiritual democracy as the goal of Islam and has adjudged its establishment as a fountainhead of hope for the human race. He says in his lecture on Ijtihad in Islam:

"The growth of republican spirit and the gradual formation of legislative assemblies in Muslim lands constitute a great step forward. The transfer of power of Ijtihad from individual representatives of schools to a Muslim legislative assembly, which in view of the growth of opposing sects is the only possible form ijma can take in modern times, will secure contributions to legal discussions from laymen who happen to possess a keen insight into affairs."¹⁹

¹⁹ Reference 23: pp, 173-74.

Allamah Iqbal, not only liked the democratic experiment in the Islamic State of Turkey, consisting of a Muslim majority, but also accepted their *ijtihad* that the elected parliament of an Islamic country should have the power of elucidation, interpretation and explanation of Islamic laws. In the Allamah's view, the interests of the Islamic *fiqh* whose reconstruction and consolidation in the new age in conformity with its demands, was his ardent desire, would be best served if this duty should be assumed by the elected parliaments of Muslim countries. This was the reason for the Allamah considering the growth and development of the democratic spirit and the gradual establishment of legislative assemblies in the Islamic world as a great progressive step forward. This also shows that the Allamah was critical of democracy in the sub-continent on account of its special circumstances, but welcomed it in the Islamic world where Muslims constituted the majority. Allamah Iqbal was even convinced that if the system of the Divinely guided *khilafah* had continued it would have been reshaped into democratic institutions and legislative assemblies, and the legislature, instead of individuals, would have legislated by collective decisions. According to him individuals got the right of *ijtihad* on account of the absolute monarchy of the Umayyad and Abasi who wanted to make themselves powerful instead of making any legislature to be its fountainhead. The ardent desire of Allamah Iqbal for an independent legislature can be gauged from the analysis of the tragedy of the journey from the *khilafah* to monarchy during the period from the divinely guided *khilafah* to the Umayyad and Abbasid *Khaleefahs*. He says:

Possibly its (*ijma's*) transformation into a permanent representative institution was contrary to the political interests of the kind of absolute monarchy that grew up in Islam immediately after the fourth *Khaleefah*. It was, I think, favorable to the interests of the Umayyad and Abbasid *Khaleefahs* to leave the power of *ijtihad* to individual *mujtahids* rather than encourage the formation of a permanent assembly which might become too powerful for them.²⁰

This means that in the Allamah's view, frustrating the efforts to establish a permanent legislative assembly or *ijtihad*, assembly was the achievement of Muslim monarchies. In view of this are not the people who want to prove

²⁰ Reference 23: p. 173

opposition to the establishment of legislative assembly or parliament from the Allamah's works blowing the trumpets of the kings and dictators? The Allamah considers the following to be the only solution of the problems of Muslims:

For the present every Muslim nation must submerge into its own deeper self, temporarily focus her vision on herself alone, until all are strong and powerful to form a living family of republics.²¹

The Allamah even believes that:

The teaching of the Holy Qur'an that life is a process of progressive creation necessitates that each generation guided, but unhampered, by the model of its predecessors, should be permitted to solve its own problems.²²

These two extracts clarify the Allamah's desire that fiqh should not be an obstruction in the way of Muslims in living their lives at present, but should be explained and interpreted according to the demands of the present day world where necessary. They should obtain and use maximum guidance from their predecessors. This means that it is desirable to keep in view the experiences of their predecessors while chartering a new path in reshaping of fiqh. Still there is no harm in differing from them. Secondly, the Allamah desired that all Muslim countries should establish legislative assemblies in their respective areas should interpret fiqh according to their circumstances and should benefit from each other's experiences and then all should unite to form a federation or administration of Islamic republics, and thus should pave the way for the unity of the Islamic world. According to him this was a practical and exemplary state of affairs which the Muslims could adopt. They can still do so. This, according to the Allamah, is the demand of the renaissance of Islam in the present day world.

It seems to me that God is slowly bringing home to us the truth that Islam is neither nationalism nor imperialism but a League of Nations which recognizes artificial boundaries and racial distinctions for

²¹ Reference 23: p. 159

²² Reference 23: p. 168

facility of reference only and not for restricting the social horizon of its members.²³

With reference to the ijihad of the Turks the Allamah considers democracy indispensable for Islamic State. He says

Let us now see how the Grand National Assembly has exercised the power of ijihad in regard to the institution of Khilafah. According to the Sunni Law the appointment of an Imamae or Khaleefah is absolutely indispensable. The first question that arises in this connection is this: Should the Khilafah be vested in a single person? Turkey's ijihad is that according to the spirit of Islam the Khilafah or Imamahae can be vested in a body of persons, or an elected assembly. The religious doctors of Islam in Egypt or India have not yet expressed themselves on this point. Personally, I believe that the Turkish view is perfectly sound. It is hardly necessary to argue this point. The republican form of government is not only thoroughly consistent with the spirit of Islam, but has also become a necessity in view of the new forces that are set free in the world of Islam.²⁴

After understanding the Allamah's detailed stand underlined above what further reasoning is necessary to bring his democratic perception into evidence. Here, the Allamah, adjudging the democratic system of government to be exactly in accordance with the spirit of Islam, considers it indispensable in the present age. In fact, going a step further he considers the courageous reinterpretation of the Islamic fiqh as essential and states clearly:

Equipped with penetrative thought and fresh experience the world of Islam should courageously proceed with the work of reconstruction before them. This work of reconstruction, however, has a far more serious aspect than mere adjustment, in modern conditions of life.²⁵

The Allamah did not want only remodeling of Islam according to the dictates of the present age, but he wanted to see an insight among Muslims which could interpret the Islamic principles so as to provide them guidance

²³ Reference 23: p. 159

²⁴ Reference 23: p. 159

²⁵ Reference 23: p. 179

in the present day and age. The Allamah has advised us to keep the Russian Revolution also in view in this connection so that arrangements can be made for the State to provide economic assistance also to the people. Consequently, the Allamah says that on the one hand the experience of the Western world and the new economic experiments tried in the neighborhood of Muslim Asia must open our eyes to the inner meanings and destiny of Islam.²⁶

According to the Allamah, while reinterpreting Islam we should keep in view the new ijthad of Turkey, the denial of prophetic consciousness of the European civilization and its unbridled inclination towards materialism leading to ethical decline, and the Russian experience in which the maximum emphasis has been placed on the economic aspect. In the opinion of the Allamah “Europe today is the greatest hindrance in the way of man’s ethical advancement.”²⁷ And “The idealism of Europe never became a living factor in her life and the result is perverted ego seeking itself through mutually intolerant democracies whose sole function is to exploit the poor in the interests of the rich”²⁸. Consequently, humanity is passing through a period of extreme commotion. According to Allamah Iqbal the present day spiritual; or even material needs of the human race can neither be satisfied by the Western capitalist system nor by the Russian communism but only by Islam. He has provided very good analysis of the situation and a reasoned cure when he says”.

