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**“He is the Irresistible, (watching) from above His worshippers; and He is the Wise,
acquainted with all things”.**

(Qur’an, 6:18)

**“And Allah hath full power and control over His affairs; but most among mankind
know it not”.**

(Qur’an, 12:21)

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Editorial Note

Nazaria-i-Pakistan's publications have a very definite object. It is hoped that they will contribute to a fuller knowledge of ideological foundations and great cultural heritage of Pakistan. Further, a deeper understanding of lofty ideas and achievements of Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah may help to a revival of the true spirit of democracy which was the hallmark of the great Pakistan Movement. The Foundation believes that it is through an authentic presentation of thoughts and actions of the Founders of the Nation that the underlying problems and aspirations of Pakistan can be appreciated and the nation can be taken to material and spiritual heights.

A Word of Introduction and Advice

This exposition is on a rare and fascinating topic. It is best to study it with an open but thoughtful and, by all means, a questioning mind. It will not fail to clear any doubts or questions you may have. It will, Insha-Allah, give you immense inspiration and a wonderful new insight into the meaning and purpose of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as well as your own life.

Pakistani intellectuals, no doubt, have produced many outstanding books on various aspects of Pakistan Movement, Two Nation Theory and the Birth of Pakistan, and on the two distinguished personalities, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, who were key contributors to its independence. However, a full-length, fully-documented, officially-recognized and comprehensive history of the establishment of Pakistan, including its singular origin and nature, has yet to be written. Similarly, the requirement of a profound work on Nazria-e-Pakistan, has yet to be met; Nazria in this case meaning both the Ideology and the Purpose of Pakistan.

What is presented in this study closely concerns, indeed embraces, both the unique Birth and the unique Nazria of Pakistan. It is hoped the facts and the conclusions brought out in it would enlighten the readers on these features of our Country and would find appropriate mention in the future literature on them

Does God intervene in the affairs of individuals and nations? Yes, He does. And we should remember, though we tend to forget it, that the Creator hears, sees and knows everything, including what is in the hearts of the people, and that whatever is happening on the Earth and in the Universe is according to the intentions of His Plan. A poet has described it in captivating verses:

Truth forever on the scaffold
Wrong forever on the throne
Yet that scaffold sways the future
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His Own.

Allah Almighty, in fact, is intervening all the time in the lives of men and nations—helping, warning, testing, punishing or rewarding them, as they deserve by their actions and intentions. The method of His intervention is usually indirect and, although it comes as an unexpected, abnormal development or event, it occurs in such a way as it appears to be a part of the normal ups and downs of worldly matters. Besides, it requires genuine faith, some understanding of God's Sunnah or Practice, and ability to ponder and analyze the circumstances in which such an event occurred, to know its real nature. As such, most people do not recognize divine intervention in their personal affairs or in the affairs of their countries or in those of the world at large.

Sometimes the divine forces create events or changes that defy normal explanation and cannot be attributed to natural causes. People are expected to recognize them as God's direct intervention, and to deduce and learn the appropriate lessons from them. However, human ego or rather arrogance, spurred by a lack of faith, still tries to come up with 'worldly' explanations for them. There are only a few who are wise or humble enough to see the Hand of God in such cases and to take heed.

In certain rare situations Allah's intervention is not only direct but also is accompanied by circumstances that show the situation concerned to be an undeniable act of divine will. Its occurrence may be as a punishment or as a favour for a people. Such a situation is always momentous in nature and gives a clear signal that Allah intends the recipients to have no doubt about its origin and purpose.

If such a direct and irrefutable intervention is meant to bestow a great favour on a people they are certainly most fortunate and privileged. They should reflect upon it with utmost priority, attention and sincerity and determine what it was in their circumstances, which appealed to Allah to favour them so visibly, and what responsibilities He required them to fulfill now. If their effort is sincere, they should be able to see the exceptional situation, in its glorious true reality, that had been created for them. They will literally see and feel the presence of divine power. Their hearts and minds will be filled with tremendous inspiration and renewed faith, and with the dynamic spirit that can face any challenge of life.

These assets, besides giving other benefits, give the people the ability to become aware of both their strengths and weaknesses and to know the real nature of the perils and problems facing them and how to deal with them.

This writer firmly believes that God had blessed Pakistan with that exceptional situation. Study and learn about it, obtain from it the treasure of assets and energies it holds, and seek to know the key for making it happen again. God's direct intervention to favour a people can always occur again if the people can learn how to invoke it.

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Dedication

To:

Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah who performed admirably their divinely-assigned role in the creation of Pakistan.

Those Muslims who participated in the Pakistan Movement and wholeheartedly supported the creation of Pakistan but were not able to come and live here.

Those Muslim Men, Women and Children who, while migrating to Pakistan, were massacred by preplanned design by the enemies of Islam and Pakistan.

The People of Pakistan whom God Most Beneficent has gifted this State along with the privilege of being entrusted with a Mission to be accomplished in His Way.

Chapter 1

Holy Qur'an XE "Holy Qur'an" records in Surah 2, Ayah 269: ***“He grants wisdom to whom He pleaseth; and whoever is granted wisdom has indeed been granted wealth abundant. But none bears this in mind save those who are endowed with insight.”***

Those who have wisdom also have fine perception and inspired thinking. We know it from history, and the Qur'an states this fact, that God grants wisdom to great men who are to lead people to good causes.¹

Pakistan is Entrusted with a Great Purpose

Pakistan's founding father Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah XE "Jinnah , Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali" was a great leader. Indeed, he emerges as the greatest leader of the 20th century by any measure, be it the qualities, the character or the achievements of leadership. One of his biographers, Stanley Wolpert, XE "Wolpert, Stanley," has echoed the same thought in a more vibrant manner. He begins his book with this tribute to Mr Jinnah: ***“Few individuals significantly alter the course of history. Fewer still modify the map of the world. Hardly anyone can be credited with creating a nation-state. Mohammad Ali Jinnah did all three.”***²

Mr Jinnah's many inspired speeches and statements include the following visionary words expressed in his speech at a public reception in Chittagong XE "Chittagong" on 26 March 1948:

This biggest Muslim State came into being on 15th August XE "15th August," 1947. It was a great day in our history. But, on this great day, it was not merely a Government which came into existence, it meant the birth of a great State and a great Nation—one supplementing the other and both existing for each other. I can understand the limitations of those amongst us whose minds have not moved fast enough to realize the 15th of August ushered in such a State and such a Nation. It is natural for some to think only in terms of Government but the sooner we adjust ourselves to new forces, the sooner our mind's eye is capable of piercing through the horizon to see the limitless possibilities of our State and of our Nation, the better for Pakistan. Then and then alone it would be possible for each one of us to realize the great ideals of human progress, of social justice, of equality and fraternity which, on the one hand, constitute the basic causes of the birth of Pakistan XE "birth of Pakistan" and also the limitless possibilities of evolving an ideal social structure in our State.³

A great purpose is integrated into the creation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan XE "Pakistan , Islamic Republic of," . Its glimpse is visible in the words of the man who embraced the unique idea of Pakistan, and inspired and led the hard struggle to translate it into reality. The full story of the Pakistan Movement XE "Pakistan Movement" and the creation of the Country has yet to be told. The task awaits scholars who should have full grasp of the historical facts, including the treacheries of the British and the Hindus XE "Hindus" and the unpardonable cruelties of the Sikhs XE "Sikhs" against the Muslims, as well as the essential elements of spiritual insight to discern the place of Pakistan in the divine plan XE "divine plan" of things. The full story of the material

and mystical circumstances leading to the emergence of Pakistan would certainly be told some time. Here, as yet an unexplored but vital and a most exhilarating part of the story is told.

A Fleeting Encounter

It was a beautiful sunny summer morning in Devonshire, England. The date was July 28, 1958. Midshipmen and cadets in full strength were lined up in divisions for the ceremonial passing out parade at the parade ground of Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, was reviewing the parade. I was a sixth-term Midshipman, standing in the front rank of my division.

While looking straight, I could still see the Prince coming from my left. He was accompanied by First Sea Lord Admiral of the Fleet Louis Mountbatten (1900-1979), whom Pakistanis viewed as a villain because of his treacherous and highly discriminatory role as the Viceroy at the time of partition XE "partition" of India XE "India" in 1947. I did not yet know the full extent of his treachery but I knew he had a hand in altering at the last moment the agreed boundary line to benefit India, and in preventing Kashmir XE "Kashmir" 's accession to Pakistan.

Prince Philip went past where I stood, but Mountbatten stopped in front of me. Maybe my thought-wave had hit his brain! He was a big, impressive figure, but to me it was his character that mattered.

"Where do you come from?" Mountbatten asked in an authoritative tone? "From Pakistan," I replied, looking into his eyes. "Yes, I know, but which place?" "From Lahore XE "Lahore" ," I replied. "From Lahore," he muttered and stood looking at me for a few seconds, with a somber face, and then he walked away. Did he see something in my eyes that troubled him?

I realized I had not uttered the word 'sir' at all. It was not by intention, just an attitude of my psyche. It was a fleeting encounter, but sometimes even fleeting encounters can trigger a deep thought process in the subconscious.

A Slight to the Sea Lord

Four decades later, I learnt about another Pakistani's encounter with Mountbatten that showed how deep the dislike for Mountbatten runs in the minds of Pakistani people. This bold Pakistani was able to actually snub the sly snooty admiral. Air Commodore (ret'd) Mian Ata Rabbani XE "Rabbani, Air Commodore (ret'd) Mian Ata," , who was an ADC to Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah XE "Jinnah , Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali" in August 1947, describes it in his memoirs:

A second opportunity to meet Lord Mountbatten came my way in Washington, DC, but I did not avail of it. [He] visited Washington in 1963 as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of UK. The British Ambassador arranged a grand dinner reception in honour of the Admiral. As Pakistan's Air Attaché, I was also invited. This dinner was to be my third commitment for that evening...Only stragglers were trickling in at the time [when I arrived with my wife at the British Chancery]. His Lordship was standing on the red carpet in the full blaze of floodlights. By some coincidence my Naval colleague was just ahead of me in the line of guests.

After shaking hands with my colleague, Lord Mountbatten started some polite conversation with him. Just when they were about to break off something revolted within me and I suddenly felt the pain of the contradiction with which I would have to live for the rest of my life if I were to show my respect to this deceitful ‘Lord’ when in fact I had none. My conscience would not allow it and I decided to break the line and bypass the Chief Guest. Without waiting for her reaction to my “let’s go,” I caught hold of my wife’s hand and strode away in full view of the other guests. Lord Mountbatten looked at me from the corner of his eye. My wife asked me why I had acted in this manner. I told her that the Pakistani inside me rebuked me for standing in line to meet the man who had done incalculable harm to my country’s interests.⁴

Mountbatten’s Roles

By then, I knew the dark details of Mountbatten’s perfidious role against Pakistan. But, by then, I had also seen another role that Mountbatten had performed—in fact had been made to perform—as a tool of Destiny XE "Destiny" . I had come to realize that there was direct Divine Intervention in the creation of Pakistan for bestowing a special favour on the new State as it made its appearance in the world, and Mountbatten, besides the role of a villain that he was to perform, was also to act as a tool in this venture.

A Lady with a Spiritual Eye

On a spring day in 2003, a visitor came to my house. He was a pleasant looking man who seemed to be in his late forties but was still youthful in appearance. He said his mother had read my book and had asked him to meet me. So he had traced out my address. I thought he was referring to my Urdu book that had been published in December 2002. But he said his mother had expired in July 2002, and it was an English book *The Global Game for a New World Order* that she had read. I was impressed. She must have had a close interest in international affairs to go through that book. I wondered what it was that inspired her to tell her son to meet me.

Our conversation turned to the state of affairs in our country. He told me his mother had held Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" and Quaid-e-Azam very dear in her heart and that she was highly devoted to Pakistan, which she considered as a divine gift to the Muslims of the Subcontinent XE "Subcontinent" . He said she used to say that Pakistani people were duty-bound to serve this country with their utmost sincerity and ability, and she felt that Allah would hold each one of us especially answerable for how we had served Pakistan.

As soon as he said this, I had the answer to the question in my mind! I hold the same view of the responsibility of the Pakistani people in the eyes of Allah. It was not written in these words in that book of mine, but the noble lady could perceive this thought etched behind the writing. It may be recorded here with pleasure and satisfaction that I personally know several people who have similar views.

Realizing the Inner Meaning of Pakistan

Like countless other Pakistanis, hailing from all sections of society, I have a deep attachment with Pakistan. The day it came into being, I was just 7 days short of 10 years of age. Like most Pakistanis, I considered Pakistan's birth coinciding with the sacred day of 27th of Ramadan XE "27th of Ramadan" as a happy omen, and a great coincidence. The full realization of its divine nature took many years to evolve in my mind; mostly it came after my retirement. The evidence, however, was piling up during my years in the Navy. I remained in touch with the ever-inspiring works of Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" and the life and deeds of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah XE "Jinnah , Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali" . Now and then some enlightening knowledge or event would also come my way.

