

ABSTRACTS OF THIS ISSUE

Continuity of Iqbal's Concept of *Ijtehad*

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Ijtehad is an important concept in the social reconstruction of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. Iqbal was the first person in our near past who raised the voice for *Ijtehad* and called it a living principle of movement in the structure of Islam. His call created a long lasting echo in our intellectual and social circles. Iqbal emphasized the need of collective efforts for re-codification and revisiting the legal structure of Islam. He pointed out the need of gathering the traditional jurisprudential wisdom and modern legal mind of Muslim society to make Islamic law effective in society. In sub-continent and in other parts of Muslim world many legal and research institutions are working in continuity of Iqbal's concept of *Ijtehad*.

Love of the Holy Prophet (SAW), Ethics and Allama Muhammad Iqbal

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In this article the writer has described relationship between ethical development and the love of Holy Prophet (SAW). He elaborates this concept in the light of Iqbal's thought and poetry. Narrating that ethics is derived from Greek word Ethos he says that this term consists of moral values, principles and attitudes. Human ethics or morality is a reflection of higher values like truthfulness and other features of human character. It is evident that the personality of a person is imbued in the personality of beloved. Iqbal says that the love of the Holy Prophet (SAW) is a source of inspiration for superior ethical values and development of character for the followers. It is only love of the Holy Prophet (SAW) that can enable us to develop of our personality and to achieve the exalted status of spirituality as well as development of character.

Significance of Time and Space in the Thought of Iqbal

S. Iqbal Qureshi

Philosophy of *Khudi* is the central theme in the thought of Iqbal. His concept of *khudi* dominates all those concepts which have been discussed in his poetical and prose works. Iqbal is the first Muslim philosopher who discussed the philosophy of time and space in his poetical works. He had developed a keen interest in understanding and discussing the philosophy of time. His letters show that he has contacted and written to many scholars of his time to discuss various dimensions of

concept of time. Iqbal also met Henri Bergson during his visit to Europe and he discussed the problem of time with him. His extra ordinary interest in the concept of time gave new dimensions to his poetical and prose works.

Iqbal's Concept of Politics

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Iqbal the poet, philosopher and visionary has also contributed as statesman for the Muslims of sub-continent. His political role was aimed at eradication of colonial impact from the life of Muslim community. He negated the contemporary political concepts like nationalism or secularism those were not in accordance with the ideology of Islam. According to Allama Muhammad Iqbal three fundamental principles of modern Islamic state are: human solidarity, equality and freedom. Iqbal gave the idea of spiritual democracy, which according to him can ensure these ideals.

Economic Concepts in the Poetry of Allama Muhammad Iqbal

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Economic concepts with its various dimensions are found in the poetry of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. Iqbal's first book *Ilmul Iqtisad* reflects the interest of Iqbal in Economics. In his other prose writings too the issues of property, ownership of land and capitalism are discussed. In Iqbal's poetry also we can find the discussion about these issues. Economic development is of key importance for prosperity. Industry and other social projects are also instrumental for it. In interpreting the economic teachings of Islam, Iqbal is unique in his approach. Iqbal says that the principle of *Qul-el-Afv* can be helpful to solve the economic problems of this age.

Iqbal & Important Personalities of Kashmir

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The study of important historical personalities has been a subject of Iqbal studies. In this article five personalities of Kashmir are discussed who have a relevance with Allama Muhammad Iqbal: Shah Hamdan, Sheikh Noorudin Wali, Mullah Muhammad Tahir Ghani, Mian Muhammad Bakhsh and Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri. Allama Iqbal has mentioned these personalities in his poetical or prose works except Mian Muhammad Bakhsh. However, Sheikh Noor Muhammad was in contact with Mian Muhammad Bakhsh. On an occasion when he met with Mian Muhammad Bakhsh along with Iqbal, Mian Muhammad Bakhsh predicted the historical role of Iqbal in future. These personalities influenced the poetical & prose works of Iqbal.

Mysticism in the light of Islamic Civilization and the thought of Allama Muhammad Iqbal

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The word *tasawwuf* which is used for mysticism and Islamic traditions, though is not found in early Muslim literature but it is the synonym of term *ebzan*. Later on

when the followers and the compilers of *eksan* chapter were organized in the form of community they adopted the word *tasawwuf* for it. There are many sources and origins which are linked with this word. The features like *tawwajul, raza, tafweez, toba, sabar, ebadat, zohad* and many others were essential to be achieved as a permanent character traits by the Muslim mystics. *Tasawwuf* remains an important and significant part of society when it struggles to develop the purity of intention and action in life. But when it tries to transform into philosophy, this is the point where Iqbal differs. Iqbal also says that the spiritual need of modern mind can be fulfilled by Muslim mysticism if it is adopted in modern perspective.

Prof. Bashir Ahmad Nahvi and Iqbal Studies

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Bashir Ahmaed Nahvi is a renowned Iqbal Scholar of Kashmir. He has contributed in Iqbal studies in various dimensions. Iqbal's concept of mysticism has been an area of special interest for him. His books and many of his articles describe this topic in detail. As *tasawwuf* has been a debating topic in our history, similarly Iqbal and *tasawwuf* remained a point of debate in Iqbal studies. Dr. Bashir Ahmad Nahvi has well addressed this topic in his writings. He not only described that role of *tasawwuf* but also explained the relationship and perspective of *tasawwuf* in Iqbal Studies. This article describes the details of the contribution of Dr. Bashir Ahmad Nahvi in Iqbal Studies.

Javidnama- A Creative Contribution of Allama Iqbal

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Javidnama is the magnum opus of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. This book reflects all aspects of Iqbal's thought including political, social, philosophical and religious dimensions. This article explains the historical significance, introduction of important themes and other artistic and figurative features of *Javidnama*. Iqbal has visited the various spheres of heaven during his spiritual entourage and met many poets, thinkers, philosopher and mystics. All these meetings have made the wisdom of all these people a part of *Javidnamah*. The article explains these aspects in contemporary perspective.