Humanity needs three things today-a spiritual interpretation of the universe, spiritual emancipation of mankind and basic principles of a universal import directing the evolution of human society on a spiritual basis.²⁹

He further explains:-

Let the Muslim of today appreciate his position, reconstruct his social life in the light of ultimate principles, and evolve, out of the hitherto partially

²⁶ Reference 23: p. 179

²⁷ Reference 23: p. 179

²⁸ Reference 23: p. 179

²⁹ Reference 23: p. 179

revealed purpose of Islam, that spiritual democracy is the ultimate aim of Islam.³⁰

According to Iqbal the spiritual interpretation of the universe should be made under the principle of tauheed whose spirit leads from the visible to the invisible. Islam is the only way for the spiritual freedom of mankind and establishment of “spiritual democracy” is the basic universal principle which will lead to the evolution of human civilization on spiritual basis. Now let us see what this “spiritual democracy” is:

IQBAL’S CONCEPTS OF SPIRITUAL DEMOCRACY-

After understanding the fact that Allamah Iqbal considered the establishment of “spiritual democracy” indispensable for Muslims and comprehending his views that this democracy should be established “through “an elected assembly.³¹ and that “the republican form of government is thoroughly consistent with the spirit of Islam”³². it becomes easy to understand the concept of spiritual democracy. Allamah Iqbal, warning the West about the ephemerality of its civilization said:

دریا مغرب کے رہنے والو کی بستی دکاں نہیں ہے
کھرا جسے تو سمجھ رہے ہو وہ اب زر کم عیار ہوگا!
تمہاری تہذیب اپنے خنجر سے آپ ہی خودکشی کرے گی
جو شاخ نازک پہ آشیانہ بنے گا، ناپائیدار ہو گا

O people of the West! the God’s world is not for exploitation

What you consider to be economically genuine will turn out to be worthless

Your civilization will commit suicide with its own dagger

The nest built on a frail branch will be unstable.³³

³⁰ Reference 23: p. 180

³¹ Reference 23: p. 157

³² Reference 23: p. 157

³³ Reference 23: p. 150

This was due to the fact that the Western civilization was enamoured of the visible, had distanced itself from prophetic consciousness, had ignored the real purpose of the creation of the universe and life, and had accepted matter as its goal instead of keeping it at its proper place of being only a means for understanding the reality. In the same way, in the social sphere, the West separated politics from deen and an unbridled democracy held sway everywhere which, while endowing man with unrestricted freedom estranged him from the real purpose of his existence. According to Iqbal the real reason for this was the separation of politics from deen. Consequently, he clearly warned that:

جلال پادشاہی ہو یا جمہوری تماشا ہو
جدا ہوویں سیاست سے تو رہ جاتی ہے چنگیزی

It may be the majesty of the royalty or the fanfare of democracy

If deen is separated from politics the latter becomes mere tyranny.³⁴

Considering deen essential for encompassing the entire life, Iqbal believed in keeping politics also subservient to it and wanted the shaping of political systems only under the guidance of deen. Iqbal's spiritual democracy is synonymous with harmony between deen and politics. Sovereignty is the sixth pillar of deen and deen cannot be established without sovereignty and the State.

MAN AS GOD'S VICEGERENT ON EARTH-

According to Islam man is the spiritual leader, is God's Vicegerent on earth, and the establishment and enforcement of God's will on earth is a duty and Divine Command for the entire human race. Not any one person but the entire human race inhabiting the earth constitutes spiritual leadership and has been commissioned for the enforcement of God's Will on earth. God's Guidance, the Holy Qur'an is His last Command, and the Muslims being its acceptors are specially obligated to enforce it, not severally but collectively. This responsibility devolves on all Muslims and not on any one class of society only. All Muslims are as such answerable for that before God. Every

³⁴ Iqbal, Dr. Sir Muhammad Bal-i-Jibreel. Published by Maktaba-i-Jamia, Delhi, India, p. 62
2nd Edition.

Muslim will be examined for the part he had played in establishing the Islamic system and enforcing God's Will. If somebody falls short of his responsibility in this regard he will be answerable for his shortcoming. In other words establishment of God's Kingdom on earth is incumbent not only on one group but is the over riding Divine Commission for all Muslims. Hence, all Muslims must initiate action for enforcing God's Will. According to Allamah Iqbal the sovereignty of the universe belongs to God. Sovereignty, authority and power befit Him alone and if somebody considers the exercise of these attributes to be his prerogative he is guilty of idolatry.

سروری زبیا فقط اس ذات ہے ہمتا کو ہے
حکمران ہے اک وہی باقی بتان آزادی!

Sovereignty befits only the Unique Being

He is the only Sovereign, all the rest are false idols³⁵

SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATE

Sovereignty of a State in the political sense befits God alone and the Divine Command for the Vicegerent of God, i.e. man is to use this authority transferred to him for the enforcement of God's Will. In the Western democracy this sovereignty belongs completely to the people. A country's people can declare intoxicants lawful or unlawful as they wish and are fully empowered to deal with lewdness in the same way. This is so because sovereignty of the State is considered to be their statutory right. Sovereignty in "spiritual democracy" is not the right of any individual or nation but that of God. Mankind, being Vicegerents of God is obligated to enforce His Will and nobody is empowered to alter it, whereas in Western democracy the people are fully empowered to alter it and exercise their own will. There can be various interpretations of the Will of God in an Islamic "spiritual democracy" but any change, in even a word or its purport in the real source of the Law, i.e. the Holy Qur'an, is not possible. This leads to the shaping of a responsible democracy having a positive and permanent value system for controlling 'society, which can create social and cultural stability instead of perpetrating social anarchy, promotion of lewdness and unbridled freedom.

³⁵ Reference 15: p. 296.