One such experience was meeting the eminent lawyer and intellectual Mr A.K. Brohi XE "Brohi , A.K." (1915-1987) in Karachi XE "Karachi" on November 22, 1986, about eight months before my retirement. He came as a guest speaker at the Pakistan Navy Staff College, where I was the commandant. As I was escorting him to my office, Mr Brohi leaned toward me and said something highly inspiring about Pakistan. I had some idea of his mystical leaning. But, it was a year later that I learnt more about his spiritual acumen and his devotion to Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" from Professor Muhammad Munawwar XE "Munawwar , Professor Muhammad" (1924-2000), who was himself a distinguished scholar, a sufi and a devotee of both Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" and Quaid-e-Azam.

Chapter 2

Two Singular Personalities

The grand movement, from which the idea, the foundational thesis and then the material existence of the Islamic State of Pakistan emerged, was primarily led by two personalities, Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938) and Mohammad Ali Jinnah (1876-1948). Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" was to rouse the enslaved and depressed Muslim masses, to fire their imagination with self-confidence and the yearning to throw off the colonial rule, become a free and dynamic people, and revive the once exemplary existence of the Muslim Ummah XE "Muslim Ummah" and the glory of Islam. He was to regenerate the intellectual, spiritual and psychological strength in the rank and file of the Muslims that changed their passive state of life.

Mr Jinnah was to make the Muslims politically aware and united, and to awaken in them the desire for an independent Islamic State and the will to struggle for it. He was to redefine for them and the other people the forgotten singular characteristics of Muslim Nationhood, and was to convince the adversaries and the skeptics of the necessity of its rebirth. He was to give the Muslims that superb leadership that required great determination, statesmanship and legal and political skills in dealing with two clever and devious opponents, the British and the Hindus XE "Hindus" , in a hard political battle.

Similarities between Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" and Mr Jinnah

One is amazed at the range of similarities between Muhammad Iqbal and Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Both had strong Islamic motivation. Both took guidance and inspiration from the Qur'an and Sunnah. Both were deep thinkers and learned, among other things, in Islamic history, world affairs and western civilization, including its positive and negative features. Both were especially cognizant of the problems and the distressed state of the Muslims within and outside the Subcontinent XE "Subcontinent" .

Both had matured in their perceptions and convictions by observation, experience and contemplation, and both saw the absolute need for, and inevitability of, an independent Muslim State in the Subcontinent XE "Subcontinent" . Both were visionaries, who saw this Muslim State destined to be a bulwark in the Muslim World and a center for resurgence of Islamic power. Both were spiritually gifted, and conscious that they were men of destiny. Both were divinely inspired in their individual tasks for bringing Pakistan into being.

Allama Visualized Emergence of a Great State and a Great Leader

Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" disclosed it to a Muslim intellectual in early 1930 that, "The idea of a separate homeland for the Muslims had occurred to me while praying at the shrine of Data Ganj Bakhsh."⁵

According to the source, Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" had this vision before his famous address at the annual session of the All-India XE "India" Muslim League XE "Muslim League" at Allahabad XE "Allahabad" on December 29, 1930, in which he presented his idea and outline of an independent Muslim State. Actually, he had forecast the birth of Pakistan in an enthralling poem, *Tulu-e-Islam* (Rise of Islam), in 1920/21:⁶

عطا مسومن کو پھر درگاہِ حق سے ہونے والا ہے
شکوہ ترکمانی زبان ہندی نطقِ اعرابی

**The Muslim is about to be Granted again
From the Court of the Almighty,
The Ottomans' Majesty, the Indians' Intellect
And the Arabians' Prowess of Speech.**

Who were the Muslims the Providence was about to grant these hallmarks signifying a grand State? Who, but the Muslims of the Subcontinent XE "Subcontinent" !

Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" 's spiritual eye had also seen an outstanding guide emerging to lead the scattered Muslim masses. In a poem in Persian addressed to the Muslim youth, he announced in 1927:⁷

میں رسدِ مردے کے زنجیرِ غلامانِ بندگان
دیدہ ام از روزانِ دیوارِ زندانِ شما

**The Valiant Man who'll break the Shackles of
The Slaves—I see him coming,
As I look from a crevice in the Wall of your Prison.**

In the same poetical work, *Zaboore-e-Ajam*, in another poem, the visionary mystic foretold of the emergence of both a great Leader and a great State.⁸

نہضت وقت از خلوت دہشت حجاز آید ہرول
کاررواں نرس وادی دور و دراز آید ہرول
من بہ سیمائے غلامان فر سلطان دیدہ ام
شعلہ محمود از خاک ایاز آید ہرول

The Destiny XE "Destiny"'s appointed Guide for this Age, would emerge From the depths of the desert of Hijaz, and the Caravan would come out of the deep distant Valley. I see the Kingly luster on the foreheads of Slaves, and The Flame of Mahmood rising from the Ashes of Ayaz.

The special Leader Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" visualized, and then identified, was Mohammad Ali Jinnah. It was not just the need of the situation but also the command of his spiritual insight that Allama, urging him to take on fully the task of leading Muslim India XE "India" , told Mr Jinnah: "*Muslim India XE "Muslim India" hopes that at this serious juncture your genius will discover some way out of our present difficulties.*"⁹

In another letter, he wrote: "*You are the only Muslim in India XE "India" today to whom the community has a right to look up for safe guidance through the storm which is coming to North-West India, and perhaps to the whole of India.*"¹⁰

SPIRITUALITY IN MR JINNAH'S PERSONALITY

A Grand Title Bestowed by Destiny XE "Destiny"

There is even a mystical element in the title, *Quaid-e-Azam*, (supreme leader) becoming synonymous with Mr Jinnah's name. Reportedly, it was first expressed by a religious figure, Maulana Ahmed Saeed XE "Saeed, Maulana Ahmed," , in a speech at the Jamia Masjid in Muradabad, India XE "India" , on December 7, 1936. Translated in English, his words were: *Among the Muslims today, there is no one who understands politics better than he [Jinnah] does. Hence he fully deserves to be the Quaid-e-Azam of the Muslims.*"¹¹

The title was immediately adopted by Muslim India XE "India" , which was already gratefully appreciating Mr Jinnah's dedicated and brilliant leadership. Strangely, soon after this, the religio-political party, the Jamiatul Ulama-i-Hind, of which Ahmed Saeed was the secretary, aligned itself with the Hindu Congress XE "Hindu Congress" ! But the title was now Mr Jinnah's for all time to come. Destiny XE "Destiny" had got its work done! *The title received statutory recognition by the Pakistan Constituent Assembly. On 12 August 1947, it resolved that Mr Mohammad Ali Jinnah be addressed as Quaid-e-Azam in all acts and documents.*"¹²

Such an example, where a title of honour became a great leader's identification even more than his real name, is rare in modern history.

Political and Economic Thoughts Consonant with Islamic Teachings

Quaid-e-Azam was a spiritually elevated personage. This aspect of his character was concealed from public view by the deliberate efforts of a nasty but resourceful lobby, unfortunately including a band of Mullas, which wants to portray him as a secularist. But, how can anyone hide the fragrance of a tree laden with ever blooming flowers?

Quaid-e-Azam's speeches, statements, actions and ideas are a mirror of his strong faith and spirituality. His thoughts on building up Pakistan and on the political and economic matters were derived from Islamic teachings. Just a few examples are presented below:

- **Our religion, our culture, and Islamic ideals are our driving force to achieve independence.**¹³
- **We thank Providence for giving us courage and faith to fight these forces of evil. If we take our inspiration and guidance from the Holy Qur'an XE "Holy Qur'an" , the final victory, I once again say, will be ours.**¹⁴
- **All I require of you now is that every one of us to whom this message reaches must vow to himself and be prepared to sacrifice his all, if necessary, in building up Pakistan as a bulwark of Islam and as one of the greatest nations whose ideal is peace within and peace without.**¹⁵
- **Do not be afraid of death. Our religion teaches us to be always prepared for death. We should face it bravely to save the honour of Pakistan and Islam. There is no better salvation for a Muslim than the death of a martyr for a righteous cause.**¹⁶
- **Remember we are building up a State which is going to play its full part in the destinies of the whole Islamic World XE "Islamic World" . We therefore need a wider outlook, an outlook which transcends the boundaries of provinces, limited nationalism, and racialism.**¹⁷

In his historic address at the opening ceremony of the State Bank of Pakistan XE "State Bank of Pakistan" on July 1, 1948, Quaid-e-Azam set the guidelines for the country's economic managers, and also gave a brilliant rationale for his ideas:

I shall watch with keenness the work of your Research Organization in evolving banking practices compatible with Islamic ideals of social and economic life. The economic system of the West has created almost insoluble problems for humanity and to many of us it appears that only a miracle can save it from disaster that is now facing the world. It has failed to do justice between man and man and to eradicate friction from the international field... The Western world, XE "The Western world," in spite of its advantages of mechanization and industrial efficiency is today in a worse mess than ever before in history. The adoption of Western theory and practice will not help us in achieving our goal of creating a happy and contented people. We must work our destiny in our own way and present to the world an economic system based on true Islamic concept of equality of manhood and social justice. We will thereby be fulfilling our mission XE "mission" as Muslims and giving to humanity the message of peace which alone can save it and secure the welfare, happiness and prosperity of mankind.¹⁸

Maulana Thanvi on Mr Jinnah's Personality

A devotee of Quaid-e-Azam, and a researcher of high merit, Malik Habib Ullah, XE "Ullah, Malik Habib," has put together the scattered data on the Quaid's spiritual attributes in a book, *Quaid-e-Azam Ki Shakhsyyat Ka Ruhani Pehlu* (The Spiritual Side of Quaid-e-Azam's Personality). This wonderful document fulfills the vital need for making people aware that their matchless political leader had this sterling quality also.

Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi XE "Thanvi, Maulana Ashraf Ali," (1863-1943), a renowned scholar and a sufi, was a totally non-political personality who would not associate himself with any political party or politician. On a visit to Amritsar in 1938, while addressing a gathering of his disciples he surprised them with his praise and support for Mr Jinnah; he said:

“He is a sincere and truthful Muslim and is the most capable leader of the Indian Muslims. The light of his truthfulness and sincerity shows that he will surely succeed. God Almighty will honour him with the feat of creating a separate State for the Muslims. I have told all my followers that they are to back Mohammad Ali Jinnah in every matter and under all conditions.”¹⁹

The reason for Maulana Thanvi's strong support for Mr Jinnah was explained by his nephew, Maulana Zafar Ahmad Usmani XE "Usmani, Maulana Zafar Ahmad," (1892-1974). He narrated that one morning Maulana Thanvi called him over and said:

I seldom dream, but last night I had a strange dream. I saw a huge gathering, as if it was the day of resurrection. In this gathering, saints, scholars and pious men are seated in chairs. Mohammad Ali Jinnah, clad in Arabian clothes, is also seated in a chair in the company of these men. I question in my mind, how is he included in this company? I am informed that right now Mohammad Ali Jinnah is doing great service to Islam; that is why he has been given this status.²⁰

On 4 July 1943, Maulana Thanvi, asked Maulana Zafar Ahmad Usmani XE "Usmani, Maulana Zafar Ahmad," and Maulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani XE "Usmani, Maulana Shabbir Ahmad," (1885-1949) to see him, and, when they came, said to them:

I have seen in a spiritual vision (*Kashf*) that Allah The Omnipotent will grant success to Mohammad Ali Jinnah. The Pakistan Resolution XE "Pakistan Resolution" of 1940 will triumph. My days are numbered. Were I to live, I would have certainly helped. It is God's Will that Muslims should have a separate State. Do whatever you can for creation of Pakistan; encourage your followers also to do the same. One of you two Usmanis will lead my funeral prayer, the other will lead Mr Jinnah's funeral prayer.²¹

Witness to a Moving Scene

Maulana Thanvi's prophecy about the funeral prayers also proved to be correct. Maulana Hasrat Mohany XE "Mohany , Maulana Hasrat" (1875-1951), a prominent scholar, a great servant of Islam and a companion of Mr Jinnah, witnessed an unforgettable scene of Quaid rapt in prayer. He narrates:

One day I went to Mr Jinnah's bungalow at dawn on an important errand and asked the valet to inform him. He said, "Please wait. No one is allowed to go into Mr Jinnah's room at this time; he would come out himself in a little while." As my errand was urgent, I brushed the valet aside and went inside. I entered one room, then another, just then from the adjoining room, I heard sounds of sobbing and speaking. It was Mr Jinnah's voice! Feeling worried, I slowly pulled the curtain aside. What I saw was Mr Jinnah bent down in *Sajda* (bowing in prayer with forehead on the ground) and passionately praying to Allah! Silently, I turned about. My friends! Now whenever I go to Mr Jinnah's bungalow and the valet says he is inside, the picture of Mr Jinnah in *Sajda* and his sobbing sound flashes immediately in my mind.²²

Quaid's Zeal for Islam

Among the many captivating stories about Mr Jinnah's keenness on seeing Islam in practice and his profound religious knowledge, is one told by Ata Rabbani, his ADC as a young flight lieutenant, in his memoirs:

Tuesday, 18 August (1947) was *Eid-ul-Fitr* XE "*Eid-ul-Fitr*" , the gift of Almighty Allah to the Muslims for having fasted through the month of *Ramadan*. It was the first Eid of the Muslims of Pakistan... Quaid-e-Azam was ready early that morning and already descending the stairs where I met him. "*I am early. We shouldn't be late,*" he remarked. He was in a cheerful mood and had all the enthusiasm of the young going to the *Eidgah* for prayers. He walked to the car briskly, and we left for the *Eidgah* at Bunder Road, now M.A. Jinnah Road, to offer *Eid* prayers. I was the fortunate one to accompany the happy and relaxed Quaid, and of seeing yet another side of that remarkable man. We had known him as a leader, a politician, a legislator, a lawyer, a well-dressed, well-mannered, westernized man. That day he surprised me pleasantly by starting on a masterly discourse on the philosophy and significance of *Ramadan* and *Eid*.

