

Process of Islamization in Pakistan

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It is a proved fact that the movement for Pakistan would never have acquired such impetus had it not been for the politically potent Muslim ideal of a religious community. If the Muslims of India were having belief in secular state, they would not have felt the need of a separate state of their own, because an individual can commune with his creator in private even in state where the Muslims are not in majority. It was Allama Iqbal who introduced the concept of separate homeland in India on concrete ground and he gave a clear vision of Islamic state to safe guard the Muslim community. This objective was adopted by Muslim League and as a result of great services of Qa'id-i-Azam and his followers, the concept of Pakistan was turned into reality on 14 August 1947. Though, Pakistan has not yet become a real Islamic State but there is no scope of secular state in Pakistan because history of Pakistan reveals the concept of Islamic state. Dr. Safdar Mahmood writes that during Pakistan movement the Muslim league had given commitment to the people that Pakistan will be an Islamic democratic state based on social justice of Islam, the Muslims will be able to lead a life under the Divine law and the non-Muslims will also enjoy an equal status⁽¹⁾ Further more, from the different statements of Qa'id-i-Azam, it becomes crystal clear that the land of Pakistan was going to be the laboratory of experiment of total Islamization of laws, an Islamic country in

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Islamic countries. It is a deliberate act of state policy in these countries to murder innocent civilians to put blame on the Muslim fundamentalists. An article appeared in "London Observer" that gives detail of the carnage in Algeria. The massacres in which tens of thousands of Algerians have been killed since the civil war started in 1992, have been carried out by regime's death squads. John Sweeney and Leonard Doyle write in their article "Algeria's Secret Killing Machine" "the ruthless massacres in Algeria are the work of secret police and army death squads."⁽⁴³⁾

We live in an age where knowledge holds sway, where science and technology rule supreme, where media and press play their effective role and where intellect and mind have the largest share in shaping the destinies of the nations. Simple emotional approach and hasty steps will not serve the purpose in this context, rather they will deprive us of our goals. According to one estimate, during the last one hundred years 10 million Muslims laid down their lives for the cause of Islamic Revival but how far we have succeeded and achieved our targets. This is the question that has been tickling our minds time and again and that has to be answered. We have to evaluate, reassess and revise all our thinking and methodologies in the light of the prophet's revolution and see whether we have not erred somewhere or deviated from the path that the prophet has chalked out for us.

subjecting theirs to whippings and punches and sexual perversion?"⁽⁴²⁾

Present day values and ideals acknowledged and upheld by humanity today are: equality and dignity of man; value of universal and scientific education; dignity of labour; freedom from slavery and exploitation of all kinds; liberation of the woman and her spiritual equality with man; respect for private property; the right to life and liberty; practice of religious tolerance; integration of mankind in a feeling of oneness irrespective of their difference of race or colour; the downplay of arrogance and pride based on superiority of race, colour, wealth etc. and the founding of society on the principle of Justice. These values and ideals owe their origin to Islamic teachings and intellectual movement.

We are passing through the age of Islamic Resurgence and there is going on a great struggle for Islamic Revival in almost all Muslim and non-Muslim countries. Different groups and movements have been working for the revival of Islam. They have adopted and developed different ways and means to achieve their objectives. Some of them have tried to come to power through democratic process like Algeria and Turkey but all their efforts were thwarted by the secular army in collusion with outside masters. Some of them are already frustrated and have resorted to violence and rather they have been forced to tread the path of violence. After the collapse of communism, Islam and Muslims all over the world have become the targets of the West and their allies. It is partly because of the enemies who harbour hatred and hostility against Islam and partly because of the behaviour and activities of the Muslims themselves in some parts of the world. Recently a new phenomenon has emerged in some