The eminent Iqbalist, the late Bashir Ahmad Dar, casting light on the political philosophy of Iqbal, changing Abraham Lincoln's famous saying about democracy "the rule of the people, for the people, by the people", writes about sovereignty:

If we could change the famous saying of Abraham Lincoln on defining democracy in the light of the Islamic democracy it would read "Rule of God, for the people, by the people". The government established by the people is in the interests of humanity. but such a government must be operated under the laws framed by God. Man can never be the sovereign. Sovereignty befits God alone. People govern through their representatives under the laws framed by God.³⁶

Moreover, as stated above this sovereignty is the joint heritage of all Muslims, and so no single class can claim the interpretation of the Holy Qur'an, Hadith and the Sunnah as its exclusive right. It is the joint right of all Muslims and jointly they evolve a system which can help them in establishing the Will of God in any State. Now, it is obvious that the joint will of Muslims cannot be included in a monarchy or dictatorship, and all Muslims cannot discharge their responsibility of establishing the will of God through either of these systems. Hence, this leaves the single alternative i.e. the one in which decisions can be made on the basis of the joint opinion of the Muslims. In the early days that alternative was the ba'at through which people used to renunciate their right of opinion in favour of the Khaleefah by surrendering their hands into his, which also demonstrated their confidence in him, In the present age the vote is the instrument of expressing opinion and for showing confidence in the ruler. This vote is the emblem of a Muslim's opinion and will and his confidence in the ruler, through which every person, i.e. every Muslim considers himself to be a partner in the conduct of the government and regards himself an equal partner in the responsibility of his ruler's actions and conduct. He can evaluate the ruler through a vote of no confidence and can call to account the ruler of the State who fails to enforce God's Will. It is not possible in the present day complex and mechanised States to assemble in the mosque or an open space for a common ba'at. or expression of opinion. To adopt the current method of vote in preference to the old time

³⁶ Dar, B.A. A Study of Iqbal's philosophy. Published by Shaikh Ghulam Ali & Sons. Lahore, Pakistan: pp. 276-77, 1971.

ba'at is like relinquishing travel by camel in favour of the car, rail or the ship. In these circumstances if somebody insists on travelling by camel we can only pray for him having such an unsound mind.

It is necessary to remove a common misunderstanding here. In Islam sovereignty does not belong to the people, but is only a trust from God and they are only custodians of the sovereignty of God. Remember that in Islam sovereignty is a joint trust with all Muslims and not with any particular race, society or class. Hence, no aspect of theocracy applies to Islam. In theocracy sovereignty lies in some group, which considers itself to have been commissioned by God and presents itself to be the -interpreter and propagator of the Will of God. In our society some conservative religious scholars have endeavoured to acquire this portion of theocracy, but it has never been accepted, because in Islam the responsibility for enforcing God's Will falls on all Muslims. No group or class has the 'sanctity and the authority to present itself as ordained for the interpretation and enforcement of God's Will, By adjudging the Islamic State a form of theocracy, Maulana Abul A'ala Maududi has presented an incorrect image of the ideal Islamic State. The Maulana says:

The Islamic State, the establishment and promotion of which alone is our goal, is neither a theocracy nor a democracy as understood in Western terminology. It is a unique political and cultural system intermediate between them. The intellectual confusion preying on the minds of the present day Western educated people about "Islamic State" is really the product of Western terminology, which necessarily carries with it western concepts and rallies the whole plethora of Western history before the mind. Theocracy in the Western terminology is a combination of two basic concepts, viz., (i) Divine rule in the sense of legal sovereignty, and (ii) the ecclesiastical class which, presenting itself as God's representative and interpreter, would practically enforces this Divine rule in a legal and political form.³⁷

According to the Maulana "Islam contains only one component of this theocracy and that is the belief in God's sovereignty. The second component certainly does not exist in Islam. As for the third component we have the

³⁷ Maududi, Maulana Syed Abul A'alal Islami Riasat Published by the Islamic Publications, Lahore, Pakistan: pp. 479-80. N.D.

Holy Qur'an, with its comprehensive and detailed commandments, for the interpretation of which we have such instructions in the sayings and the actions of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) for sifting the Truth, and thus have access to authentic procedures' for distinguishing the right from the wrong.³⁸

In disagreeing with this opinion of the Maulana one feels that his point of view was not clear about the Islamic State as well as theocracy, this is so because the Islamic State is an Ideological State based on the concept of Tauheed. It is in no way connected with any concept of theocracy because the basic substance of theocracy is not Divine rule but the concept of the superiority of a special class in the name of God, which considers itself a group of the self-righteous people and interpreters of God's Will. Probably, the Maulana's this very concept of theocracy produced the inclination among the members of his party to consider themselves righteous and led them to claim their right on the State and its government in consequence. In reality Islam is not connected with any group of the righteous people, but imposes the responsibility of God's Vicegerency on all Muslims. Adjudging this very concept of theocracy to be contrary to the spirit of Islamic governmental system professor Muhammad Mazhar-ud-Deen Siddiqu says:

The basic reason for theocracy being excluded from Islam is the absence of any special class in Islamic Society specifically entrusted with the preaching and service of Islam. All Muslims are expected to mould their lives according to Islam wherever and whoever they are, to adopt Islamic concepts and introduce new methods of their presentation. Islam has vigorously opposed monopolistic tendencies in religion and has bestowed the high rank on every Muslim by making him personally responsible before God. Islam has not distinguished between "a religious person the clergy in Christianity and the Maulvies in Islam and a common person," and has prohibited monasticism in all its forms.³⁹

Maulana Muhammad Haneef Nadvi says that Islam does not have theocracy in any form because "In the fourteen hundred year history of

³⁸ Reference 45: p. 480.

³⁹ Siddiqui, Muhammad Mazhar-ud-Deen, Islam and Theocracy, Published by the Institute of Islamic Culture: pp. 42-43.

Islam there is not a single incidence in which the ulamah (religious scholars), faqihs and muhadditheen as an institution or class have ever acquired political power or have ever expressed their longing or even a desire to do so. Therefore, saying that the Islamic State also is a theocracy of a kind in a sense is tantamount. to impressing on the minds a wrong concept about the Islamic State. In Islam every Muslim's opinion is equally respected because every Muslim has been accepted to be God's Vicegerent and a custodian of His Trust and answerable to Him.⁴⁰

SOME ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY

A survey of Islamic history would lead to the conclusion that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) neither appointed any of his relations as his Khaleefah nor hinted at any of his close friends for the Khalifah and leadership after himself. He only signalled to Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A.) once for leading the prayer, which also does not establish his right for the Khilafah after the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) After the death of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) all the claimants for the Khilafah based their claims to that high office only on the basis of their services to Islam. None of them presented any credentials from the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) entitling him to the Khilafah the Imamah. This clearly means that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) delegated to all Muslims the right of electing the Khaleefah or their ruler after his death, so that they could entrust this authority to whom so ever they considered most suitable. Then at the time of the appearance of differences between the Ansars, the Muhajireen and the supporters of Hadhrat Ali (R.A.) the action which played the decisive role was the ba'at of Hadhrat Umar (R.A.) at the hands of Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A.) This means that Hadrat Umar (R.A.) used his right in favour of Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A) and then, following his example, the remaining companions of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) also cast their vote in favour of Hadhrat Abu Bak'. Siddique (R.A) This was the first method of ba'at or voting adopted by the Muslims, After this, Hadhrat Umar (RA) did not appoint anybody as his successor but, suggesting some people, advised the companions to elect any one of them for the Khilafah and ba'at i.e. obtain the general consensus of the Muslims to this election. The allegation that Hadhrat Umar (R.A.) had not been elected but nominated by Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A.) is an