As we left the Governor-General House he asked me how many days in Ramadan I had fasted. "*About half of the month, Sir,*" I replied. "*Why half of the month? Why not the full month? You are young and healthy,*" he exclaimed. "*I was on the move, Sir, for most of the month.*" I submitted meekly.

"*You should complete the count now that you are settled.*" His suggestion was as good as an order. He then went on to explain to me the significance and the philosophy behind fasting in some depth. He said that besides helping the religious spirit and the purification of the soul,

"*Fasting teaches mankind discipline, self control, self sacrifice and devotion. Abstention from all evil for one month prepares him to face all forces of evil with discipline and determination. Besides it tones up the physical system and is good for health. But one has to be careful at Iftars. Here again discipline requires us not to overeat to make up for the lost meals during the day.*"

I am the product of a conservative religious family. I had studied in Islamia High School, Jullunder, MAO College, Amritsar, and the Muslim University at Aligarh. I mean no disrespect to my religious teachers, but in my life I do not recall anybody who explained the rationale and the benefits—spiritual and physical—of fasting with such lucidity and so comprehensively as did Quaid-e-Azam.²³

Mr Jinnah's Sole Wish

Addressing a meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League "Muslim League" on October 22, 1939 in Lahore "Lahore" , Mr. Jinnah made a memorable statement. It was a most moving expression of the intensity of his spiritual attachment with Islam and the mission "mission" he had undertaken in the service of Muslims. He expressed it as the sole wish of his life. It was published in Urdu; its English version was not available. I translated it keeping as close to the Urdu text as possible. Addressing the Muslims in general, Mr Jinnah said:

Muslims! I have seen enough of the world, have enjoyed wealth and fame. Now I have only one wish in life, that I should see the Muslims liberated and independent. I wish when I die I should die with this belief and satisfaction that my conscience and my God should bear witness that Jinnah was not insincere or disloyal to Islam and that he discharged his duty toward liberating, organizing and defending the Muslims. I am not asking for any appreciation or testimony from you. I want that at the time of my death, my own heart, my faith, my conscience should testify: Jinnah, indeed, you fulfilled the obligation of defending Islam; Jinnah you carried out your duty of organizing, uniting and defending the Muslims; my God should say: indeed you were born a Muslim, and you died a Muslim while holding the banner of Islam high in the dominance of the forces of unbelief.²⁴

A few words, from the long story, about the questions surrounding this incredible statement would be interesting. I saw the statement in Urdu for the first time only in 1999, in Malik Habib Ullah's book quoted above! Its source quoted was daily *Inqalab* "daily *Inqalab*" , October 22, 1939, Lahore "Lahore" . The absence of this very significant statement from the mainstream literature on Quaid-e-Azam and from the special newspaper editions published regularly on his birth and death anniversaries was amazing. Initial efforts to locate the statement in English and the original story in the Urdu newspaper did not bear fruit. I wrote to some relevant scholars and institutions. A few of them were helpful, but there were no definite answers to my questions; some doubted Mr Jinnah could have made such a statement.

If none of the English dailies of that period had published the statement it was understandable, because these dailies belonged either to the Hindu Congress "Hindu Congress" or the British colonial administration; the Muslims had no English daily of their own. However, to be sure of its authenticity, I had to see the statement in original. Luckily, Quaid-e-Azam Library, Lahore "Lahore" , had the relevant *Inqalab* files on microfilm, and I saw Mr Jinnah's sterling statement in the newspaper. Later, with the courtesy of Nazria Pakistan Foundation "Nazria Pakistan Foundation" , I also received a photocopy of the daily's page carrying the statement.

I think concerted research effort can discover other publications, dailies, weeklies or special documents or memoranda in which this statement might be found. Besides, it can expose the mystery as to when exactly the story and the statement in the *Inqalab* came to light and why have the Pakistani people been kept in the dark about it for over fifty years now?

The Working Committee's meeting, incidentally, had been called to discuss a latest statement of the Viceroy and decide on a response by the Muslim League XE "Muslim League" . Toward the end of his address Mr Jinnah expressed these stirring thoughts, which, besides giving voice to his innermost feelings about the great Mission he had taken on himself, silenced his detractors who were saying Mr Jinnah had no touch with religion, that he had a secular mind, etc. The news story added: *“Eyewitnesses reported that on hearing these touching words from Mr Jinnah’s mouth many among the audience had tears flowing from their eyes.”*

Chapter 3

The Second State Created in the Name of Islam

Madinah XE "Madinah" was the First State in the world founded in the name of Islam. The Prophet of Islam (pbuh) XE "Prophet of Islam (pbuh)" had himself established it. Thereafter, the world saw great Muslim empires and scores of Muslim kingdoms and states, governed on broad Islamic principles. However, they were all established in territories which already existed as geographical and political entities and which, in fact, retained their old names on becoming part of Muslim kingdoms. No new state was carved out of any territory in the name of Islam.

Thirteen hundred and sixty-five years after the appearance of the Islamic State of Madinah XE "Madinah" on the map of the world, by which time all the existing Muslim States had lost either their Islamic spirit or altogether their independence, the Divine Plan for Humanity brought forth Pakistan—the Second State created in the name of Islam. The birth of the State coincided with the auspicious occasion of Friday, 27th of Ramadan XE "27th of Ramadan" .

That Pakistan was chosen to be a successor to the State of Madinah XE "Madinah" and came into being on a highly auspicious day for Muslims depicted a divine touch in its creation! And, this same element could be seen in the new Islamic State getting the unique and splendid name, *Pakistan*, and the distinction of being the first among all the Muslim Countries XE "Muslim Countries" to formally designate itself in 1956, in the comity of nations, as an *Islamic Republic*.

Pakistan's Unique Name

The story of who conceived this unique name for this unique country is interesting. The author of the name *Pakistan* was said to be a zealous Muslim nationalist, Chaudhry Rehmat Ali XE "Ali, Chaudhry Rehmat" (1897-1951), who was studying at Cambridge in early 1930s. His idea, however, was for the Muslims to strive for not one but ten Muslim states in post-British India XE "British India" . His ideas were unrealistic and unwise, and he remained opposed to Quaid-e-Azam and the Muslim League XE "Muslim League" throughout their struggle for Pakistan. Nevertheless, Pakistanis thought of him with some respect. Then, decades later, Pakistanis learnt that the originator of the name *Pakistan* was in fact another gentleman, Khwaja Abdur Rahim XE "Rahim, Khwaja Abdur," , although Chaudhry Rehmat Ali was present when the name was proposed.

This fact was brought to light by Dr Muhammad Jahangir XE "Jahangir , Dr Muhammad" Khan in an affidavit made on oath on 25 October 1983. The public learnt its details when the *Nation*, Feb 9, 2005, published the affidavit along with its facsimile.

Dr Jahangir Khan, a former cricketer, was part of the all-India XE "India" cricket team which toured England in 1932. After the tour, he got admission to the Cambridge University. His lodging in Cambridge was barely 100 yards from where Chaudhry Rehmat Ali lived. He said that Rehmat Ali and an Indian Civil Service probationer at Cambridge, Khwaja Abdur Rahim XE "Rahim, Khwaja Abdur," , went to inquire after the health of Dr Muhammad Iqbal who had come to London XE "London" to attend the Second Round Table Conference in September 1931.

During the meeting with Dr Iqbal and the discussion that ensued on the future of Indian Muslims, it was Khwaja Rahim who suggested that the name of *Pakistan* be given to group of provinces with Muslim majority.

His theory was based on P for Punjab, A for NWFP by naming it the Province of Afghans, K for Kashmir XE "Kashmir" , S for Sindh and Tan for Baluchistan. Dr Iqbal suggested [to] the young ICS probationer to write the name with details and leave it for him to ponder. He put the paper by his bedside. In the following meeting the next day, Allama Dr Iqbal said that after careful consideration and deep thought he was in full agreement with the suggested name and blessed Khwaja Rahim for his idea.²⁵

Visible Favours

Placing a big new Islamic State on the map of the world in the mid-20th century was a most challenging and difficult task in the worldly sense. Two requirements were indispensable to produce this change. Firstly, to get the enslaved Indian Muslims mentally and morally ready to struggle for the change. Secondly, to provide them skillful and resolute leadership to lead them successfully through the struggle. God brought into being Muhammad Iqbal and Mohammad Ali Jinnah and equipped them fully to activate, unite and spearhead all the diverse forces meant for meeting the two requirements.

Indeed, God gave them a deeper vision that motivated them to inspire the entire Muslim Ummah XE "Muslim Ummah" and to herald the reemergence of Islamic political, economic, social and spiritual power on the world stage. These two specially gifted and divinely inspired luminaries were another clear manifestation of the divine factor in Pakistan's creation.

These favours of Allah, so conspicuous in the process of the birth of Pakistan, should have been sufficient to inspire the Pakistani people with the realization that they were a privileged nation and that there was a mission XE "mission" for them in the world. It should have given them an abiding sense of gratitude to Allah and of unshakable confidence in their homeland and in themselves.

Unmistakable Divine Signs

Allah the Omniscient knew their handicaps and the crippling conditions they would be passing through. It took an enslaved people a couple of generations, after becoming free, to get rid of the virus of slavishness. The newly born country would quickly lose its great leader and, in a few years thereafter, several of the members of his team would also depart from the scene. Foreign-sponsored figures would emerge as leaders and rulers. Pakistan's enemies outside and within the country would pound the people with make-believe propaganda that the country was created for

economic, not Islamic, purposes, and cleverly-crafted propaganda would dishearten and disillusion the Pakistanis about their country's future.

So, Allah decided to imprint His Signs on the Birth of Pakistan in such a way that Pakistanis should never have the slightest doubt that their country had a special place and a special purpose in the Divine Plan.

This, however, is an ordinary mortal's logic. **Only Allah knows the real reasons why He chose to create this Country exactly at the time that He Himself has declared to be most blessed and most momentous, and why He chose to make His Intervention in this matter so clear and unmistakable?**

A Blessed Date

To bring Pakistan into existence, Allah chose the most blessed day and in it the most blessed time—a fact no one could ever deny. It was the holy Month, Ramadan, the blessed Day, the Last Friday of Ramadan XE "Last Friday of Ramadan" , the most sacred Night, the 27th of Ramadan XE "27th of Ramadan" , and the most blessed Time, the midnight. At that moment, as the hour clock sounded its last toll on the radio, signaling a new day and date, the divinely ordained birth of the State of Pakistan was announced. The Appointed Date was Friday, 27 Ramadan 1366, corresponding to 15 August 1947.

Who had set this date? Not the Muslim League XE "Muslim League" , nor the Hindu Congress XE "Hindu Congress" , nor the Government in London XE "London" . Rear Admiral Louis Mountbatten XE "Mountbatten , Rear Admiral Louis" , the Viceroy at the time, had given this date. Many years later, in answer to a question during an interview, he said, "*When I named August 15, I admit I chose the anniversary of the surrender of the Japanese in Singapore XE "Singapore" .*"²⁶ Mountbatten was the supreme allied commander Southeast Asia XE "Southeast Asia" , when, on 15 August 1945, World War II XE "World War II," formally ended in Asia, following Japan XE "Japan" 's acceptance of the terms of surrender.

Thrilling Discovery

The moment I learnt this, an electrifying thrill ran through my whole body. I knew at once that it was not a coincidence that Pakistan appeared in the world on the night of 27 Ramadan; **it was a predestined, preplanned event.** The tumultuous events in British India XE "British India" between January and June 1947 that turned the advance toward the Partition into an avalanche, Mountbatten's posting in the Southeast Asian Theatre of War and the events in the closing days of World War II XE "World War II," in Asia passed before my eyes like a film running on screen. I felt I could literally see the intervention of the hand of Destiny XE "Destiny" directing the stream of events toward the Divine Will. I lamented why it had taken me so long to discover this miraculous feature in the birth of my country.

More Wonder was Waiting

My information on this feature at that stage was still incomplete, although it was enough for me to be absolutely sure of the thrilling inference that had dawned on me. There was more wonder waiting for my exploration. As I pored over the relevant historical material and delved deeper into the events and affairs in British India XE "British India" from the closing days of Wavell's XE "Wavell, Field Marshall Archibald Percival," viceroyalty to the time of Partition, there was excitement untold at almost every turn in the situation. It was obvious the situation would not have taken the turn that it did without the intervention of some supernatural power!

