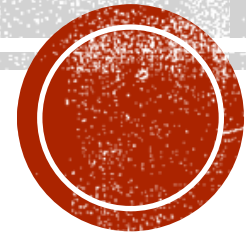




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# ORIGIN OF TWO NATIONS THEORY

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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 PROPONENTS

- \* **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!**