⁴⁰ Reference 1:p. 181

oversight of facts. It is worth noting that though Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A.) had nominated Hadhrat Umar (R.A.) the ba'at was obtained for him also, which alone gave credence to his Khilafah. Hadhrat Umar (R.A.) was not exempted from the procedure of the ba'at by virtue of his nomination by Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A.). The nomination was only a suggestion. The same applied to Hadhrat Ali (R.A.) That is why the deviation of Hadhrat Ameer Muawiya (R.A.) from this principle led to his opposition by several companions of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) And when the attempt was made to extort the ba'at from Hadhrat Imam Hussain (R.A.) in favour of Yazeed the Imam preferred the sacrifice of his entire household to supporting Yazeed.

سرداد نه دا د دست در دست يزید

حقا که بنائے لا الہ ہست حسین

“He gave his head but not his hand in Yazeed’s hand (as ba'at)

By God, Hussain (R.A.) is the very foundation of La llaha.⁴¹

No other human civilization has any precedence of so much respect and reverence for ba'at, or vote as used in the present day political parlance. Can there be any stronger argument in support of democracy? Again, does not the division of Muslims into the three groups of ansars, muhajireen and Hadhrat Ali’s supporters on the basis of political stand, after the death of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) prove that the people in an Islamic State can belong to different opinion groups on the basis of differences on an issue? Also, if different schools of thought can emerge from the juristic explanation and interpretation of religion, why can the people not be polarized into different associations on the basis of the elucidation, clarification and enforcement of the political system of the Holy Qur’an, and why can they not struggle for the establishment of the political framework in the light of their respective stands? It must be remembered that the initial Islamic society had limited resources and needs which led to its being characterized by its simplicity. As the society grew and expanded the Muslims managed their affairs by planning their courses of action by ijtehad in the light of the Qur’anic knowledge adapted to the changing conditions. If the original straightforward

⁴¹ Khaaja Mu’een-ud-din Chushti.

society had continued its efforts of evolving its own course in the same manner the Islamic system would have traversed the evolutionary path and would have reached the conclusions arrived at by the present day human race. The Divinely guided Khalifah can provide only doctrinaire guidance in our effort to meet the demands of the present day's complex and mechanized world. We can make decisions by the analysis of our circumstance in the light of the present day conditions. Gloating over past glories, any attempt to bracket the present age with the old times is a vain effort, because the current of history moves forward and not backwards. Hence, if the same method of ba'at had progressed, it would have assumed a shape which would not have been different from the present day vote or ballot. Also, instead of viewing the ba'at superficially we must understand its real spirit, which is getting or giving opinion. Voting is also the same viz obtaining or giving opinion and the act of changing government or transferring political power by the same method of seeking or giving opinion is the real spirit of democracy.

ARGUMENTS FROM THE HOLY QUR'AN AND THE HADITH-

Though deductions about any particular form of government are not possible from the Holy Qur'an and the Hadith literature, the basic fact emerging from these sources is the vital requirement of deciding our affairs, that is the business of the society and the State, by mutual consultation, and that the Muslim populace is the ruler as well as the ruled simultaneously, and all of them are answerable to God for their deeds. Therefore, Muslims must shape a system of government in the operation of which they can all participate. Muslims must shape the government and conduct its business by mutual consultation. In the days of yore the ba'at was the form of opinion or vote and was the vehicle of expression of opinion. The same ba'at or opinion at present is expressed through vote under the new technique. The Holy Prophet P.B.U.H commands.

Beware, each of you is like a shepherd a guide and is accountable for those he rules, and the highest chieftain of Muslims who rules over all is also a shepherd and is accountable for those he rules over.^{42 43}

⁴² Sahih Bukhary Shareef, Kitab-ul-Ahkam: Bab.1

This means that every Muslim is accountable to God and the people for his actions - to God, on the day of judgement and to the people in this world. Similarly, the ruler of Muslims is also accountable to God and the people. All rulers, i.e. all Muslims are empowered to elect and appoint their ruler and to hold him accountable. Obviously, this ruler is neither ordained by God, nor is appointed by an individual or group but has to be appointed by Muslim masses. There can be no way of doing this except by election. Anybody who claims to be the ruler or tries to become one by means of force is a usurper. If he tries to obtain ba'at or vote by treachery, temptation or force, the Muslims have no other alternative but to obtain riddance from him. In the present age both forms of obtaining riddance can be used, i.e. education of public opinion against him and expression of lack of confidence, in him and in the event of failure of the democratic methods for peaceful removal of such a ruler from power, the combined power of the people can be used.

There cannot be a stronger argument than the Holy Qur'an - Surah Al-Nisa: 58 in which God commands:

God dost command you to render back your trusts (i.e. authority and confidence to those to whom they are due, i.e. trustworthy people); and when ye judge between man and man, that ye judge with justice.⁴⁴

How can this verse be practised by Muslims? Obviously, political power and authority is the most valuable trust and the only way to consign it to the care of the trustworthy people is that of ba'at or vote. God commands in The Holy Qur'an in Surah Al-Nisa: 59

“O ye who believe, obey God and obey the Apostle. (P.B.U.H) and those charged with authority among you.⁴⁵

Now, the meaning of obedience to God and His Apostle (P.B.U.H) is clear, i.e. all authority belongs to them alone and that their command is the real Law. Obedience to the people in authority is also clearly commanded and it is required that they should be from among you. The requirement that

⁴³ Sahih Muslim Shareef, Kitab-ul-Ahkam: Bab. 5

⁴⁴ The Holy Qur'an. Surah Al Nisa: Verse 58

⁴⁵ Reference 52: Verse 59.

the people with authority should be from among Muslims clearly shows that they should be elected from amongst Muslims. This is so because a person acquiring political power by force can neither be one from among the people nor can he consider himself to be so. He does not consider himself in any way less than supernatural and the shadow of God on earth. If he is from among the Muslims he would be accountable to them, Still obedience to the people in authority is enjoined in good deeds but not in wrong or bad ones. For the wrong doers in authority it is an act of virtue to remove them from authority in such circumstances. There is a Hadith in Sahih Bukhari as well as Sahih Muslim narrated by Hadhrat Ibada Bin Sammit, which says:

We will not have dispute with our rulers till we see open incredulity which may be a Divine argument with us against them.⁴⁶

This means that differing from, disputing with and deposing, a ruler who openly defies the Commandments of God and His Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is incumbent on all Muslims. because obedience is only in virtue and not in vice.⁴⁷ Beside this there are several verses in the Holy Qur'an and in Hadith literature in which Muslims have been commanded to conduct their affairs with mutual consultation.⁴⁸ This consultation covers the entire field of shaping the government, removal of the usurper government and in mutual human relations. A Muslim who contents himself with mere advice disobeys the spirit of this command. Advice includes the method of its enforcement and accountability for refusal to enforce it. Therefore, if Muslims establish a consultative assembly its status would not be merely that of a consultative board but would include the authority to fix the limits of the ruler's authority, establishing the internal structure for the enforcement of God's commandments and accountability in the event of the ruler's failure to do so. Also, this consultative assembly would be elected because they cannot be deemed to be from among us till we elect them with our consensus.