TRAIN OF EVENTS—GUIDED BY DESTINY

Mountbatten to Replace Wavell

The train of events, to arrive at **Destination Pakistan at midnight on Friday, 15 August 1947**, had, in fact, started in December 1946. On 18 December, British Prime Minister Clement Attlee XE "Attlee, Clement" (1883-1967) called Mountbatten to 10 Downing Street and invited him to succeed Wavell as viceroy in India XE "India" .²⁷

Field Marshall Archibald Percival Wavell (1883-1950) had been the Viceroy since October 1943, and immediately before that had been C-in-C Southeast Asia XE "Southeast Asia" for two years. He had steered the British Imperial policy in long, tricky negotiations with Congress and the Muslim League XE "Muslim League" for resolving the delicate issue of transfer of power. No one in Britain XE "Britain" knew the politicians and the politics in India XE "India" better than Wavell did. "He had a soft corner for the Congress."²⁸ He did not expect to be transferred.²⁹

There was no solid reason for pulling out Wavell at that critical juncture, especially as the British Government XE "British Government" was about to decide in principle to hand over power in India XE "India" in the next 18 months. If the top leaders of Congress had become disenchanted with Wavell and canvassed in London XE "London" for him to leave the post and be replaced by Mountbatten, this change in their attitude occurred only toward the last part of 1946. That was just the time the divine forces desired this change! Destiny XE "Destiny" had sealed Wavell's XE "Wavell, Field Marshall Archibald Percival," tenure as viceroy. He had to go. A different man was required in the post, to take hold of and keep pace with the breakneck speed and sharp turns that the political events in British India XE "British India" were soon to take.

A disturbing hitch arose in Mountbatten's appointment; he did not want it! "*His ambition was to return to Active duty with the Navy.*"³⁰ Campbell records: "*All was fairly set for him to fulfill his long-thwarted personal ambition of resuming his career in the Navy. He was to be Rear Admiral commanding the first Cruiser Squadron with effect from April 1947.*"³¹ It was in fact well known that he had a burning desire to become admiral of the fleet and the first sea lord in the British Navy to equal his father's record who had held both distinctions.

Campbell-Johnson adds: *“Mountbatten told me that he put up a stiff fight against the Prime Minister’s pressure and blandishments, stressing his extreme tiredness, and the folly of wearing him out too young and of diverting him from his Service career, where perhaps his most likely usefulness to the State lay.”*³²

But, Destiny XE "Destiny" had chosen him to be the viceroy, so his protests were in vain. *“Attlee appealed to Mountbatten, again on 1 January, to take up the viceroy’s burden.”*³³ Two days later he accepted the offer.

The invisible forces had also other tools to push for Mountbatten’s posting to Delhi XE "Delhi" . So, records would show that following Attlee’s offer to Mountbatten, Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" , who had befriended Mountbatten during a visit to Singapore XE "Singapore" on 18 March 1946, Krishna Menon XE "Menon , Krishna" and Stafford Cripps XE "Cripps , Stafford" also secretly lobbied with Attlee and his Cabinet colleagues for Mountbatten to replace Wavell.

British Decision to Quit India XE "India" by June 1948

On 20 February 1947, Attlee made an extraordinary policy statement in the Commons, spelling out this historic decision. *“...His Majesty’s Government wish to make it clear that it is their definite intention to take the necessary steps to effect the transference of power into responsible Indian hands by a date not later than June 1948...It is therefore essential that all parties should sink their differences in order that they may be ready to shoulder the great responsibilities which will come upon them next year.”*³⁴

This was a momentous turning point, not expected to come so soon. It changed the situation immediately and profoundly. The events would now rapidly converge on creating Pakistan. Campbell-Johnson observed:

The main effect of the Government’s 20th February Announcement has been to bring the Congress High Command round to the acceptance of the partition XE "partition" of India XE "India" as inevitable...Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" and Vallabhbhai Patel XE "Patel, Vallabhbhai," , the two big Congressmen in the Interim Government, accept Partition on the understanding that by conceding Pakistan to Jinnah they will hear no more of him...Partition is undoubtedly a tragedy, but a worse tragedy would be to try to impose a unity unacceptable to the great majority of the 100 million Moslems.³⁵

Congress and the League welcomed this clear-cut British statement. All political activity began to revolve around it, and the picture became clearer. Wolpert writes:

Congress was now ready to concede Pakistan, including only Muslim majority districts, but Pakistan nonetheless! Quaid-e-Azam told journalists in Bombay on March 12... *“There was a time when the idea of Pakistan was laughed at, but let me tell you this that there is no other solution which will do credit and bring honour to our people...Insha Allah (“God Willing”) we shall have Pakistan.”*³⁶

Mountbatten's Hectic Activity

Attlee gave parting instructions to Mountbatten, on 18 March: “...*If by October 1 you consider that there is no prospect of reaching a settlement on the basis of a unitary government...you should report... on the steps which you consider should be taken for the handing over of power on the due date..*”³⁷

Mountbatten reached Delhi XE "Delhi" on 22 March, where he met with Wavell. Both felt there was an urgent need for “*the Indian politicians to appreciate how little time there was to arrange the transfer of power before June 1948.*”³⁸ Mountbatten was sworn in on the 24th and Wavell flew out of Karachi XE "Karachi" .

From 24 March to 10 April, Mountbatten had a flurry of meetings with Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" , Liaquat, Gandhi XE "Gandhi" and Jinnah, whom he met for the first time on 5 April.³⁹ He continued to talk with them till the end of April. His mind was focused on the date, 1 June 1948, by which British withdrawal and transference of power had to be completed. Indeed, this date had been his idea, as he had been in touch with the drafting of the 20th February Announcement.⁴⁰ Then all of a sudden his thinking changed: he was hit by compelling urgency. A new transfer of power plan XE "Transfer of Power Plan" took shape.

Sudden Change in British Decision

In early May 1947, Mountbatten sent his Chief of Staff Hastings Lionel Ismay XE "Ismay, Hastings Lionel" to London XE "London" with the new draft plan. The British Cabinet approved it with some changes and cabled it back to Mountbatten. He let it be seen by Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" who was at that time his house-guest in Simla. Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" strongly objected to some points, whereupon Mountbatten revised this plan and on 18 May flew to London with it. He stayed there for two weeks, meeting with Attlee, Winston Churchill XE "Churchill, Winston" (1874-1965), leader of the Conservative opposition and other top men. His plan was approved, and he returned with it to Delhi XE "Delhi" on 31 May.

On Monday morning, 2 June 1947, India XE "India" 's leaders assembled in the Viceroy's house. “*That meeting at which those leaders were briefed on the plan brought back from London XE "London" lasted only two hours.*”⁴¹ The leaders met with Mountbatten again on 3 June.

Formal announcement of the “Mountbatten Plan XE "Mountbatten Plan" ,” officially called British Government XE "British Government" 's “Statement of 3 June 1947, XE "Statement of 3 June 1947," ” was broadcast at 7:00 pm on 3 June 1947. It opened with these words:

“On 20th February, 1947, His Majesty's Government [HMG] announced their intention of transferring power in British India XE "British India" to Indian hands by June 1948. His Majesty's Government had hoped that it would be possible for the major parties to co-operate in the working out of the Cabinet Mission's XE "Cabinet Mission" Plan of 16th May, 1946, and evolve for India XE "India" a constitution acceptable to all concerned. This hope has not been fulfilled...”

“It has always been the desire of His Majesty's Government that power should be transferred in accordance with the wishes of the Indian people themselves...After full consultation with political

leaders in India XE "India" , His Majesty's Government have decided to adopt for this purpose the plan set out below.⁴²

Then followed the details of procedures for ascertaining the wishes of the people, division of certain provinces, formation of constituent assemblies, etc. The plan emphasized necessity for speed, saying "*the above processes should be completed as quickly as possible.*" The plan gave no date. What HMG said on the subject, however, was interesting:

The major political parties have repeatedly emphasized their desire that there should be the earliest possible transfer of power in India XE "India" . With this desire His Majesty's Government are in full sympathy, and they are willing to anticipate the date of June 1948, for the handing over of power by the setting up of an independent Indian Government or Governments at an even earlier date. Accordingly, as the most expeditious, indeed the only practicable, way of meeting this desire His Majesty's Government propose to introduce legislation during the current session for the transfer of power this year on a Dominion status basis to one or two successor authorities according to the decisions taken as a result of this announcement. 43

No Real Explanation for the Sudden Change

What caused this unexpected, staggering change? Earthly causes, if any, were hazy and undefined. Stanley Wolpert, XE "Wolpert, Stanley," an industrious researcher in the India XE "India" of that period, does not even attempt to give a reason for this abrupt change, in his political biographies of Mr Jinnah and Pundit Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" ! Some Pakistani intellectuals think they know the reason: that Hindu leaders and Mountbatten had conspired together to advance the date of Partition so that the Muslim leadership, caught unprepared, would be unable to organize the administration of the new State and would fail to hold it together. This theory was not baseless, but it had no role in creating the radical change mentioned above.

Conspiracies against Pakistan, hatched by the British Administration, the Hindu Congress XE "Hindu Congress" and the Sikh leadership jointly as well as separately, there certainly were. They targeted almost every matter concerning the envisaged State of Pakistan. A number of the conspiracies, such as, Radcliffe's XE "Radcliffe's" betrayal in altering the Boundary Award XE "Boundary Award" and Mountbatten's treachery in ordering delay in its announcement, Maharaja Kashmir XE "Kashmir" 's forged accession to India XE "India" , planned slaughtering of millions of Muslims of East Punjab by organized gangs of Sikhs XE "Sikhs" and Hindus XE "Hindus" , and denial to Pakistan of its share of British India XE "British India" 's State assets, have been confirmed by documented proof.

The Hindus XE "Hindus" , Sikhs XE "Sikhs" and the British did have covert plans to upset and hurt Pakistan at its creation—whatever might be the date. They did unleash their vicious plans just as Pakistan came into being on 15 August 1947. Had Partition taken place, later, on 1 June 1948, their plans still would have been carried out, and very likely with greater force and effect and greater capacity to damage, as the planners would have had more time to expand and hone the plans, and to organize the Fifth Column XE "Fifth Column" in Pakistan.

Indeed, the collusion between British Administration and Congress was a constant feature in the politics in India XE "India" . Wavell kept the Hindu leaders informed of what he was planning or deciding but kept the Muslim leaders in the dark or in doubt. Mountbatten did the same—even more unabashedly. V.P. Menon XE "Menon, V.P." , a protege of Sardar Patel, was on Viceroy's staff as his constitutional adviser. Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" and Krishna Menon XE "Menon , Krishna" were Mountbatten's close confidants. Thus, while the top leaders of both the Congress and the Muslim League XE "Muslim League" had been shown the first draft plan, only Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" had been acquainted with the revised plan that Mountbatten took to London XE "London" . However, the first draft plan had evolved through the rounds of discussions that Mountbatten had with Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" and his team on the one hand and with Quaid-e-Azam and Liaquat Ali Khan XE "Khan , Liaquat Ali" on the other.⁴⁴ That process itself had made it obvious that transfer of power was going to take place much earlier than 1 June 1948.

The revised plan which became the 3 June Plan contained several matters (some of which had also been a part of its first draft) to which Quaid-e-Azam had serious disagreement, but he had no objection to the advanced timing of Partition that the plan envisaged, nor was he surprised by it.

Now, look at the issue of the change of date from another aspect. As it was, Mr Jinnah had not been consulted on the matter of bringing forward the program of transfer of power nor on certain other decisive clauses which were incorporated in the plan. But, what if the British Administration had told him in March or April 1947 that they planned to bring forward the date of Partition from June 1948 to June 1947? Would he have asked them to wait till the Muslim League XE "Muslim League" was ready to properly administer the new country? Or would he have told them to go ahead and advance the date, and thanked God for a quicker fulfillment of the Muslims' quest for Pakistan! In fact, Quaid-e-Azam was as keen, if not more so, as Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" , Patel and Menon were on speedy transfer of power.

The logic that the date of Partition was advanced with the object of throwing the State of Pakistan off balance to make it collapse at its very advent was, therefore, irrelevant in this situation. Besides, even a deluge of destabilizing factors could not have caused a State to collapse that had behind its creation the powerful struggle of a determined people and the genius of a most dynamic leader still in command.

If at all there was a reason for this sudden change, one could say it was the pressure of circumstances. *A political compromise between the Hindu Congress XE "Hindu Congress" and the Muslim League XE "Muslim League" on sharing power within a united India XE "India" as a possible solution was now dead and buried, communal violence and social unrest was intensifying, the communal divide seemed unbridgeable.* But this situation was not new. It had been prevailing for many months before Mountbatten took up his post. Wavell had been confronted with this same situation, the same pressure. It didn't cause in his mind a sense of urgency to think about a swift transfer of power. But in Mountbatten's mind it did. This is precisely the point that we ought to note. Mountbatten admitted it, even though in the style of a British imperialist, while introducing the 3 June Plan at the 2 June meeting with India's major political leaders:

He made it clear that he was not forcing the pace against their will. A terrific sense of urgency had been pressed upon him by every body to whom he had spoken. They had wanted the present state of uncertainty to cease; therefore the sooner power was transferred the better for all.⁴⁵

The point is, that just as Mountbatten was *destined* to be the Viceroy at that time, so was he *destined* to have a frame of mind that would be readily fired up with a “**terrific sense of urgency**” in effecting the transfer of power.

The Unseen Guiding Hand

Further, it should be realized that Britain XE "Britain" 's top politicians, policy planners and administrators were competent, prudent and experienced men. They did not take national decisions on key issues, and then changed them within weeks. But in this case they did so, and committed a gross deviation from their normal conduct. The reason was, they were compelled to do so. A power beyond their control forced them to change their decision.

