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Strategic issues facing India

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Genesis and Conception of the
role of Pakistan envisioned by the
US Anglo alliance

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A typical viewpoint among the elite of Pakistan

- *I am against the imperial streak in the Indian psyche. The 1947 riots had a deep impact on my mind...About 5% to 6% Brahmanas dominate India.” “India will give its land when it will be divided into many pieces. India will have to be broken up. If India does not give us our land we will go to war and divide India...believe me, India is so fragile. India has such weak joints that if we want we could strike these weak joints then India will dismember. But we don’t want India to break....India is ridden with problems...There are many other weak joints. Indians have strong fissiparous tendencies, which is absent in Pakistan. One can easily exploit it politically... Jinnah was right when he invited Ambedkar to join Pakistan. Where are the lower classes? I am an Islamist. Islam is the final destiny of mankind. Islam is moderate, Islam is progressive. Islam is everything that man needs. It is not necessary to become a Muslim but it is necessary to adopt the principles of Islam. Naseem Azavi and Iqbal’s writings have influenced my thinking.”*
- *Hamid Gul, Director General Pakistan ISI in the 90’s*

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Some questions we seek to answer

- How did this viewpoint come about and who or what nurtured such a weltanschauung
- When did this begin and what was the genesis
- What were the motives
- How was it executed
- Where does that leave us now

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An alternate center of Sunni Islamic Power in the Indian subcontinent

- The plan to create an alternate center of Sunni Islamic Power was mooted by an Englishman by the name of William Skawen Blunt in the 1800's. He laid the foundation for what became the British policy towards the Islamic world
- Constant appeasement of the Islamic Ummah within the subcontinent
- Decades long courtship of Pakistan by the US/UK axis is part of long term strategy to bolster a rival Sunni Islamic State within subcontinent
- Encourage the extinction of the Indic civilization in its ancestral homeland

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The chronology of events is significant and critical to the analysis

- The 1857 uprising – the Brits were astonished at the extent of the unity inherent in the uprising and realized they could not hold India against a united populace
- Until then the Muslim sultans and their cohorts were held in great contempt
- Henceforth the plan to create a rival Sunni power in the subcontinent and to emphasize and exploit the diversity of India and to create tectonic faults in the landscape took on an added urgency
- The underlying assumption control of the Indian subcontinent was essential for the well being and prosperity of Britain

Genesis of Plan was hatched in the aftermath of the 1857 Uprising
The Motive – to prolong British rule in India despite a sticky wicket

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- Process of creating new Khilafat out of the debris left after disintegration expected to take not more than 2 to 3 decades after independence.
- There were setbacks almost Immediately
- One of the main setbacks came in the form of Sardar Vallabhai Patel – the geography of present day India was created by Sardar Patel

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The setbacks

- The annexation of the state of Jammu and Kashmir when Maharaja Hari Singh ceded his territory to India
- Rapid, timely and complete integration of princely states including Hyderabad thanks to Sardar Patel
- The decisive defeat of Pakistan in 1971, resulting in the surrender of 90,000 troops in one of the shortest wars in modern history demolished the myth of martial races within the subcontinent
- The fourth setback (and I am certain not the last) was the declaration by India that she was a Nuclear Power in 1998. The prevention of India from becoming a nuclear power was a canonical commandment of the US State Department Mandarins. The resulting discomfiture is one from which they have yet to recover

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The West and the Islamic World

- Study the chronology of events in the Islamic world
- Islam and Christianity share a common Semitic heritage fundamentally Abrahamic in nature
- The Brits developed a relationship with the Ashrafs and the Saudis and the Iranians for different reasons but in the latter two cases because of Oil
- The Indic civilization was not appreciated till the 20th century and even then grudgingly with a lot of caveats
- The West has always had difficulty dealing with the Indics. He could not reconcile the intellectual pretensions of the upper class Indian with the widespread poverty of the Indic populace

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Why was control of India important to the Brits

- In one fell swoop the King (or Queen) of England became an Emperor with sway and absolute sovereignty over vast lands and a huge proportion of the population of the globe
- Britain became a world power despite the loss of the Americas and could claim global interests by virtue of its possession of India
- For example, Britain could dictate to China to purchase opium grown in India in order to pay for imports from China. India was a heaven sent opportunity for Britain

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Why the tilt to the Islamic Ummah

To summarize

- Oil
- Islam has a more well defined view of its Global presence. The educated Indian Muslim is no exception and looks outside India for his ideological moorings
- Islam has traditionally been more assertive about its place in the world scene – the squeaky wheel gets the grease

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The term “South Asia” and Indic identity

- Began to be used by the US State Department after the 1971 war
- The US established numerous grants to Universities to develop South Asian studies with emphasis on subaltern studies and to study the role of Muslim minorities in India
- Served a twin purpose
- Minimized the predominantly Indic nature of the civilization
- Opportunity to give prominence to the notion of a hyphenated subcontinent where Pakistan has an equal role
- Further the plan to establish Sunni Ummah predominance in “South Asia”

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Where does that leave us

- First and foremost we must individually arm ourselves with accurate and reliable information not only on our own History but the history of other nations and cultures.
- A Unity based on enlightened self interest is essential
- It is not Islam but the Dharma that is on the front lines of battle (from an ideological perspective) with the western world for most of recorded History. It is the Dharma that they will take careful aim at in the coming decades and not Islam to further their goal of establishing a Sunni Ummah in South Asia.

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Conclusions

- It is a long term goal of the Western (read US/Anglo) alliance to emasculate the Indic civilization and to establish a South Asia Islamic Ummah and to prevent the development of a harmonious and militarily powerful Indic power in the Indian ocean region
- It should be the endeavor of every Indian Government to take counter measures one of which is to establish a significant trading and political partnership with the West so that the continuing motivation for the above will eventually dissipate.
- The US must be made to realize that its policy of backing corrupt dictators in the land of the pure is anachronistic, impresses neither friend nor foe, and bound to fail but old habits die hard
- US must be made to realize that the Indic civilization has staying power and will outlast any obstacles put before it
- This is how I interpret Vajpayeeji's historic statement that "India and US are natural allies"

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Further Reading

- Future of Islam by William Skawen Blunt (available from Amazon)
- Imagining India by Ronald B Inden
- The History of India as told by its own Historians by Elliot and Dowson
- Pakistan Flawed not Failed State by Dennis Kux - the politically correct view peddled by the west

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- Further reading (Continued)
- Refer to book The Indic Civilization for elaboration of many topics touched on here vepa.us/dir20
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- Userid Arjuna password sarathy
- Book contains an extensive bibliography
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