

Editorial:

The Unyielding Spirit of Pakistan and the Ideological Path Forward

Pakistan, since its inception, has been a land carved out with divine purpose a homeland envisioned not merely as a political entity, but as a sanctuary for a just and ethical society rooted in Islamic values. Throughout its journey, it has faced formidable challenges political instability, economic trials, and societal upheaval. Yet, like a true believer described in the Hadith as one whom “no fatigue, nor disease, nor sorrow... afflicts, but that Allah expiates some of his sins,” this nation continues to rise, strengthened by adversity and carrying hope for redemption.

The unwavering strength of Pakistan lies in its people resilient, resourceful, and spiritually grounded. These are individuals who, whether at home or abroad, remain steadfast in their dedication to the nation, propelled by a profound sense of amanah (trust) and watan se muhabbat (love for the homeland is Sunnah just like the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) a sentiment deeply embedded in the hearts of many Pakistanis who work earnestly for its upliftment.

While science and technology are rightly celebrated as engines of progress, the social sciences, arts, and humanities are equally vital in shaping a morally conscious and spiritually sound society. These fields, when aligned with Islamic ethics, can restore our collective identity, promote compassion, and cultivate a sense of ummah (community). They equip us not only with intellect but also with wisdom—the balance of which is essential in navigating both worldly success and spiritual accountability.

Equally essential is the need for strong families and empowered parents—those who are deeply aware of their nation’s ideological foundations and equipped with parenting skills that foster confident, principled, and visionary youth. A resilient nation is ultimately built within the walls of its homes.

To truly move forward, we must liberate ourselves from the intellectual legacies of colonialism and revive a spirit of ijtihad (independent reasoning), particularly among our youth. As Allama Iqbal envisioned through the symbol of the Shaheen (falcon),

شاہین کبھی پرواز سے تھک کر نہیں گرتا
پُردم ہے اگر تو، تو نہیں خطرہ افتاد

*The hawk is never tired of flight, does not drop gasping on the ground:
If unwearied it remains on wings, from hunters' dread is safe and sound.*

We must strive for clarity of vision, independence of thought, and spiritual elevation qualities deeply entrenched in our Islamic tradition.

عقابی روح جب بیدار ہوتی ہے جوانوں میں
نظر آتی ہے اس کو اپنی منزل آسمانوں میں

*When an eagle's spirit awakens in youthful hearts.
It sees its luminous goal beyond the starry heavens.*

The foundational dream of Pakistan was to build a society governed by justice, equity, and righteousness—values at the heart of Shariah and the Qur'anic vision of a ummah: *وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ* “Thus, We have made you a just nation (ummah wasat) so that you may bear witness over mankind...” (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:143). This vision demands both personal integrity and collective responsibility.

In an era dominated by technological change and ideological confusion, the onus falls on all conscientious citizens to become khulafa (stewards) on this land safeguarding our moral compass while progressing with knowledge and discipline. The Prophet ﷺ reminded us that “Each of you is a shepherd, and each of you is responsible for his flock.” Thus, nation-building is not the task of governments alone—it is a shared obligation, deeply spiritual in its essence.

Let us therefore walk the path of unity, justice, and faith rekindling the original spirit of Pakistan. Through ilm (knowledge), amal (action), ikhlas (sincerity), and wahdat (unity), we can fulfill the divine trust bestowed upon this nation and secure a future that is both enlightened and eternally blessed.

This journal presents research and reflections on key national and global issues, emphasizing the evolving roles of men and women in light of Islamic teachings and modern challenges. A special focus is placed on women's education, highlighting its vital role in empowering individuals and strengthening families and communities.

In this issue also examine the impact of social media how it shapes public perception, distorts reality, and influences societal behavior. This issue includes studies on children's rights, their sociological impacts, and the importance of moral upbringing based on Islamic values.

An insightful piece explores the virtue of moral excellence in Islam, emphasizing its transformative effect on individuals and society. Continuing our tradition, we feature Allama Iqbal's philosophy, aiming to inspire youth and deepen public understanding of his timeless message. This Journal also beautifully highlights the love and compassion for merciful Prophet from non-Muslim poets.

Additionally, the Journal offer an analysis of Pakistan's foreign policy, its challenges, and the democratic complexities it faces on the global stage.

Through this platform, the journal encourages critical thought and scholarly engagement to foster a more informed, ethical, and just society.

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