The same Unseen Guiding Hand had set the course of Mountbatten's career, to bring him to India XE "India" as viceroy, and of World War II XE "World War II," to come to an end in Asia at a precise time.

Mountbatten was appointed commanding officer of an aircraft carrier in 1941 in the rank of a Captain. *From a post as a comparatively junior naval officer he was appointed supreme allied commander for Southeast Asia XE "Southeast Asia" in 1943, prompting complaints of nepotism against his cousin the king.*”⁴⁶

Indeed, he had neither the rank nor the professional experience for that high strategic command. His posting was a flagrant violation of the rules and respected traditions of the British Navy. But, it couldn't be stopped; it had been ordained by divine power. He had to be in that post when the War stopped.

World War II XE "World War II," had officially ended in Europe on 8 May 1945, with the surrender of the German forces four days earlier. Japan XE "Japan" was close to defeat but still resisting. It gave up finally on 10 August 1945. The Japanese Government accepted the terms of surrender on 14 August and informed its field commanders by quickest means. The Great War officially ended at midnight 14/15 August 1945. That date was to stamp its mark on Mountbatten's mind.

Chapter 4

Mysterious Silence about the Date

Let us go back to the mystery of the date of Partition and see when and how it was decided. There was a strange silence about the date in the final meetings and the announcements on the Partition Plan. On 2 June, India's top leaders, Mr Jinnah, Pandit Nehru and Jawahar Lal and their seconds-in-command, and Sardar Baldev Singh, heard Mountbatten breaking to them the stunning news that Britain was ready to transfer power and India was going to be partitioned—and quite soon. It was natural, indeed necessary, that they should have wanted to know what date had been fixed or was planned for this fateful event? No one asked Mountbatten this crucial question. They met him again on the morning of 3 June. By then each leader had had the opportunity to mull over the Plan with his close party associates, but none of them raised any question about the date!

The British Government's 3 June Statement was a very carefully drawn up plan. It laid out decisive instructions on the various procedures and actions to be undertaken. The nature of its program leading to Partition demanded that a date be given for its completion. But it made no mention of a date or of any authority designated to fix a date!

It is another matter that people expected that the Viceroy would indicate the date. But then that was all the more a reason that the Indian leaders should have promptly asked him to indicate the expected Partition date. Their silence on this point didn't make sense.

And, here one must single out the *silence* on the part of Nehru and Krishna Menon. They were Mountbatten's close confidants and he was continually in touch with them. Had they raised the question of date for the transfer of power, he would have, very likely, set the date with their consent—even before the 2 June meeting. How could they ignore the vital question of date?

The mystery deepens when we take note of the Viceroy's speech on 3 June that was broadcast *before* the Statement of 3 June was read out. In his speech Mountbatten explained the rationale and the salient features of the Plan of transfer of power. He did say, "*This I hope will be within the next few months...power can be transferred many months earlier than the most optimistic of us thought possible...*"⁴⁷ But he said nothing about the date of transfer of power. And yet this was an occasion on which he should have felt obliged to indicate the date, as the Plan to be broadcast had left it out.

Let me re-emphasize it that, by all calculations and reasoning, inquiring about the date of the literally impending Partition should have been uppermost in the minds of the top leaders of the Hindu Congress, the Muslim League and the Sikhs, especially in view of the statements by HMG and the Viceroy. The former had declared that HMG "*are willing to anticipate the date of June 1948, for the handing over of power...at an even earlier date. Accordingly...HMG propose to introduce legislation during the current session for the transfer of power this year...*" It clearly indicated that the June 1948 deadline was now no more operative, and transfer of power would take place in 1947.

Mountbatten said it equally clearly; he hoped *it will be within the next few months*. Yet, no leader asked Mountbatten about the date! Why had they ignored such a crucial matter? I referred this question to some scholars and authorities on the subject in Pakistan. No one could explain it. They could not be blamed. There really was no explanation. The matter was beyond the normal human grasp.

It is obvious that during the crucial days of June 1, 2 and 3 the question of date of the imminent Partition of India XE "India" was missing from the minds of all the British and Indian authorities who were directly and immediately concerned with finalizing, announcing and implementing the Transfer of Power Plan of 3 June 1947. It was missing even from Mountbatten's mind, the proof of which we shall see soon. But it should not have been missing. It seemed as if they had all been spellbound and prevented from thinking of this question! There is no other explanation. That's exactly what happened—however unbelievable may it seem to the unbelievers.

The divine forces kept this issue effaced from their minds, till the appointed moment for bringing up the question and its answer arrived. That moment was at the end of Mountbatten's press conference in the legislative assembly chamber in Delhi XE "Delhi" on the morning of 4 June 1947.

Spellbinding Super Drama

Let us see a glimpse of the press conference, and then witness in Mountbatten's own words the super drama of how the date of Transfer of Power—of the Birth of Pakistan—was fixed. This is what the authors of *Freedom at Midnight* XE "*Freedom at Midnight*" wrote:

It was the second time in the history of Britain XE "Britain" 's Indian Empire that a Viceroy gave a press conference. It was also the last. Three hundred journalists, correspondents of the USSR, China and Europe, mixed with the representatives of India XE "India" 's press, regional, religious and linguistic mosaic of journals, all following with extraordinary intentness the monologue of the Viceroy.

Mountbatten concluded his talk to a burst of applause and opened the floor to questions. For the first time the press were meeting the one and only man who had the whole thing at his fingertips.

Suddenly, when the long barrage of questions began to trickle out, the anonymous voice of an Indian newsman cut across the chamber. His was the last question awaiting an answer. It was the last square left for Mountbatten to fill in the puzzle he'd been assigned six months before.

'Sir,' the voice said, 'if all agree that there is most urgent need for speed between today and the Transfer of Power, surely you should have a date in mind?'

'Yes, indeed,' replied Mountbatten.

'And if you have chosen a date, Sir, what then is that date?' pressed the questioner.

A number of rapid calculations went whirring through the Viceroy's mind as he listened to those questions. He had not, in fact, picked a date. But he was convinced it had to be very soon.

‘I had to force the pace,’ he recalled later. ‘I knew I had to force parliament to get the bill through before their summer recess to hold the thing together. We were sitting on the edge of a volcano, on a fused bomb, and we didn't know when the fuse would go off.’

He stared at the packed assembly hall. Every face in the room was turned to his. A hushed, expectant silence broken only by the whir of the wooden blades of the fans revolving overhead stilled the room. ‘I was determined to show I was the master of the whole event,’ he would remember.

‘Yes,’ he said, ‘I have selected a date for the Transfer of Power.’

As he was uttering these words, the possible dates were still whizzing through his mind like the numbers on a spinning roulette wheel. Early September? Mid-September? Mid-August? Suddenly the wheel stopped with a jar and the little ball popped into a slot so overwhelmingly appropriate that Mountbatten's decision was instantaneous.

It was a date linked in his memory to the most triumphant hours of his own existence, the day in which his long crusade through the jungles of Burma had ended with the unconditional surrender of the Japanese Empire. What more appropriate date for the birth of the new democratic Asia than the second anniversary of Japan XE "Japan" 's surrender?

His voice constricted with sudden emotion, the victor of the jungles of Burma about to become the liberator of India XE "India" announced: ‘The final Transfer of Power to Indian hands will take place on 15 August 1947.’⁴⁸

Fantastic! Marvellous drama! Conceived, scripted and directed, with absolute authority and precision, by the unseen forces of God. The dramatic description of the sensational scene at which the Appointed Date was announced was also in line with the script of the plan of the heavenly forces, for posterity to remember and wonder.

*“For to Allah belong the Forces of the heavens and the earth; and Allah is exalted in Power, full of Wisdom.”*⁴⁹ *“And none can comprehend thy Sustainer's Forces save Him alone, and all this is but a reminder to mortal man.”*⁵⁰

A Bill Passed by Parliament in Record Time

Mountbatten's sudden announcement of 15 August to be the date of Transfer of Power sent a shock wave to the authorities in London XE "London" . *“No one had suspected Mountbatten was ready to ring the curtain down so precipitously on Britain XE "Britain" 's Indian adventure.”*⁵¹ It drove them into a tremendous hurry as the Parliament had to pass the requisite legislation before its summer recess. Things moved fast. *“By 30 June, the British government's ‘Indian Independence Bill’ was ready for unveiling before the leaders of Congress and the Muslim League XE "Muslim League”.*⁵²

Introduced in the House of Commons on 4 July, the Bill sailed through the Parliament in just two weeks and was enacted into law on 18 July, 1947. “*Never had so momentous a measure been drafted and enacted with comparable speed.*”⁵³ Yes, never. But never had there been an occasion before backed by so commanding a power as this one was

Indian Astrologers XE "Indian Astrologers" Protest against 15 August

The top leaders of Congress were ‘speechless,’ following Mountbatten’s announcement of the date. In spite of being the Viceroy’s close collaborators they had not received even a “*hint that he would act with such decisive haste.*”⁵⁴

But a strong protest against the announced date rose from the cliques of India XE "India"’s influential astrologers! They “*declared that August 13 and 15 were both inauspicious days.*”⁵⁵ The ministers designate of India’s first cabinet wanted their swearing in to be done before midnight on the 14th!

As for the bizarre story of the astrologers’ protests, it is aptly described by Larry Collins and his partner:

As soon as the radio announced Mountbatten’s date, astrologers all over India XE "India"’ began to consult their charts. Those in the holy city of Benares XE "Benares" and several others in the south immediately proclaimed 15 August a date so inauspicious that India ‘would be better advised to tolerate the British one day longer rather than risk eternal damnation.’

In Calcutta XE "Calcutta", Swami Madamanand rushed to his celestial charts as soon as he heard the date announced. He took out his *navamansh*, an enormous circular chart composed of a succession of concentric circles on which were plotted the days and the months of the year, the cycles of the sun and moon, the planets, the signs of Zodiac and the positions of the 27 stars influencing the destiny of the earth. At its center was a map of the world. He twisted the circles on his charts until they were all set for the 15th of August. Then, from a map of India XE "India" in the chart’s core, he began to draw a series of lines out towards the edge of his wheel. As he did so he sat up aghast. His calculations foretold disaster...

From midnight, 14 August throughout 15 August, Saturn, Jupiter and Venus would all lie in the most accursed site of the heavens, the ninth house of *Karamstahn*. Like thousands of his colleagues, the young astrologer looked up from his chart overcome by the magnitude of the disaster they had revealed. ‘What have they done? What have they done?’ he shouted to the heavens whose machinations he interpreted for man...

Seizing a piece of paper he sat down and wrote an urgent appeal to the man inadvertently responsible for this celestial catastrophe. ‘For the love of God,’ he wrote to Louis Mountbatten, ‘do not give India XE "India" her independence on 15 August. If floods, drought, famine and massacres follow, it will be because free India was born on a day cursed by the stars.’⁵⁶

A Great Map of the Globe

It was beyond the grasp of the stargazing gurus, (or maybe some of them realized it later), that the date had been set by the ‘forces of heavens’ and no one had the power to change it.

Here, recalling the scene of Swami Madamanand bent over his astrological chart, with each circle set for 15 August, feeling alarmed at the inauspiciousness of this date and wishing it to be changed, conjures up in the mind a fascinating scene of another dimension. A Great Map of the Globe showing the silhouettes of the Divine Plan lies unrolled in the heavens with the Appointed Date, Friday, 27 Ramadan 1366, 15 August 1947, marked at a dot on the Map, and an Angel of God is shaping the march of all events to converge on that dot.

The Divine Plan—at a Glance

As in the Islamic custom the actual sighting of the moon, not the astronomical times of its rising and setting, determine the start of the lunar month, no mortal could have known years in advance that in the lunar year 1366, in the Subcontinent XE "Subcontinent" , 27 Ramadan will correspond with Friday and in the solar calendar it will fall on 15 August 1947. Only God knew it, and He willed Pakistan’s creation on that date. See His Plan—how it was enacted!

British Viceroy would be the principal puppet. Mountbatten was picked up and dispatched to become supreme allied commander Southeast Asia XE "Southeast Asia" , in spite of being ineligible for the post. Japan XE "Japan" was made to surrender on 14 August 1945, not a day earlier or later, and World War II XE "World War II," was brought to an end on 15 August, and Mountbatten’s mind was programmed to ring out this date at a specific future occasion. Attlee’s Government was impelled to take a major policy decision, in February 1947, announcing Britain XE "Britain" ’s intention to transfer power and quit India XE "India" by 1 June 1948. Mountbatten was then placed, in spite of his reluctance, as Viceroy in Delhi XE "Delhi" to replace Wavell in March 1947, and, during rounds of meetings with Indian leaders, was infused with the idea that there was no alternative but to partition XE "partition" India and to do it quickly. British Government XE "British Government" was forced to alter its policy decision and to accept Mountbatten’s plan for early transfer of power, but was rendered mum about a date. The Viceroy briefed the Indian leaders on the new Plan on 2 and 3 June but the issue of date, otherwise immensely urgent for every Indian leader, was kept blocked out of the minds of all the concerned authorities, including Mountbatten, till the Viceroy’s press conference on 4 June. On that occasion, only as the conference reached its end, and the moment set for its disclosure arrived, a nameless reporter was prompted to ask the question of date and Mountbatten, as he had been programmed, pronounced 15 August 1947 as the date of Partition—the date on which Pakistan would come into being!

