

disputes between the two countries. Most importantly, it shed light on the heroes of Pakistan's establishment; from the poems of Muhammad Iqbal, and the diplomacy of Muhammad Jinnah, the latter of whom led the political division and announced the establishment of the State of Pakistan. Jinnah was known to be a tough negotiator, rejecting whatever the English had to offer, but finally he spoke his famous line, "I do not agree with this solution, but I accept it." He considered the solution to be unfair, but for the sake of the public interest he accepted it. As individuals, how often do we find ourselves stopping at a crossroads, under pressure to adapt to something that may not be the most appropriate, or the most fair, or even the most honorable? But the situation and circumstances beyond your control force you into accepting the new condition. Even though you may not approve or agree with it, when it comes to Fate, one rarely has a say in the matter.

Now let me give you an example. Let's say you have a son who doesn't pray. Although you did your best to raise him with pious values since his childhood, when he grew up he went astray. You have tried using every possible way to guide him back to the righteous path, but all your efforts have been in vain, so what are you going to do? Should you kick him out of your house? Cut him out of your life and have nothing to do with him? Or should you accept him as he is, and pray for him to God Almighty who is able to answer all our prayers? I had a relative whose parents were very religious and pious, but when he traveled to the United States he embraced atheism, and after graduating he became hostile towards religion and would openly profess his disobedience. One day by chance, I heard his mother say that she wanted to go on *Umrah*—a pilgrimage to Mecca—and she wanted her son to accompany her. I laughed at the idea, told her to wash her hands off him, and