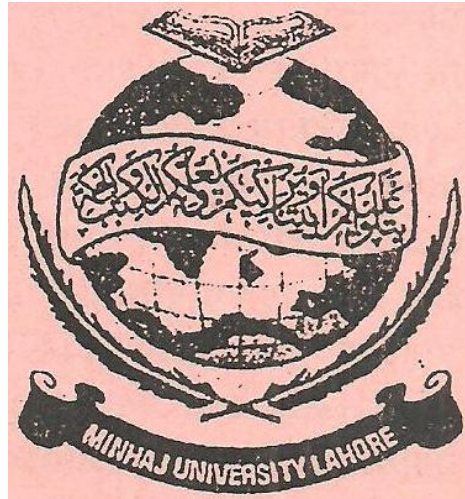


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PREFACE

Objective perception of the Concept of Jihad on the part of Muslims at large, is organically bewildering as they do not indentify the real scope and working orbit of Jihad. Which is originally based on several dimensions or kinds of Jihad just as Jihad-bil-Mall, Jihad-bin-Nafs, Jihad Bil-Lisan, Jihad-bil-Hijrah and so on. But they enlimit all kinds of Jihad to Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL alone. While Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL is one of the several kinds or dimensions of Jihad. Rather, it is the last one of the whole chain, to be used as the last option, when all of the other options would have gone in vain, priorly.

The perception in question is not only bewildering but it is fallacious as well because it declares Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL as “offensive-in-nature” whereas it is not “offensive-in-nature” at all. Instead, it is “defensive-in-nature” in accordance with the fundamental sources of Islam i-e Quran and Sunnah. Strange is the situation that a considerable number of the Muslim Ulama and Research Scholars, also holds the same fallacious view of Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL. Presence of such a class of Ulama and Scholars, in the present age of science and scientific thinking also confirms another fact. The alarming fact that such a class of the Muslim Religious-Heads has, eventually, remained always present to support and strengthen the Muslim Kings and Sultans to wage aggressive wars in the name of Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL.

Consequently, Jihad-bis-Saif or Qitaal took practical recognition as the one and alone kind of Jihad. Whose ruthless usage and centuries old prolonged practice, supplemented by the manoeuvred religious covers (Fataawa) completely undermined the defensive nature & peace- oriented nature of Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL . In practical field, however, some other factors like Jewish Intrigues, Crusade Wars and Orientalistic

Expeditions, have also subscribed to the situation in question. But the fundamental draw-back is nowhere else save on our part i-e on the part of Muslims.

Besides Misappropriation of Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL, the other devastating draw-back on our part is Wrong Application of Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL. As we do not act upon the Quranic Commandments (Aun-Nisa 4:94 + Al-Hujurat 49:6) elaborating the need for Subjective-Research and Objective-Analysis before stepping towards Jihad-bis-Saif or QITAAL. A recent instance of neglecting these Commandments is, on the part of Pakistan, in terms of the Jihad-e-Afghanistan. Which has resulted in a disastrous end of the Bipolar-Power-Balance of the world & extremely dangerous beginning of the Unipolar-Control of the world by U.S.A. Whose first and the foremost war-targets are none else but the Muslims of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Middle-East, rather, all over the world. As such, Jihad-e-Afghanistan has proved to be a Jihad in the way of Taghoot _____ not in the way of Allah as already mentioned and clearly pin-pointed in the Quranic Verse (Aun-Nisa 4:76).

Hence, Bediuzzaman Said Nursi's thesis to resort to the Truths of Quran, is highly convincing in respect of the proper and positive perception regarding the concept of Jihad and every tenet/norm of the Monotheistic Religion of Islam. Nursi's claim about Quran is 100% correct and genuine by the grace of Almighty Allah:

**“They were the steps by which to ascend to the Truths of Quran.
Sometime later, I ascended to those truths and I saw that each Verse
of the Quran encompasses the universe. No need then remained
for anything else, the Quran alone was sufficient for me.”**

(Sahiner, N. Said Nursi, 70)

IMPORTANCE:

Importance of the topic lies in its direct relationship to the Holy Quran. Which is the last revelation of the Lord, our God. Almighty Allah _____ not exclusively meant for the Muslims alone but for the whole humanity. As such, dealing with a topic which is directly related to the Holy Quran, is equal to the dealing with a concern _____ meant for the whole humanity.

Positive dealing of the topic-in-hand will, therefore, generate practical interest in the Holy Quran on international level. Not only among the Muslim Research Scholars but also among the non-Muslim Research Scholars. Who are already attached to the Holy Quran and its marvelous subjects with particular reference to the Resale-i-Nur & Bediuzzaman Said Nursi as well as Minhaj-ul-Quran International & Sheikh-ul-Islam Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri.

Importance of the topic further lies in mutual relationship of Pakistan and Turkey in terms of Human Bonds as well as the Convictional Bonds to bring forward the peace-oriented message of Islam and Islamic norms _____ building thereby a global human society _____ virtually based on the peaceful co-existence and mutual tolerance, without any distinction of the cast, colour or creed. Or any distinction of the East or the West or the ruler and the ruled or the Haves and the Have-nots which can block the ways of human equilibrium.

HYPOTHESIS:

Every research is primarily based on some supposition or hypothesis but that is not the case with our topic:

“A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE CONCEPT OF JIHAD AS MAINTAINED BY BEDIUZAMAN SAID NURSI & SHEIKH-UL-ISLAM DR. MUHAMMAD TAHIR-UL-QADRI.”

Both of the scholars are well known on national as well as international levels, with reference to their commitments and works, regarding proper introduction of Islam & Islamic norms including the Concept of Jihad in Islam, as detailed in Quran and Sunnah.

In presence of the practical familiarity with both of the dignatories including their works, no supposition/hypothesis is to be assumed in formal terms. Of course, a smooth Track-of-Research is to be kept at steady pace, to approach the height of Research, without any wavering and that will be kept by the grace of Almighty Allah.

PREVIOUS WORK:

No previous work is on record, in respect of the topic in hand, based on the comparative study of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi and Skeikh-ul-Islam Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri.

SCHEME-OF-STUDY:

The scheme of study or the outline thereof is based on a preface in the beginning _____ a summary at the end _____ and five chapters between the both. The 1st & 2nd chapters are based on introduction of the Concept of Jihad and the Practice thereof, in the age of Prophet (PBUH). While 3rd & 4th chapters do encircle the objective and analytical approaches of the both scholars _____ and the 5th and final chapter is based on the synchronizing turns of life and points of thinking, maintained by the both scholars.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

Research in connection with the comparative study of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi from Turkey and Sheikh-ul-Islam Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri from Pakistan _____ is a kind of Theoretical Research. Wherein logical, rational and deductive method is trusted as the most reliable method and the same will be used in the Research in hand.

LIMITAION:

The Concept of Jihad in Islam, is a subject with broad perspective of human life, ranging the social, political, educational, national and international aspects. All of them fall within the sphere of Conceptual-Study of Jihad, including its various kinds or dimensions _____ with practical reference to the Practice of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). Which, in turn, necessitates the objective limitation of theory and practice, up to the fundamental sources of Quran and Sunnah alone. The twofold limitation will be kept in view at every step in desirable terms, by the grace of Almighty Allah.

OBJECTIVE:

The sole objective to undertake the Research-in-hand, is to render some reasonable service for the CAUSE OF ISLAM to introduce it, in its original and unaltered terms of Quran and Sunnah.



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