Allah-o-Akbar, “God is The Greatest.” Can any intelligent mind miss seeing the Hand of God, in the wondrous way the Islamic State of Pakistan was brought into being at a most sacred and auspicious time—chosen by God Most Munificent.

“Inna Rabbaka Fa’aalun Lima Ureed.”

“Verily thy Lord is the (sure) Accomplisher of what He wills.”⁵⁷

Chapter 5

Answering a Troubling Question

There is a need now to deal with a question that is likely to be asked: If Pakistan was created according to a divine plan XE "divine plan" , why did it break up in two parts in 1971? The question is valid. So is its answer, when we refer to the knowledge and guidance contained in the Holy Qur'an XE "Holy Qur'an" . This question, however, is linked with some very important issues of the Crisis and War of 1971, XE "War of 1971," which also call for an explanation.

God's Practice

Everything happens within the purview of God's Plan that includes His Practice. The Divine Plan for the worldly life operates in three spheres or modes: the mode of Man, that of Satan, and God's Own Mode. Both Man and Satan are allowed great freedom of action. Man can shape his life literally as he wants. Satan has the freedom to shatter Man's life to total destruction.

We know from the Qur'an that God keeps exclusive control over certain matters such as, death and provisions for subsistence of human beings. It is God's normal Practice to let individuals and nations have what they desire and work for, let them proceed in the direction of their choice, and let them be ruined by Satan if they forsake the path of God and persist on the Satanic path.

It is also His Practice to keep testing individuals and nations to see if they deserve to remain in their existing, adverse or privileged, state, and to further favour or punish them. We also know, though we may not understand it, that at times God intervenes directly in the affairs of individuals and nations, and generally it is for their good.

When God grants an individual or a nation a favour, it is not meant as a permanent privilege. If the recipient fails to protect it or fails to remain deserving of it, it is taken away. Take the example of a seriously ill person who yearns to get well. He seeks and takes all useful remedies and prays for his recovery, and recovers his good health. But then, he fails to protect his health and to remember and thank God. He will surely lose his health.

Penalty for Failing a Test

The Muslims of the Subcontinent XE "Subcontinent" fervently sought a separate State that would function under Islamic order, and they resolutely struggled for it. God gifted them the State in the shape of Pakistan. It was expected of the people of Pakistan that they would organize and run it in accordance with the teachings of the Qur'an and the Sunnah and would protect it against all types of dangers and the evil designs of its enemies.

The founding fathers of Pakistan certainly intended to do so, but fate did not give them enough time. The rulers who came after them ignored both tasks. When the rulers continuously blunder and the leading sections of society remain inert, the nation as a whole has to suffer the consequences. God imposed a heavy penalty on the nation of Pakistan. The State was cut into two.

We were tested, but we failed. We have to remember what Allah says in the Qur'an: "***Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, 'We believe,' and they will not be tested? We did test those before them, and Allah will certainly know those who are true from those who are false.***"⁵⁸

Valuable Aspects of Adversity

It is a part of the Divine Plan that whenever an individual or a nation is struck with adversity as a punishment or a test, the circumstance holds an opportunity for the person or the people concerned, indeed for their peers too, to learn a lesson and to take corrective measures. Besides, Allah the Omniscient and Most Merciful at times lets some favourable or helpful developments emerge from adversity. A candid study indicates that this factor did emerge in the tragedy of the parting of the two Wings in 1971, though the loss to the country and the people of both the Wings was colossal.

The military strength that the erstwhile East Pakistan XE "East Pakistan" was able to build up as an independent entity might not have been achievable in its previous status. This is an asset for Pakistan also, as there is a convergence of the vital strategic interests of Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The proportionately very large and influential Hindu population in East Pakistan XE "East Pakistan" was a readymade effective tool in the hands of the Indian government. Combining this huge resource easily with the other Fifth Columnists, India XE "India" constantly undermined Pakistan's national interests and policies. A continuation of that situation might have blocked or upset Pakistan's nuclear weapons program; it could have also caused disastrous and irreparable damage to Pakistan as a whole.

Previously, the East Pakistanis were oblivious to the subversion and sabotage that their Hindu population was committing because their anger and attention was kept diverted to West Pakistan. It was only after losing that part of the country that they realized the serious threat of subversion at home and turned to confront it.

The people of East Pakistan XE "East Pakistan" were deceived into looking upon Indians as their friends and West Pakistanis as enemies. As Bangladeshis, they learnt the truth was exactly the opposite.

It is also for the Bangladeshis to realize that they were deceived into being the bigger victims and losers in that episode. They were lured, in the name of political independence, which they already had as Pakistanis, into giving up West Pakistan, a vast area of 307, 374 sq mi, a territory with its resources that was their own. It is more than five times bigger than the small area of 55, 126 sq mi of East Pakistan or Bangladesh, in which they are now confined!

Learning from the Tragedy

As for meeting the crucial obligation of learning from the terrible tragedy, it remains unfulfilled. Sadly, the true lessons of that catastrophe have so far eluded our nation's ruling and leading sections: the top cadres of politicians, the military and the civil bureaucracy who make and conduct the national policies, and the media managers, writers, teachers, lawyers, etc, who influence and shape the public mind. The obligation has to be met. I wrote about it in an article, published in the *Muslim*, 16 December 1990, which remains relevant, and is partly reproduced below.

December 16 Demands A Resolution For Requit

East Pakistan XE "East Pakistan" , now Bangladesh, may still one day rejoin with the parent country. People in both the Wings are ready to forgive and forget. No one doubts that they were made the victims of an international conspiracy that included the services of several local agents. The Muslim people of Bangladesh are now conscious that they were deceived by their own 'native' leaders, in themselves giving up the larger part of their own country, thus depriving themselves of the land and all its resources.

But the military surrender was a different blow. It was devastating. It was totally unexpected, and beyond imagination. The manner in which it took place—with hardly a fight given to the enemy and with the senior army and navy commanders laying down their arms with no sign of remorse—compounded the disgrace. The pain of humiliation and anger felt by the people of Pakistan and much more so by the military men and officers, who had been cheated by their top commanders, was a natural consequence of that occurrence.

In the injunctions of Islam, military surrender and even running away from a battle, is expressly forbidden.

Says the Holy Qur'an XE "Holy Qur'an" , *"Truly, Allah loves those who fight in His Cause in battle array as if they were a solid cemented structure."* (61:4)

Another passage (8:15,16) orders: *"O ye who believe, when ye meet the unbelievers in hostile array, never turn your backs to them. If any do turn his back to them on such a day—unless it be in a stratagem of war, or retreat to a troop (of his own)—he draws on himself the wrath of Allah, and his abode is hell, an evil refuge (indeed)."*

The marks left by that surrender in Dacca are indelible and the event cannot be forgotten. And forgotten it must not be, because it defiled our honour, and national honour must be redeemed. December 16 must, therefore, be remembered, but not just with grief and frustration. It should be remembered with the promise of redemption, as a day of resolution for retaliation and requital.

Retaliation is a word the use of which is not permissible in the contemporary world except to Israel and the United States! Only they can say they will retaliate against any damages done to their interests. Uttered in a Muslim country this word is all the more likely to inflame the 'human-rightists' of the West, who otherwise remain absolutely unmoved at the savage cruelties being

committed by India XE "India" on the Muslims in Occupied Kashmir XE "Kashmir" and by Israel on the Palestinians. However unpopular or unpalatable it may be, there is no better word than retaliation to give firm and clear expression to the desire for vindication of a wrong done, particularly when the matter is that of honour. We should add this word in the expression of our national aims and military doctrine.

A gang of treacherous persons placed in powerful positions in Pakistan participated with the principal foreign conspirators in enacting the catastrophic episode of surrender. The nation was unaware and uninvolved. But the stigma has to be suffered by all. The position will remain unchanged even when the traitors and their accomplices have been fully exposed. The stigma can be removed only by vanquishing the same enemy in war.

The Pakistani leaders, both the civil and the military, must know that a nation, which has offered abject surrender to the enemy without even putting up a full fight, cannot retain its cultural values nor its ideological moorings unless it avenges that disgrace. They must prepare the nation to fight and win back its prestige and status.

Let December 16 every year be the day for the nation to take the vow to redeem its honour. There are clear signs that the next war with the same enemy is not far off. Destiny always deals fairly with all nations, is bound to give us the opportunity to wipe out the stain of surrender and to reclaim the image of a courageous and virile people that in reality we are. We must not lose it.

Chapter 6

Pakistan is the Foremost Target of Zionist Jewry/Israel

Zionist International Jewry XE "Zionist International Jewry" (Zinjry XE "Zinjry"), the founder of the Zionist State of Israel XE "Israel , Zionist State of" and still its master decision-maker, operates behind the front body of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) XE "World Zionist Organization (WZO)" whose existence was made public for the first time in August 1897 at the first Zionist World Conference in Basel, Switzerland. It is an old, secret Order of anti-religion rapacious Jews who are dedicated followers of the creed of Zionism XE "Zionism," and are led by international moneylenders.

Zionism XE "Zionism," rabidly opposes God, revealed religion, divine books and the noble moral and social order based on religious teachings. Members of the Christian and other communities who adopt Zionism XE "Zionism," as their ideology of life are admitted in the Order and are called Gentile/Christian Zionists XE "Zionists, Christian," .

Its own concepts, values and practices of life, ie, the Zionist ideology XE "Zionist Ideology" and order, are exactly the opposite of the religion-based order. It is the abominable Zionist social order XE "Zionist Social Order" with its most perverse immoral practices that has taken hold of the society in the Western countries including Russia and the other former communist states, whereas earlier these countries had been governed by Judeo-Christian values and practices for centuries.

The anti-religion, immoral Zionist Order is most prevalent in the Zionist State. Indeed, the Jewish people were the first target of Zionism XE "Zionism," , and their vast majority was compelled to become its follower through pressure tactics and machinations.

The Zionist Jewry, having acquired vast resources and hold over international instruments of power and having succeeded in imposing the Zionist Order in the West, is now seeking to bring the whole world under the sway of the Zionist ideology XE "Zionist Ideology" and system. It is now aiming at nothing less than establishing what it calls a One-World Government XE "One-World Government" run according to the Zionist Order under its political and economic control.

There is only one major obstacle left in the way of Zinjry XE "Zinjry" 's aim of global control—that is the faith and ideology of Islam which has an inherent capability on the one hand to resist Zionism XE "Zionism," 's Godless ideology and on the other to transform any sizable Muslim country that chooses to function fully under the Islamic political, economic and social order into a great power.

The Zionist Jewry with its powerful resources of money and media, and Israel as its main field arm, is ruthlessly engaged in subverting and subduing the religion of Islam as well as the Muslim countries, especially those that have the potential to emerge as powerful opponents of Zionism XE "Zionism," and the Zionist State. It does not require much insight to realize why the Zionist Jewry and Israel consider the Islamic Republic of Pakistan XE "Pakistan , Islamic Republic of ," as their number one enemy.

The Zinjry XE "Zinjry" set up and conducted the breakup scheme, but the responsibility for letting it happen lay squarely on the people of Pakistan. The scheme was launched not long after the birth of Pakistan in August 1947. A secret axis comprising the United States, XE "United States," Britain XE "Britain" , Israel, India XE "India" and the Soviet Union XE "Soviet Union" carried out the scheme directed by principal Zionist Schemers sitting at key posts in the White House and the Government in Washington and in the UN Security Council in New York.

Soon after the 1967 Israel-Arab War, Israel's first prime minister and a fanatic Zionist, David Ben-Gurion, XE "Ben-Gurion, David" inflated with the arrogance of victory against the Arabs XE "Arabs" , gave out an outline of the scheme for undoing Pakistan. The weekly *Jewish Chronicle*, London XE "London" , reported it in these words:

The World Zionist Movement should not be neglectful of the dangers of Pakistan to it. And Pakistan now should be its first target, for this Ideological State is a threat to our existence. And, Pakistan, the whole of it, hates the Jews and loves the Arabs. This lover of the Arab is more dangerous to us than the Arabs themselves. For that matter it is most essential for World Zionism XE "Zionism," that it should now take immediate steps against Pakistan. Whereas the inhabitants of the Indian peninsula are Hindus XE "Hindus" whose hearts have been full of hatred throughout history against Muslims, therefore India XE "India" is the most important base for us to work there from against Pakistan. It is essential that we exploit this base and strike and crush Pakistanis, enemies of Jews and Zionism XE "Zionism," , by all disguised and secret plans.⁵⁹

Ben-Gurion's Threat was a Wake-up Call

Wasn't this disclosure an act of help from providence? Here was a clear opportunity for the rulers and the leading sections of the Pakistan Nation to ponder and be warned that this blatant threat hurled at Pakistan had to be recognized and countered.

Ben Gurion's call proved the truth of the Qur'anic warnings to Muslims to beware of the Zionist Jews XE "Zionist Jews" and the Idol-Worshippers (that the Hindus XE "Hindus" more than any other people are), as they are the greatest enemies of Islam and its followers.⁶⁰ The Zionist Jews, knowing their own innate enmity to Islam and Muslims, also know the history of the enmity of the Hindus against Muslims.