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⁴⁶ Sahih Bukhari Shareef:

⁴⁷ Sahih Bukhari Shareef

⁴⁸ The Holy Qur'an. Surah Al Shoorah: verse 38

As stated above Allamah Iqbal's objections to democracy highlight the defects pointed out by other intellectuals as well. Therefore, democracy can be considered only as a technique for shaping governmental system. This is a method by which people elect their own representatives for the legislature. These representatives are bound to enforce the commandments of God, and the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) In case of neglect or shortcoming Muslims can hold them accountable and remove them with the same vote and even a no-confidence motion can result in extreme cases. These representatives are accountable to God, the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) as well as God's Vicegerent on earth, i.e. to the Muslim populace. Accordingly, there are certain prerequisites for the formation of a successful, ideological Islamic government which should be introduced gradually into the society. They are essential for making this system of the government exemplary, successful and stable. These are:

1. To make the system of Islamic government succeed every Muslim individual, including men and women, should be equipped with religious as well as secular education. It is incumbent on the Islamic State to give the highest priority to the improvement of the status of Muslim education immediately on acquiring political power because without education the people can neither understand society's problems nor can distinguish between good and bad and cannot even fully benefit from the enforcement of the deen and its blessings. Therefore, progress in education, both religious and secular, is an essential demand of democracy.
2. Every Muslim should pay attention to economic betterment because democracy itself cannot take root in any society without economic prosperity. It is incumbent on every Islamic State to improve the people's economic, medical and residential conditions, i.e. arrange for food, clothing and home, This can be achieved only by increasing lawful occupations for people, to guide and help them in this respect and put in proper place the economic planning which would result in equitable distribution of society's wealth among Muslims to free them from the fear of poverty. Every Muslim can appeal to the Islamic State for seeking an occupation and

satisfaction of his economic needs, and can obtain economic protection for himself by recourse to legal means. Economic prosperity of the people is essential to the success of democracy.

3. The rule and superiority of law is very essential for the success of democracy. A system of justice should be established which would enable a common man to hold the ruler accountable, and should be able to question the ruler for any excesses of his. It should be easy to obtain justice. The oppressed should not have to beg for justice, but the State should punish the aggressor and should meet out justice unrequested. The highest placed aggressor should not be above the law, and the lowliest oppressed should not be left deprived of justice. To provide justice is the legal obligation of the State.
4. Satisfaction of the above three requirements for democracy would lead to the automatic satisfaction of the fourth one. However, it is necessary to give full attention to that as well. This is the ethical and political training of the masses. The more attention the Islamic State bestows on this the more the people would acquire political and ethical awakening and power, which would enable them to be useful to their country's political system. This can also lead to the control of the defects of democracy and to its being moulded into an exemplary system whose benefits and blessings would emanate from it and reach even the common people.

IQBAL AND APPLICATION OF DEMOCRACY TO PAKISTANI SOCIETY

All discussion of democracy, Khilafah or Islamic system in our country during the past fifty years have been the masterpieces of idealistic abstract thought. Only Maulana Maududi, Dr. Khaleefah Abdul Hakeem, Maulana Muhammad Haneef Nadvi and a few other scholars, though rejecting the basic concepts of Western democracy, have considered its basic spirit to be somewhat concordant with Islam. In the same way the Allamah, notwithstanding his declaring the Western civilization to be the greatest hindrance in the way of man's ethical advancement, has adjudged the

approach towards the tangibility of Western civilization and its religious experimentation in the spirit of inquiry as thoughtfulness. Nevertheless many people, under the cover of Western civilization, have rejected Islam's consultative system, which is only an early form of Western democracy, in a manner and has provided stability to the country's dictatorship and has frustrated the people's democratic and Islamic aspirations. This has created the false impression that Islam supports dictatorship. Every dictator raised the slogan of Islam's rejection of Western democracy in order to stabilize his dictatorship. With this alleged rejection of democracy by Islam they provided a licence for their dictatorship. This period has also produced a generation of people who provided arguments from Islamic history in support of the dictatorship. This went so far that a well known religious scholar declared that "the first martial law was enforced by Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique (R.A.)"⁴⁹

Thus, martial law was defended in this country. The Consultative Assembly was nominated and, reducing it to the status of a mere consultative board, the "Islamic system" was enforced under the dictator's own authority. However, under the people's strong pressure some progress has since been made, through unwillingly and ultimately a limited democracy has been restored somehow. In spite of passing through all the crises may God keep Pakistan as the first real democracy of the Islamic world whose lead may be followed by other Muslim countries? We are confident of the restoration of a completely Islamic or, in Iqbal's words, a "spiritual democracy" if the country proceeds in the right direction, albeit with limited democracy. Still it is very necessary to introduce and watch the above mentioned prerequisites for democracy, which are also its goals,

I want to emphasize here that the complete Islamic democracy cannot be established with a stroke of the pen. The enactments of the above stated prerequisites are essential for establishing an ideal democracy. Democracy will gain stability, progress and stature as education spreads among the people, improving their economic condition and imparting political and ethical training to them. All this will lead to general social welfare. According

⁴⁹ Maulana Muhammad Malik Kandhalavi, Ex. Member Consultative Assembly of Pakistan made this ijtehad in support of Martial Law. The ijtehad was published in all newspapers countrywide and was the target of criticism.

to A.S. Ewing. “The success of democracy depends mainly on the creation among its citizens of a consciousness of good and evil of adages and idealism the country’s resources and problems should be viewed in a practical and feasible way and efforts should be made towards the achievement of the Islam’s idealistic system of government, or Iqbal’s “spiritual democracy” The work of establishing assemblies in the country on the basis of adult franchise should continue. The opportunities for the fulfillment of the ambitions of the dictators and political fortune hunters should be frustrated and national disputes should be referred to the supreme Court, The judicature should be strong enough to issue judgements in the interests of the national weal and without fear or favour to the rulers, instead of entrusting the destiny of the people to them. The country’s president should be empowered to order a referendum on specific problems in times of need. Consequently, we present the following suggestions with reference to the Pakistan’s special conditions and problems so that Allamah Iqbal’s “spiritual democracy” may find roots in the country.

