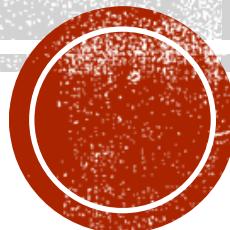




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ORIGIN OF TWO NATIONS THEORY

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EVOLUTION OF THE CONCEPT

- The history of the Two Nations Theory is as old as the history of man.
- The concept was given by Islam 14 hundred years ago.
- According to Islam, there are only two nations in the world;
 - Believers vs Non-believers



EVOLUTION OF THE CONCEPT IN INDIA

- * Two nations - Hindus & Muslims - inhabited the subcontinent.
- * Sharp discrepancies in the **culture, language, & religious** practices of both communities.
- * **Sir Syed Ahmed Khan**, addressed them as '**QAUM'** – **Theoretical Applications**
- * The **Agha Khan, Amir Ali**, & others referred to **their community as a 'nation'**.
- * **Allama Iqbal provided a Philosophical Explanation.**
- * **Jinnah implemented the idea Practically (Lahore Resolution 1940)**



MAIN PROONENTS

- * **Hazrat Mujadid Alf Sani** (Islamic Revivalism and Identity Preservation)
- * **Hazrat Shah Wali Ullah** (Socio-Religious Reform and Muslim Unity)
- * **Sir Syed Ahmed** (Aligarh Movement)
- * **Allama Iqbal** (Allahabad Address & Poetry)
- * **Quaid -i- Azam** (14 points & Lahore Resolution 1940)
- * **Chaudhry Rehmat** (Now or Never Pamphlet 1932)



MATERIALIZATION OF THEORY IN PAKISTAN

- * Initiated by Sir Syed, supported by the philosophy of Iqbal, the idea was finally materialized by Jinnah & his colleagues.
- * The Constituent Assembly of Pakistan, by passing the Objectives Resolution in March 1949, gave it legal sanction.



M. A. JINNAH'S APPROACH

- * “**Pakistan** was created on the very first day when the **first Hindu** accepted **Islam** in India”
- * “**Muslims** are a **Nation** according to any definition of a nation & they must have their home & their **territory**, & their state.”



MANDATE OF THE THEORY

- * **Separate Electorate:**

- * The demand for S.E. was a manifestation of Muslim feelings of separateness.
- * Sir Syed for the first time demanded a separate electorate in 1892 (Indian Council Act)

- * **Minority status in British India:**

- * it was difficult for Muslim candidates to be elected in general elections.
- * If the two communities were not kept apart at polls, every election would result in riots.

- * **Now or Never Pamphlet 1932**

- * **Lahore Resolution 1940**

- * **Demand for a Separate Homeland**

- * **Creation of Pakistan**





**Thank you for your time and
attention!**

**Hopefully, I will see you in the next
class. Until then, take care, & have a
great day!**