A critical inquiry would have revealed the Zionist Jewry's worldwide organization and evil goals and its hold over the Western countries, the anti-Islam and anti-Pakistan moves of the Israeli State and the aims of the politico-military nexus between Zionist Israel and Hindu India XE "India" . The Pakistani policymakers and the intelligentsia would have then woken up and seen the sinister game behind the tumultuous state of affairs in the world and within their own country. They would have realized why the founder of Pakistan had expressly warned the Nation against the Fifth Columnists in the country.

Warnings by the Quaid

That Pakistan is a unique country with a special mission XE "mission" was evident from its Islamic foundation and the extraordinary circumstances and timing of its creation. Another pointer to its role was the creation, nine months later, of Israel, which, founded on the anti-God ideology of Zionism XE "Zionism," was an antithesis and an enemy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan XE "Pakistan , Islamic Republic of," .

Quaid-e-Azam was aware of both these elements that pointed to Pakistan's mission XE "mission" in the world. On one occasion referring to the Zionist Jewry he said: ***“The Arabs of Palestine are being subjected to monstrous injustices which are being propped up by British Imperialism with the ulterior motive of placating the International Jewry which commands the money bags.”***⁶¹

He knew of the enemies outside and within the country and warned the nation. ***“Unfortunately, you have Fifth Columnists—and I am sorry to say they are Muslims—who are financed by outsiders.” “I must warn you to beware of these Fifth Columnists.” “Pakistan must be governed through the properly constituted Government, and not by cliques or Fifth Columnists...they shall be dealt with sternly and ruthlessly.”***⁶²

The dictionary defines a Fifth Columnist as *a traitor, spy, a member of Fifth Column* XE "Fifth Column" , [which is] *an organized body sympathizing with and working for the enemy within a country.*

Besides being a lawyer, Mr Jinnah was meticulous in his choice of words. In this case also, he meant what he said. His warnings should have been, and still should be, taken seriously.

The incomparable political guide Mr Jinnah died on 11 September 1948. Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan XE "Khan , Liaquat Ali" (b.1.10.1895) was assassinated on 16 October 1951. Political conditions became chaotic. In the ensuing years, Pakistan lost several of its other sincere and able leaders, including Khwaja Nazimuddin XE "Nazimuddin , Khwaja" (19.7.1894-22.10.1964), Sardar Abdul Rab Nishtar XE "Nishtar, Sardar Abdul Rab" (13.6.1899-14.2.1958) and Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardi XE "Suhrawardi, Hussain Shaheed," (8.12.1893-3.3.1965).

Fifth Columnists and pawns of Western powers gained ascendancy in the civil service and military hierarchies and in the key ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance, which make and direct almost all the national policies. The Fifth Columnists had ready help from their foreign masters. They have all along been harming Pakistan in countless ways, both independently and in league with the other programmed foreign puppets in the country. Quaid-e-Azam's warnings to the nation against this grave threat were forgotten.

Toward the Destined Direction

Nevertheless, Destiny XE "Destiny" created such circumstances every now and then as even the internal subversive elements could not but let Pakistan's vital interests be enhanced. Besides, Destiny ensured that some of the genuinely patriotic and capable Pakistanis should always be present in the higher cadres in every institution and sector of national life.

So, while suffering and battling the burdens of manufactured troubles, the country has eked out some notable progress as well. But Pakistan cannot go on in this way. The Nation has to know the real face of Pakistan's internal and external enemies and their secret aims.

Examine Ben-Gurion's venomous call to the World Zionist Organization (WZO) XE "World Zionist Organization (WZO)" to crush Pakistan by all covert and overt means and to create an Indian-Israeli Platform XE "Indian-Israeli Platform" specifically for this purpose. The vicious call was translated into the policies and actions, jointly adopted by India XE "India" , Israel, Britain XE "Britain" , America and the Soviet Union XE "Soviet Union" and directed by World Zionism XE "Zionism," , that devastated Pakistan in 1971 and now threaten to inflict on this country another disaster. They proceeded unchecked then, but now they have to be confronted and stopped. Signs tell, so it will be. To the discerning eye the Divine Plan that encompasses Pakistan, and everything else, seems to be moving in that direction.

Pakistan is intrinsically a homogeneous and cohesive State. Nature has endowed it and its people with rich assets. And, its people have the ingenuity and the will to overcome the prevalent problems, most of which were created, and have flourished, by the planned efforts of the agents of World Zionism XE "Zionism," .

It is important to point out that Pakistan's arch rival and foe, Hindu India XE "India" , is being artificially propped up as a regional power by World Zionism XE "Zionism," , through manufactured propaganda, because it serves Zionist aims against Pakistan, the World of Islam and the People's Republic of China XE "People's Republic of China" . While using India as a tool, the Zionists have been thoroughly undermining the country, as to break it up in fragments is one of their major strategic aims. Just one big jolt can shatter India. Its internal structure, fragile from the beginning, is sliding inexorably toward complete collapse.

The Indian Union XE "Indian Union" is devoid of any binding force to hold it together. Its phony cover of being a secular State was torn by the genocides of Muslims, Sikhs XE "Sikhs" and the low-caste Dalits perpetrated in the reigns of both the Hindu nationalist parties and the Congress. India XE "India" 's endless serious problems, pernicious caste system, irremediable racial, social, religious and political disunity, aggressive Hindu bigotry, violent separatist insurgencies, to name a few, are inherent to the country. They defy solution, and are hastening its fragmentation.

The Great Suffering as the Country came into Being

People who do not want to tax their minds or are just simple-minded ask, if Pakistan is a gift of God to Muslims and is a product of the Divine Plan why was its birth accompanied with so much bloodshed and suffering? Yes, it is true, at the time of the Partition the Muslims were subjected to terrible suffering and colossal losses in lives and property. However, one may ask why is it that a most marvelous act of creation, the birth of a baby, is accompanied with the severest pains? Why did the First Islamic State face great strife and adversity in the process of its creation and stabilization, and why did its Founder, the Prophet of Islam (pbuh) XE "Prophet of Islam (pbuh)" and his followers had to suffer immense hardship and pain for many years before and after the establishment of the State of Madinah XE "Madinah" ?

These are the Ways of the Almighty. However, His Ways are not without meanings, which wise people do seek and learn. In fact, each such episode has certain specific meanings and lessons in its tragedies and pains that the sufferers and their ensuing generations are expected to learn and remember.

Pakistanis had to remember always the terrible price that was exacted from them at the time of the Partition. They were expected never to forget the awful atrocities inflicted on their people, especially on their women and children, nor to forget those who were responsible for it. They had to remember the lesson that the leaders of the British, Hindu and the Sikh people, whatever deceptive front they might put on, would always be engaged inwardly in harming Pakistan and its people.

There was another vital lesson they were required to remember that it was an article of faith for Hindu India XE "India" to undo their country by military might and other machinations, and therefore it was imperative for Pakistan to match the belligerent adversary in political will, military strength and diplomacy.

History is the leading factor in nation building. Study the rise of great nations. They glorified their history and taught their people to take pride in it and remember the lessons from both their past triumphs and tragedies. While they rose in power and prestige they never forgot how they had achieved their independence and nationhood, which almost in every case was won with enormous losses and sacrifices.

We should relive every year all the emotions of the historic days of the birth of Pakistan, the pain and the grief, and the joy and the glory. We should remember and honour those who laid down their lives and we should renew our resolve to protect the honour, lives and property of our masses in the face of any danger.

PROTECTING PAKISTAN

Duty to Protect the Country—and to Know the Dangers

The people of Pakistan have a duty—more than the usual demand of patriotism—to protect this Country to their utmost capabilities. The principal enemies, who consider Pakistan as the main obstacle in their global aims, know its singular influential nature and its great potential power. They are going ahead with numerous schemes XE "schemes" in concert with their allies to rupture this Country's unity, stability and integrity, take over control of its national assets including vital utilities and communication systems, create intense internal conflict, harm it in various ways using certain of its own people, make it subservient to Hindu India XE "India" , and lead it through the networks of SAARC XE "SAARC" into a South Asian Federation XE "South Asian Federation" thus making it lose its identity and independent existence.

These schemes XE "schemes" are already in progress. Some of these may still be deceptive but the others are quite clear in their function and motives. We have to be on guard. It is most important that the leaders in the administration as well as in all sectors of life acquaint themselves with the nature of the principal enemies and with their schemes, strategies and motives. If they are not equipped with this knowledge and awareness, they cannot check and counter the enemies' schemes; instead, the enemies can trap and exploit them.

One deplorable example is the use the enemies are making of ignorant, misguided religionists as terrorists XE "terrorists" and saboteurs to cause serious damage in Pakistan. What this brainwashed band, backed by some misguided local persons, is doing is all the more condemnable, as this band is killing innocent people, destroying vital public services and facilities and creating havoc, all in the name of Islam!

Our people must realize that harming the State or the Masses with the object of harming the government, ie, the party in power, is a self crippling effort—that ideally suits the enemies. Opposition to government on matters of policies and principles is a legitimate practice but it must be pursued by legitimate ways; this also begets the best results. In protecting Pakistan and Pakistanis, the opposition parties or groups should, in fact, work with the government, setting aside their differences with the government or amongst themselves. On matters of national security the government should take the opposition into confidence. In case of wide differences on a vital matter, opinion of the masses should be sought.

Protecting Pakistan Demands Not Recognizing Israel

The most dangerous scheme the enemies have in their arsenal is to force Pakistan to recognize the Zionist State of Israel XE "Israel , Zionist State of" . They have been pursuing it covertly and cunningly and they think they are close to succeeding. To hoodwink the Muslim countries into according it recognition, Israel is on the verge of perpetrating a massive deceit, by announcing in a couple of months that *a Palestinian state XE "Palestinian state" has been established!*

It will but be a local district government under the Israeli regime as the present Palestinian Authority is. The phony *state* will consist of separate, mutually isolated enclaves, enclosed within the so-called "Israeli security wall" at which the entry/exit points will be controlled by Israelis. It will place the Palestinians in a terribly miserable situation.

According to the other details leaked by Israel, the over six million Palestinians living in squalid camps outside Palestine will not be allowed to return, and the question of their Return as well as that of the status of Jerusalem will be altogether closed.

It is no secret that Israel is pursuing plans to demolish the AlAqsa Mosque XE "AlAqsa Mosque" and to build a so-called Solomon's temple XE "Solomon's temple" at its site, and to realize its fictitious claim on a vast territory that it calls "Greater Israel XE "Greater Israel" ." Recognition of Israel by Pakistan and Saudi Arabia XE "Saudi Arabia" will create highly favourable political, strategic and psychological conditions for Israel, greatly facilitating and spurring its nefarious plans.

Israel has cleverly left its state boundaries unfixed and undefined in public documentation, but in its classified legal documents its boundaries are shown as those of "Greater Israel XE "Greater Israel" ," which include parts of *Lebanon* XE "Lebanon" , Syria XE "Syria" , Turkey XE "Turkey" , Iraq XE "Iraq" and Saudi Arabia XE "Saudi Arabia" along with Makkah XE "Makkah" and Madinah XE "Madinah" . When the time comes, Israel will say that the countries which recognized it had recognized its legal boundaries!

Pakistan must never recognize Israel. The consequences of recognition will be devastating. They will hit all sectors of national life, and will make Pakistan extremely vulnerable both internally and externally, besides strengthening the India XE "India" -Israel nexus against this country. One need not dwell on it more; normal mental faculties are sufficient for anyone to foresee the perils in such a situation.

Qur'anic Verdict on Zionist Israel

The political reasons against recognizing Israel are powerful enough. However, there is a more powerful reason: the Qur'an forbids recognizing the Zionist state. Israel is a dedicated Zionist state. It was created entirely by the designs and efforts of the World Zionist Organization to be the flag-bearer of Zionism XE "Zionism," and Zionist global interests.

Chaim Weizman, head of WZO became Israel's first president and his deputy, David Ben-Gurion, XE "Ben-Gurion, David" became its first prime minister. It is the Zionist Jews XE "Zionist Jews" who received God's wrath and curse, according to the Qur'an and the Bible XE "Bible," . The brief description of Zionism XE "Zionism," mentioned above gives a clear idea why they met that fate. The Qur'an explains it at length that these Jews chose adherence to the creed of Zionism XE "Zionism," and defiance against God.

God has warned humanity in general and the Muslims in particular to beware of the Zionist Jews XE "Zionist Jews" and Zionist Christians and not to follow their errant views.⁶³ Among numerous warnings, one is particularly severe. *"O ye who believe! Take not the [Zionist] Jews and the [Zionist] Christians for your friends and protectors; they are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily, God **does not** guide such evildoers"*⁶⁴ [*La Yah'di AlQom AlZalimeen*].

It is a futile argument that some people give that recognition of and diplomatic ties with Israel would not be for friendship and protection. In fact, the few Muslim rulers who established ties with Israel did so precisely for friendship and protection purposes of course, for themselves. And if other rulers take that ruinous course it will be exactly for the same purposes.