1. As has been clarified in the objectives Resolution it should be a part and parcel of the constitution that the establishment of Islam’s “spiritual democracy” in the country is the object of our lives. If somebody establishes dictatorship or martial law by force he would be a traitor to the constitution, country, God and the Holy Prophet P.B.U.H. The country’s sovereignty resides in God, and the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). and the Holy Qur’an and the Sunnah are the basic ingredients and sources of the country’s constitution, By virtue of being the Vicegerents of God on earth all Muslims are the custodians of the Supreme Sovereignty of God and the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H).
2. By virtue of being God’s Vicegerents on earth all Muslims are jointly responsible for enforcing Islam’s “spiritual democracy”. Consequently, fixation of the destiny of Islamic society will rest with the consensus of the Ummah and the Ummah will create the Consultative Assembly, through its elected representatives. Members of this Consultative Assembly can be elected from all

walks of life. The government, i.e. the Executive will be created by the Consultative Assembly and will be answerable to it. This assembly will have full legislative powers; it will be authorized to perform ijtehad in the interpretation of the Holy Quran and the Sunnah and will be answerable to the people for its decisions. The people will be empowered to reject or other the Ijtehad of the consultative Assembly through a referendum. Still, the shaping of the government, legislation, and dismissal of government will be enacted by the common Muslims of the country instead of by a single institution, person or authority. The people will be allowed to form political parties to achieve these objectives. If the different schools of juristic thoughts are acceptable for the interpretation and explanation of deen they should also be similarly acceptable for the attainment of political objectives of the country and the shaping of the Islamic political system. They have the right to state their stand and to obtain its acceptance by the people as long as the effort is in conformity with the democratic principles. At the time of the election of the first Divinely guided Khaleefah the Muslims had been divided into three political schools of thought, i.e. Muhajireen, Ansars and Supporters of Hadhrat Ali (R.A.), If these schools had thrived they would have progressed in the form of political parties with different opinions instead of being divided into shortsighted religious groups. They would have- been capable of managing the country's affairs with tolerance, endurance and patience instead of being narrow mindedly violent in their own stands. But autocratic monarchy stopped the natural political evolution of Muslims and laid the foundation of their downfall.

3. It will be the basic duty of the Islamic State to help and guide every citizen in his effort to be an exemplary Muslim, and will furnish free education to every citizen provide free justice and above all provide occupation for

every citizen or, in the alternative, to assume complete responsibility for his economic needs. Every citizen will have constitutional assurance for the above four rights and will be entitled to obtain these rights through legal procedures. This is necessary also because as Whitehead says: "Democratic society is not established till people acquire a philosophic outlook by general education."⁵⁰

4. Initiatives will be taken for the gradual elimination of the privileged classes on social, religious, political and economic levels and efforts will be made for the equitable distribution of country's resources among all the citizens.⁵¹
5. The State will guard the interests of Muslims throughout the world, wherever they are ruled or live as an under-privileged class and will help them in gaining independence and establishing the Islamic way of life.
6. The State will invite all mankind towards the Islamic system, will provide all possible help to all the oppressed and down-trodden people, will cooperate with peace loving nations to prevent oppression, and will do every thing possible for establishment of world peace and will protect all mankind from adventurers and enemies of humanity.

These are the standards and ideals of the Islamic State or Islamic spiritual democracy, which we should always keep in view and which has been repeatedly explained by Allamah Iqbal in his thoughts and works, and for the attainment of which he has repeatedly urged Muslims. If we start moving towards the attainment of these ideals gradually through democracy we can fulfil the Allamah's dream in which he has said:

ایک ہوں مسلم حرم کی پاسبانی کے لیے
نیل کے ساحل سے لے کر تابخاک کا

⁵⁰ Ewing, A.S. The Basic Problems of Philosophy. Urdu Translation (Flasafe ke Bunyadi Masail). Published by the National Book Trust India, New Delhi, India: p. 14.

⁵¹ Whitehead, A.N. Referred to in Reference 58: p. 14

Muslims show unite into a single body for Haram's defence

From the shores of the Nile to the land of Kashghar.⁵²

This was the new fervour produced by the Allamah from Lahore to the land of Bukhara and Samarqand, i.e. he created the longing in Muslims to mould themselves in the frame of an independent "Islamic spiritual democracy", shape new societies on the basis of equality and freedom and revive Islamic civilisation and culture, i.e. to become the messengers of Tauheed of God and Wahdat of humanity, and strive for peace and prosperity of all mankind:

اک ولولہ تازہ دیا میں نے دلوں کو
لاہور سے تاخاک بخارا و سمر قند

"I infused a new fervour in all hearts

From Lahore to - the Lands of Bukhara and Samarqand⁵³."

The state will guard the interests of Muslims throughout the world wherever they are ruled as an under privileged class where necessary and will help them in gaining independence, establishing the Islamic way of life.

EXPLANATORY NOTES-

- a. **Ijtihad** - The efforts of jurists to determine the right course of action in new situations in the light of the sources of the Shariah A mujtahid is the person who makes an independent ijthad.
- b. **Maulana Muhammad Haneef Nadvi (1808 - 1987)**
He was Research fellow in Institute of Islamic Culture. Lahore Pakistan. He has written a many books on Islamic Philosophy. Quran and Islamic Fiqa.
- c. **Dr. Khaleefah Abdul Hakeem (1901 - 1959)** Professor of Philosophy in Hayderabad University Daccon,

⁵² Reference 15: p. 301

⁵³ Reference 18: p. 15

Principal Amir Sing College Srinagar, Kashimer, Director Institute of Islamic Culture Lahore, Islamic Ideology, Prophet and His message, Fikar-i-Iqbal and Metaphysics of Rumi are his well known books.

