
History of Pakistan(Ihsan Goraya)

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Dear Saeen Ijaz Bloach,
I've seen the piece of the news about the insistence of a particular class to cut the history of Pakistan and bring it into the fold of just about a millineum and a half, which to me is denying the hard facts of the natural process in the evolution of history of a particular State, country or region. I'm placing below an extract from the preface of my book 'History of Pakistan' for the consideration of the members of Wasaib.com. These are my own views on the topic, others may differ but they must bring some solid argument keeping the true sense of the word 'history'. Here I may also assert that our country till now is not an Islamic State in the true sense of the word. It is, at the best, a Muslim country. Similarly what we emphasise to be the Islamic history is not the history of Islam but the history of the Muslims of different regions of the world. If we're to write the history of Islam it would deal with the ideological developments as ordained by Allah and their implementation in letter and spirit in different societies. Then it wouldn't merely dealing with the rise and fall of different countries, kings, emperors or the governments - or just Muslims' conquests, defeats, advances, retreats, travels, influences etc.
Thanks.
Yours
Ihsan

"In history a nation does not pop-up out of nothingness with just an executive order or a royal decree for the creation of a new state. It grows from the soil and there are centuries, nay millennia, behind its formation on which course it would have traversed through many a culture and civilisation to finally have an entity and an identity of its own. But when I come across a book that starts the history of Pakistan from the 14th of August 1947 – the day it became an independent State after throwing off the British yoke – I am unable to reconcile with the idea that our nation, culture or civilisation was born within the last about 50-60 years. Some other authors seem to be a little more generous in delineating its history from the time of the Arab Muslim invasion of the southern part of our country. They probably think that an Islamic country – or a Muslim State – had its genesis in the period when its boundaries opened to Muslim invasion. It also gave an impression that before the advent of Islam there was a blank period and perhaps nothing was found in this land of the Pure, which obviously is contrary to the ground realities.

"In my opinion both of these points of view did not do justice to the historic evolution that spread over many a millennium to shape our destiny to become a

Nation and have a culture of our own as a member of the extensive Civilisation we also call Muslim Ummah. As such in my theory of the history of Pakistan we have to go back to our roots found with our remotest ancestors, who inhabited this country and laid the foundations of the Nation that was destined to become Islamic Republic of Pakistan after going through the grind of all the thousands and thousands of years.

"Here it may be interesting to see also what history goes to tell. "History", as Encyclopaedia Britannica defines, "is the discipline that studies the chronological record of events (as affecting a nation or people), based on a critical examination of source materials and usually presenting an explanation of their causes." Even if the earlier phases of the story of mankind in this part of the world might have been written by archaeologists, they nevertheless tell the history in its true sense".

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