No Muslim country has gained, nor will ever gain, anything by recognizing Israel. The masses in those Muslim states whose rulers have ties with Israel remain extremely bitter and angry with Israel. And the Israelis continue to execute their deadly schemes XE "schemes" against these countries as they are doing against the other Muslim countries. We do not know what divine punishment is in store for the Muslim states having ties with Israel, but even the analysis of their political, social and psychological conditions indicates that these states cannot escape disintegration.

It should always be kept in mind that Israel is the only state in the world founded on the Zionist creed and it is committed, as a state, to spreading and strengthening Zionism XE "Zionism," and demolishing Islam and its followers. Pakistan cannot afford to defy Allah's injunction in the Ayah quoted above.

We should particularly heed the warning that those who forge ties with the Zionists will be considered by God as having become Zionists, and He will stop giving them guidance and will treat them as transgressors and evildoers. It is obvious that such people will also be subjected to God's wrath and curse. We should fervently pray: may God save us from that fate.

Chapter 7

Independence be Celebrated on 27 Ramadan and 15 August

The State of Pakistan came into being on Friday the 15th of August 1947, and, according to the Islamic calendar, on the 27th of Ramadan XE "27th of Ramadan" 1366. This is the factual, formal and legal date of the birth of Pakistan.

In fact, 15 August remained the focused date of independence for several months following the Country's establishment, as is also evident from the Quaid's speech quoted at the beginning of this writing. It was on 29 June 1948 that the Cabinet under Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan XE "Khan , Liaquat Ali" "*decided that henceforth Independence Day XE "Independence Day" of Pakistan would be celebrated on 14th August.*"⁶⁵ The exact reasons for this decision are not known.

That the Viceroy read out the Proclamation of Independence issued by King George VI, and handed over power to Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah XE "Jinnah , Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali" at a function on the morning of 14 August in Karachi XE "Karachi" was an arrangement made for Mountbatten's convenience. The independence ceremonies of both Pakistan and India XE "India" were to take place in their respective capitals on the morning of 15 August 1947. Mountbatten could be present only at one place, and he chose to be in Delhi XE "Delhi" .

Therefore, he came to Karachi XE "Karachi" a day and a half earlier, and performed the necessary ceremony on the 14th. This did not affect the appointed date XE "appointed date" and time of independence, which took place at midnight as the date turned to 15th. It cannot be treated as a justification for marking 14 August as the day of our independence; neither is there any logic in the argument that Pakistan should celebrate its independence on 14 August, as the Indians celebrate theirs on 15 August.

Designating 14 August as Pakistan's Independence Day XE "*Independence Day*" is a falsification of facts and a distortion of history. It should be rectified without any more delay. Quaid-e-Azam was Governor General Designate on the 14th; he took the oath of office on the 15th and became Governor General of Pakistan. The Country's first Cabinet was also sworn in on the 15th. British Parliament's Indian Independence Act of 18 July 1947 also mentions the 15th of August as "the appointed day" for the birth of India XE "India" and Pakistan.

But is there any need to argue or plead for designating 15 August as our Independence Day XE "*Independence Day*" ? Don't we remember that this date was chosen by God? He chose it because it coincided with the 27th Day and the Last Friday of Ramadan XE "Last Friday of Ramadan" . Pakistan's real Independence Day is the 27th of Ramadan XE "27th of Ramadan" . Since we work by the existing solar calendar, we may celebrate our Independence on 15 August as well.

However, it is on the 27th Ramadan every year that the Government and the citizens of Pakistan (wherever they may be) should really celebrate the Country's Independence. The celebrations should be held from sunset to sunset, that being the period of the lunar day. The Nation should chalk out a program that, besides giving expression to the joy of the people, celebrates the praises of Allah, and guides the people to thank Him wholeheartedly for His blessings and to renew their pledge to fulfill the mission XE "mission" entrusted to this Nation. The program should include an act of collective prayers for which a befitting *Dua* should be composed. A couple of minutes before midnight the people in their homes or in the mosques should offer two *Raka'at Nafl* of thankfulness. At the moment of midnight the whole Nation should offer the collective *Dua* to Allah Most Merciful.

Exalted Status of the 27th Night of Ramadan

According to Islamic teachings the month of fasting, the Ramadan, is invested with a most blessed night which may fall on any of the odd nights of its last ten days. Muslims are prompted to seek it in the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th and 29th nights of Ramadan. However, by general consensus in the light of certain sayings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), the 27th night is considered to be the privileged night.

While the night as a whole, from sunset to dawn, is blessed, the period from midnight to dawn is looked upon as the specially blessed period. The Qur'an devotes to this Night a whole Surah (97), named Al-Qadr XE "Al-Qadr" , meaning, Power or Destiny XE "Destiny" :

We have indeed revealed this (Qur'an) in the Night of Destiny XE "Destiny" . And what will explain to thee what the Night of Destiny is? The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months. Therein come down the angels bearing divine inspiration by Allah's permission on every errand. Peace. This until the rise of Dawn.

This wonderful, distinguished and spiritual nature of the Night, on which Pakistan came into being, in itself imparts a great significance and sanctity to this Country. However, there is still something more that makes this Night most exalted and a rare source of inspiration and power. Allah says in Surah *Al-Dukhan* XE "Surah *Al-Dukhan*," (44:2-7):

By the Book that makes things clear. We sent it down during a blessed Night: for, verily, We have always been warning [man]. In that Night is made distinct every affair of wisdom, by command, from Our Presence: for We [ever] send [revelations], as a Mercy from thy Sustainer. Verily, He alone is all-hearing, all-knowing; the Sustainer of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them—if you could but grasp it with inner certainty.

Read the Verses of the two Surahs again, and pause and study the Message: *In that Night is made distinct every affair of wisdom, by command, from Allah the Almighty.* Ponder over it with sincerity, and "grasp it with inner certainty" as desired by Allah. It will bring a miraculous change in your thinking and understanding about the status and role of Pakistan and about your own role and behavior in this country as well as in relation to other nations, and it will give a great purpose to your life.

A Privileged People

Pakistanis, and this includes all citizens, Muslim and non-Muslim, and wherever they may be located! You belong to this Country brought into being at a most blessed time chosen by the Almighty Creator Himself. Be happy, feel exalted, and bow in humility and gratitude before God Most Gracious. Strengthen your faith in God and in yourself. Thank God for the great bounties and benefits He has gifted you with and for the confidence He has reposed in you for doing great deeds, and pledge to fulfill the responsibilities He has charged you with.

You are a privileged people. Not in the sense that you are especially dear to God, for that is a status that you have to earn by your own efforts. But in the sense that God has given you the privilege of entrusting you with a Mission that He wants you to accomplish. The Mission is two-fold: to establish a truly Islamic State to be a model for the nations in the contemporary world; and to lead the effort against the anti-God, anti-Humanity forces of Evil, which are forcing on the people the most abominable forms of immorality and perversion, besides making them more and more irreligious, impoverished and miserable.

Do not be afraid of the Enemy's strength, for you can match him person by person as well as joined together as a nation. The realization that God Almighty took the matters in His Own Hand to bring Pakistan into being on the Night of Power and Blessings and made His Intervention manifest is a source of unlimited inspiration and energy for each Pakistani and the Nation as a whole provided you become conscious of it.

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The End

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## Notes

1. Prophets provide the best example of great leaders and they were all endowed with wisdom, as several Ayahs eg, 3: 48, 4:54, 4:113 inform. The Qur'an, (31:12), also mentions Luqman, a noble personality, about whom God says, "We bestowed wisdom on Luqman..."
2. Wolpert, *Jinnah*, p. vii.
3. *Jinnah: Speeches as Governor General*, p. 99.
4. Rabbani, p.103.
5. Masud-ul-Hasan, p.3. It is interesting to read how Prof Hasan has described it: "I came to Lahore XE "Lahore" in 1930 and began to reside near the mausoleum of Data Ganj Bakhsh. In those days Dr Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" used to come to the shrine frequently. He used to come at dawn before the morning prayers. I met him often at the shrine, and then he asked me to do some writing work for him in English. I helped him in writing some of his political speeches including the famous Allahabad address. Hazrat (highly respected) Allama Iqbal XE "Iqbal, Allama Muhammad" told me that 'the idea of a separate homeland for the Muslims had occurred to me while praying at the shrine of Hazrat Data Ganj Bakhsh.'"
6. Iqbal, *Bang-e-Dra*, Lahore XE "Lahore" , Sheikh Ghulam Ali Publishers, 1971, p.267.
7. Iqbal, *Zaboore-Ajam*, Lahore XE "Lahore" , Sh. Mubarak Ali Booksellers, 1929, Part II, Poem No. 57.
8. Ibid, Part II, Poem No.12.
9. Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada, p.149. Allama's Letter to Quaid, dated 28 May 1937.
10. Ibid, p.150, letter dated 21 June 1937.
11. Sharif Al Mujahid, p. 429.
12. Ibid, p.436.
13. Jamilud Din Ahmad, Vol 1, p.242.
14. *Jinnah: Speeches*, p.30. Speech at University Stadium Lahore XE "Lahore" , 30 October 1947.
15. Ibid.
16. Ibid.

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17. *Jinnah: Speeches*, p.112. Address to students of Islamia College Peshawar, 12 April 1948.
  18. *Jinnah: Speeches as Governor General*, p.152.
  19. Habib Ullah, p. 59.
  20. Ibid, p. 59.
  21. Ibid, p. 60.
  22. Ibid, p. 69.
  23. Rabbani, p.113.
  24. Address to All India XE "India" Muslim League XE "All India Muslim League" Working Committee in Delhi XE "Delhi" on 22 Oct 1939, translated from Urdu as reported in the daily *Inqalab* XE "daily *Inqalab*" , Lahore XE "Lahore" , 25 October 1939, in its special section, datelined 22 October 1939, Vol 14, No 198, last page, Col 1; also quoted by Munshi Abdul Rahman Khan, p.197.
  25. *The Nation*, Wednesday, February 9, 2005, p. 3.
  26. *Mountbatten and Independent India* XE "India" , p.37.
  27. Wolpert, *Jinnah*, p. 304.
  28. K. Ali, p. 279.
  29. Wolpert, *Nehru* XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" , p. 377, "Wavell flew to London XE "London" for this summit [called by Attlee in early Dec 1946], but it would be his last. He still had no intimation, however, that he was on his way out of high office."
  30. Wolpert, *Jinnah*, p. 304.
  31. Alan Campbell-Johnson XE "Campbell-Johnson, Alan" , p.17.
  32. Ibid, p.18.
  33. Wolpert, *Jinnah*, p. 306
  34. Ibid, p. 308.
  35. Campbell-Johnson, p. 98.
  36. Wolpert, *Jinnah*, p. 312.
  37. Ibid, p. 314.

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38. Ibid.
  39. Ibid, pp. 317-321.
  40. Campbell-Johnson, p. 19.
  41. Wolpert, *Jinnah*, p. 326.
  42. *The Transfer of Power 1942-47*, Vol XI, Section 45, p. 89.
  43. Ibid, p. 93.
  44. Campbell-Johnson records, "Mountbatten plans now to present the revised Plan first to Jinnah and then to Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal" . He is also seeing the two seconds in command, Patel and Liaquat, today" [15 May, 1947], p. 92.
  45. Campbell-Johnson, p. 99.
  46. Britannica, 1977, Micropedia, Vol. VII, p. 90.
  47. *The Transfer of Power 1942-47*, Vol XI, Item 44, p. 88, Text of Broadcast by Rear-Admiral Viscount Mountbatten of Burma on 3 June 1947 at 7 pm I.S.T.
  48. Collins and Lapierre, pp. 164,165.
  49. The Qur'an: 48:7.
  50. The Qur'an: 74:31.
  51. Ibid, p. 166.
  52. Wolpert, *Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal"* , p. 400.
  53. Collins and Lapierre, p. 201.
  54. Ibid, p. 166.
  55. Wolpert, *Nehru XE "Nehru, Jawahar Lal"* , p. 404.
  56. Collins & Lapierre, pp.166,167
  57. The Qur'an, 11:107.
  58. The Qur'an, Surah 29, Ayahs 2 and`` 3
  59. *The Jewish Chronicle*, 9 August 1967,

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60. The Qur'an, 5:82: Strongest among men in enmity to the Believers will you find the Jews and those who ascribe divinity to aught beside God; and nearest among them in affection to the Believers will you find those who say, 'We are Christians,' because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant.
61. Sheikh and Riaz, p. 47.
62. Jinnah: *Speeches*, p.86, p.90, p.41, respectively.
63. The Qur'an, 5:49: Hence, judge between them [the followers of earlier revelation] in accordance with what God has bestowed from on high, and do not follow their errant views; and beware of them, lest they tempt thee away from aught what God has bestowed from on high upon thee. And if they turn away [from His commandments], then know that it is but God's will [thus] to afflict them for some of their sins\*: for, behold, a great many people are rebellious indeed.
- \*The commentator, Allama Muhammad Asad, explains, "The implication is that a conscious disregard of God's commandments brings with it its own punishment: namely, a gradual corruption of the community's moral values and, thus, growing social disruption and internecine conflict."*
64. The Qur'an, 5:51.
65. This was stated in a letter, DO. Pt. No. 16/2003-RC dated 27 August 2005, by Director National Documentation Centre, Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan, in reply to questions on the subject raised by the author.

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