- d. **Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 65)** the sixteenth President of the United States of America. He was a lawyer by Profession, and rose rapidly in Political from a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois (1834) to the office of the President of the United States (1860-65). His presidency is famous for the successful conduct of the Civil War which had been fought on the issue of abolition of slavery. With all his responsibilities, which were increased manifolds by the Civil War, he could find time for reflection and meditation. The favourite subject for his meditation was the inscrutable will of God. He is also famous for his definition of democracy cited in the text.
- e. **Thomas Jefferson (1743-1825)** - The third president of the United States of America. He was a planter, architect, scientist, educator, and an ardent speaker on human liberty. He is the author of the famous Declaration of Independence. He was elected to the presidency in 1800. The American nation was divided at that time and the federal administration was very repressive against those who were advocating id weak federal and strong state political structure. He was against this policy. During his presidency he successfully gathered round him a group of very loyal subordinates. He did not try to achieve his goals by coercive measures as his predecessors had done, but by strong faith, hard work, high priority for public interest, systematic habits of thought and effort, encouraging science and free inquiry, and by his strong zeal for the “holy cause of freedom”.
- f. **Socrates (Fifth Century B.C.)** - He is a famous ancient Greek philosopher, He believed that to know one’s self is a more pressing task than to know about nature. He claimed hearing a “divine voice” frequently, which gave

him guidance to act or not to act, this is very controversial and several conjectures have been presented to explain it. His religious beliefs differed from those of the State religion of Athens, for which he had to drink the famous cup of hemlock rather than compromise his beliefs. The Socratic method, named after him, is didactic, consisting of questions and answers,

- g. Will Durant (1885 N.D.)** American historian. He astonished the academic world by publishing his famous book, “The Story of Philosophy” in 1926, which became a best seller. It made him economically prosperous, and enabled him to devote himself exclusively to writing. He wrote a few novels but his important works are on history, including “Rousseau and Revolution”, which earned him the Pulitzer Prize in 1967. He is famous for his enthusiasm and lucid style.
- h. Jean Jaques Rousseau (1712 - 78)** A french political philosopher and author. He was perhaps the most influential person in French literature and philosophy. He wrote many books, of which “The Social Contract” and “Confessions and What I believe” are very famous.
- i. Professor Tahseen Firaqui** - He is working as Assistant Professor in Urdu department in the University of Punjab. Lahore, Pakistan. He has written books on Criticism, Literature and Iqbaliat.
- j. Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (1844 - 1900)** - Though he is famous as a German philosopher he had a multi-dimensional personality- university professor, civil servant and medical orderly. He even became insane at the end of his life. He is the author of many books, of which the most famous and celebrated is ‘Also Sprach Zarathustra’ (Thus Spoke Zarathustra), published in 1892. He was against the other worldliness of Christianity. He held that what men need most is power over self and creative mastery. He preached that the “other world” was an illusion, and that instead of

worshipping God, who lives in an alleged beyond, man should concentrate on his own elevation, which he called “Übermensch” or “Superman”, for which philosophy he is famous. The Nazis made use of this thought to develop their philosophy of life and politics, which produced Adolf Hitler and his followers.

- k. **Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)** Scottish historian, social critic and the most important historical novelist of the Victorian age. His cult of the hero in history propounded in his hook, “Heroes and Hero Worship” (1841) has influenced the present day supporters of authoritarian government. He prophesised a mechanistic, materialistic, paper-haunted England as a result of the Industrial Revolution. He also forecast the social and Spiritual disorders of an age of degenerating religious way of life. He was very critical of the privileged classes of England, both the feudal aristocracy and the neophytic industrial rich.
- l. **George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)** British playwright, critic, literature, socialist pamphleteer and lecture. He was one of the most influential figures in contemporary literature and won the Nobel Prize in 1926. He is most famous as a playwright and wrote fifty plays, many of which are among the classics of Western theater. He was very unconventional in his views. His plays combine wit and satire on contemporary society.
- m. **Oswald Spengler (1880-1936)** He was a German historian and philosopher and author of “The Decline of the West”, which made him famous. Iqbal has contradicted Spengler’s views on Islam: (i) that Islam is a negation of khudi (self), and (ii) that Islamic culture is based on Magian culture, and, having passed through its youth and senility, it is approaching its death for details see “The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam (1982 Edition): pp. 109-10. 132-33. and 142-43,
- n. **David Herbert Lawrence (1885-1930)** English novelist, poet and essayist who was one of the most gifted literary

figures of the twentieth century. He was a radical and warned his country men of the coming dangers resulting from the West's abuses of power, and the dangerous power vacuum created by World War I.

- o. Eric Frum** He is a modern writer. He has written on Socio cultural problems of his land, which is also looted by western empirialism. Identity crisis of a modern man is the subject of his writings.
- p. Harold Laski (1893-1950)** - He was a British socialist, a member of the Fabian Society and the British Labour Party. Professionally, he was a professor of History, first at the McGill University at Montreal, Canada (1914-16), then at Harvard University, U.S.A. (1916-20) and lastly at the London School of Economics. In Canada and U.S.A. his views were looked upon with disfavour. He also wrote editorials fir the daily Herald (1914-16), and while at the London School of Economics he concentrated on writing books on politics and political philosophy. During the course of his life his views changed from socialism. (In which he defended the rights of special groups, such as labour and in. religious classes against the State) through individualism (under the influence of John Stuart Mill) to strict Marxism.
- q. Lord Bernard Arthur William Russell (1872-1970)** - British philosopher and mathematician. In his own words "three passions", simple but overwhelmingly strong, had governed his life: "the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and the unbearability of the suffering of mankind". He was most -actively interested in social and political problems. Though in his youth he was a member of the Fabian Society he was as much disappointed with the Russian communism as he was with the western capitalism-imperialism.
- r. Professor Muhammad Munawwar (1923 -)** - Director Iqbal Academy Pakistan since 1984. Author of more then fifteen books on Iqbal, Pakistan, Literature and History. He Teacher of Urdu in Govt. College Lahore

for Thirty years. He can head, speak and write in Arabic Persian, English, Urdu and Punjabi. He is a authority on Iqbaliat.

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Fatima (R.A) He was the first among the youth of Makka to accept Islam and was one of the most trusted and closest companions of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) At the time of the Holy Prophet's (P.B.U.H) immigration from Makka to Madina in 622 C.E. he stayed behind in Makka to settle outstanding affairs. He also slept in the Holy Prophet's (P.B.U.H) bed to forestall suspicions among the Quraish and in doing so risked his own life. I-ladhrat Ali (R.A.) was always in the forefront of the struggle of his prowess during jihads for which he has become proverbial in Muslim society as Well as in Islamic history and literature. Iqbal has frequently alluded to his qualities of bravery and leadership, In addition to all this he was an eminent scholar and leterateur of Arabic. He has a place of honour in these fields due to his poetry and his famous book, "Nahjul Balaghah" (ways of Eloquence), which is a collection of his sayings, lectures, sermons and letters. During the rule of the first three Divinely guided Khaleefahs he fully cooperated with them. However, when he was elected to the Khilafah after the martyrdom of Hadhrat Usman (R.A.) in 656 C.E. Hadhrat Ameer Muawiya (R.A.) did not take ba'at at his hands. A period of controversy and struggle between him and Hadhrat Muawiya ensued which lasted till his martyrdom in 661 C.E. by a man seeking personal vengeance. Views differ on the apportioning of blame for this fighting. However, the motivating force behind this fighting is agreed upon to be the clannish rivalry between the Bani Hashim (Hadhrat Ali's (R.A.) clan) and Bani Umayya (Hadhrat Ameer Muawiya's (R.A.) was not duly elected, but declared himself to be the Khaleefah. and enthroned his son yazeed at the time of his death. However this unfortunate affair resulted in the' first schism in Islamic

history and the end of the divinely guided Khilafah, as well as its usurpation by monarchy. The Islamic world has suffered for about fourteen centuries from its effects.

