



Editorial:

Through this platform, we aim to engage the brightest minds of Pakistan, those who can bring pride to the Muslim community and the global Muslim Ummah. Since Pakistan's creation in 1947, and especially after the passing of our founding leader, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the way our country and its people have been treated is a cause for concern. However, what is even more alarming is the lack of lasting achievements over the years. For every step forward, we seem to take two steps back. Once respected globally, our nation now struggles to maintain its standing, and too often, we find ourselves bowing our heads in shame.

The root of this decline lies in the fact that, despite gaining independence, we have not embraced true freedom. Instead of celebrating our strengths, we are overly influenced by others, blindly imitating without applying our intellect. This mindset has deprived our nation of intellectual growth over the past 75 years. The deterioration of our education system, the weakening of the Muslim family structure, the commercialization and bias of the media, and the failure of the media to present the truth. these are **all symptoms of a deeper problem:** disconnect from our Islamic teachings.

The fragmentation of Pakistan's educational system is one example of this disconnection. With more than a dozen different streams operating simultaneously, our youth are divided into multiple distinct classes, creating a widening gap. As Allama Iqbal lamented:

اٹھا میں مدرسہ و خانقاہ سے غمناک

نہ زندگی نہ محبت نہ معرفت نہ نگاہ

)"I left the school and the monastery heartbroken,

Neither life, nor love, nor knowledge, nor insight."

Similarly, the family laws practiced among Muslims in Pakistan often fail to align with Islamic teachings, influenced instead by foreign ideologies. In Islam, the family unit is sacred and central to societal life, providing a dignified position for both men and women. However, centuries-long efforts by Orientalists to weaken the Islamic family structure have culminated in the global promotion of concepts like "gender equality" (feminism). This movement, imposed on Pakistan through international organizations and NGOs, has created social unrest, yet the ruling class and religious leaders seem unaware of its potentially dangerous consequences. The rise of issues like sexual deviance, LGBTQ rights, and similar slogans is just one aspect of this challenge. The greater threat is the potential collapse of our family system, much like what has occurred in the West.



In Islam, marriage is the foundation of the family, and the love, compassion, and mercy between spouses create a prosperous society. Such a society is blessed with divine mercy, and the earth offers all its treasures to it. **وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ**

بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ (Quran: AL rum 21)

And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect

Our journal: The Journal of Arts, Sociology, and Humanities (The JASH), builds on 30 years of experience in publishing The Journal of Agriculture, Plant, and Sciences (JAPS). Through this journal, we aim to promote in-depth research and critical thinking in the fields of art, sociology, and humanities. We also seek to address the pressing societal issues that have long been neglected, using thoughtful discussions to find practical solutions.

We call on intellectuals and scholars to address these societal issues alongside advancements in science and technology. By doing so, we can contribute to strengthening the moral, cultural, and ideological foundations of our society.

In this issue, we present research and recommendations regarding Pakistan's education system, with a focus on the profound impact that teachers' ideologies and roles have on their students. We have also examined media practices, exploring how the media, when it chooses, can guide the public by presenting an accurate picture of reality, as well as how it manipulates society through various techniques. Although the research was conducted prior to October 2023, its findings remain relevant to both national and international media today. Additionally, we include a comprehensive study on the medical and sociological impacts of HIV, exploring its treatment, prevention, and broader effects on society. Another article focuses on the moral and religious dimensions of this disease, providing further insight into the issue.

Moreover, this issue features a detailed exploration of one of Islam's greatest virtues: seeking and granting forgiveness. This study highlights how Islam guides individuals toward achieving high moral standards and the positive effects this has on both society and individuals.

A unique feature of our journal is our ongoing effort to bring the profound and timeless poetry of Allama Iqbal to the public, especially the younger generation. We believe it is our duty to share and preserve Iqbal's philosophy, and in this issue, we have included an extensive study on Iqbal's philosophy of art. Though our efforts may be small, we hope to contribute our light to the world.

Through this platform, we seek to inspire critical thinking and thoughtful research that will strengthen the intellectual and moral fabric of our society. We look forward to the contributions of our readers and researchers in advancing these important discussions.



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