t. **Hadhrat Ameer Muawiya (602-680)** He was the son of Abu Sufyan who was a rich merchant of Makka. Abu Sufyan was one of the strongest enemies of Islam and was the leader of the Quraish in all the strongest enemies of Islam and was the leader of the Quraish in all the military combats between Muslims and the pagan Quraish. He accepted Islam only after the conquest of Makka and was forgiven by the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) for all his anti-Islamic activities. The unfortunate role played by Hadhrat Ammer Muawiya (R.A.) in Islamic history has been alluded to in the previous note. However, in spite of these shortcomings he did some good work. He reorganized the army, created a navy, and attempted to take Asia Minor from the Byzantines, in which he did not succeed. His armies moved east as far as Central Asia and west as far as Algeria.

u. **Yazeed (642 - 683)** - He was the son of Hadhrat Ameer Muawiya (RA.) and was nominated by the latter to the Khilafah. This action confirmed the conversion of the Khilafah into monarchy, which has continued since then in the Islamic world. hadhrat Imam Hasan (R.A.) and Hadhrat Imam Husain (R.A., the two sons of Hadhrat Ali (R.A.) did not take ba'at at the hands of Yazeed on account of the latter's illegal appointment to that position by his father, as stated above. The controversy between Yazeed and the two brothers culminated in the martyrdom of both the brothers, that of the former by poisoning and of the latter's in the Battle of Karbala, in which many other Muslims were also martyred. This battle is one of the most painful chapters of Islamic history and has sealed the future of the Divinely guided Khilafah for ever, till now at least.

v. **Bleat - Oath of allegiance to the Khaleefah.**

w. **Khaleefah and Khilafah - Khaleefah is the person**

responsible for keeping order and enforcing the laws. This term as used in the Holy Qur'an denotes a deputy who takes care of and manages the affairs of the original. The original, accordingly, is the group of the ruled people who authorizes the deputy to keep order and enforce the law of the Shari'ah. Khilafah is the political system or institution in which the Khaleefah works. (Kurdi, Abdulrahman Abdul Kadir (1984)-The Islamic state _ a study based on the Islamic Holy Constitution. Published by the Mansell Publishing Ltd., New York: pp 23-24.

x. Deen - Deen and mazhab are often interchangeably used and variously translated into English, which gives the false impression of their synonymity. However, in Islamic literature they are used as technical terms and are not as synonymous. Deen means a way of life, covering all human activity, in which sense Islam is a deen or a way of life, based on the Holy Qur'an and the traditions of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) Muzhab is one of the five recognized fiqh systems or systems of Islamic jurisprudence.

y. Ummah - A nation constituted on the basis of ideology and not geographical boundaries, e.g. the Muslims.

z. Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658) - Parliamentarian, General in the English Civil War, and Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland, after the Civil War. Although he fought the Civil War to a successful conclusion, terminated the cruel rule of Charles I and improved the government's Lord Protector, he did not free it from military control elevate it to a rule by national consent as is required in democracy.

A. Mohyuddin Alamgeer Aurangzeb (1618-1717) - He was the sixth and the last effective Mughal Emperor of India. He ascended the throne at a time when the cause of Islam in the Indian sub-continent had been badly damaged by the lax and permissive rule of his predecessors. He had to seize the throne by fighting against his father and brothers. After

acquiring authority he tried his best to expand his rule and enforce Islam. However, he met very severe opposition from the Marathas, Jats, Rajputs and Sikhs. He spent the greater part of his reign in fighting against them. He could not succeed in his aims as all his efforts amounted to being on little, too late. Though his treatment of his father and brothers leaves much to be desired it is also true that he has been much maligned by the combined efforts of the British and Hindu intelligentsia. All their accounts of Aurganzeb and his reign should be read with much caution.

- B. Fath Ali Tipu Sultan (1749 - 1799)** He was the Sultan of Mysore and is famous in the history of the Indian sub-continent of the late eighteenth century. At the initiative of his father, Haider Ali, he was trained in military tactics by French officers. He fought several wars with the Marathas and the British. The last one with the British was fought on May 4, 1799 in which Tipu Sultan was martyred and the State of Mysore fell to the British. This defeat was due to treachery, mainly that of Meer Sadique, who was Tipu Sultan's prime minister. Tipu Sultan was an able general and administrator and was a man of fetter too. He has the place of a mujahid, and a martyr in the history of the sub-continent, especially in Muslim literature, particularly in Iqbal's works, such as Javid Namah. He was also eulogised in the marching songs of the Indian National Army organized in Burma by Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose during World War II with the intention of invading India and seizing it from the British. Thus, he was the symbol of India's independence and anti-imperialism, for Muslims and Hindus alike,
- C. Ijma** - Consensus among jurists.
- D. Fiqh** - Islamic jurisprudence.
- E. Imam and Imamah** - Literally leader'. The term is used in common parlance for the person who leads prayer. However, in Islamic literature the term is used for an overall leader and is almost synonymous with Khaleefah. Imamah is the institution in which the Imam functions as the Khaleefah functions in the Khilafa.

- F. Tauheed** - To believe and testify that God is one and to fulfil the demands of that belief by struggling in and making sacrifices for His cause.
- G. Professor Muhammad Mazhar-ud-Deen Siddiqui**- He has written a many books on Islamic philosophy, on Hegal and Karl Merx, Philosophy and Islamic culture.
- H. Ansars and Muhjireen** - The Ansars were the residents of Madina who welcomed the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and the Muslims who migrated with him from Makka to Madina and were called Muhajireen.
- I. A.S. Ewing (1875 - 1961)** - He was a modern English Philosopher. He was a teacher of Philosophy. He has written among books on Philosophy, Social Problems and Education.
- Alfred North Whitehead (1861 - 1947)** - English philosopher and mathematician. He was educated at the University of Cambridge. Though his under-graduate studies were mainly in mathematics they were augmented by regular and long discussions on religion, philosophy and literature. He taught at Cambridge (1885-1910), and at the University College, London (1910-14), and became Dean of the Faculty of Science. He was appointed Professor of Philosophy at Harvard University in 1924, and became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1931. He was awarded the British Order of Merit in 1945: He is the author and co-author of several books on mathematics and philosophy.