

Cultural Paradigms and Muslim Behavior: a critical analyses of non-Islamic Festival in Pakistan

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Abstract

The aim of this study to construct the awareness of non-Islamic festivals is Islamic republic of Pakistan. This research is explained the history of Pakistan and history of festivals that are celebrated in Pakistan. This research is qualitative in nature we found all results based on Quran verses and Hades. Our finding shows some festivals that are not synchronize of Islam but still celebrate in Pakistan.

Introduction and History

Every society has their festival. Festivals and events are the identity of people of specific region and specific religion. Our current study based on history of Islamic republic of Pakistan and ideology of Islam is base of Pakistan. Common festivals are discuss in our current research that is celebrate each year in Pakistan.

In 712 A.D, Muhammad bin Qasim first lock up Daibul. Afterward the triumph of Muhammad bin Qasim from the many parts of sub continent like Sindh. Sindh is also called the Baab-ul -Islam. When Muhammad bin Qasim occupied Sindh, the neighboring people, who had existed a life of unhappiness, inhales a sigh of release. Qasim was tracked a merciful rule and treated as the local inhabitants kindly. Everybody had full spiritual liberty and still the religious leader of classified faiths given pay from the government finance. No alters were prepared in the local management and local citizens were permissible to hold workplaces – mainly in the income branch. All excises eliminated and Jazia was compulsory.

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Everyone treated similarly. Poor people, particularly Buddhists, were very inspired by his rules and many of them hold closely Islam.

A quantity of Mosques and Madras made in central towns. In a little period, Sindh became a heart of Islamic education.

A quantity of spiritual researchers, writers and poets were appears and they increase their awareness (Advent of Islam in the Sub-Continent).

In 1526 after the victory of first Mughal empire, Zaheer-ud-din Baber in Panipat battle. Baber breaks all drinking pot of his army and due to his struggle, his army won in battle Kanawha. In 1527, that was actually the complete and confirmed victory of Panipat battle and Baber become the king of India. In 1528 he occupied the Bihar after won the battle of Ghagra and this made his the master of Hindustan. In 1530, Baber died and his son Hammayun holds the Mughal ruling his general Sher Shah Suri defeated him in 1540 and occupied the Delhi and Agra during the reign of this Sher Shah Suri this familiar sight approved as subcontinent. The biggest trunk road from Delhi to Kabul was made on that era. In 1556 Akbar was taken over this subcontinent he was also a prominent Muslim king of Mughal era most of development in Art and architecture music poetry was fond during his reign. In 1581 Islam religion wanted to changed by mixing Islam to Hinduism Muja did Alf-e-Sani the reformer of second millennium changed the concept by his movement. Iqbal said about him as spiritual guardian of Muslim during the reign of Akbar. 1757-1823 British occupied the subcontinent and they became the king of 2/3 region of India. Pakistan emerge thee map of world in 14 august 1947 the main concept in partition of subcontinent is "two nation theory" was actually the ideology of Pakistan (the history of muslim rule india pak subcontenent, 2009).

In 1909, iqbal said, "difference of two nations Indian and Muslim not prominent and some nationhood is common but this idea become void in near future" (Role of Allama Iqbal in The Creation of Pakistan, 2009).

The famous slogan was "Pakistan ka matlab kiya, La illaha illallah" during the freedom movement. Pakistan ideology was foundation on the reality that the Muslims were another nation having their own background, culture, civilization, journalism, faith and way of life. They cannot be compound in any other nation because attitude of life is base on the values of Islam.

As the Muslims of India set up it difficult to live according to the principles of Islam in United India, they were required to require a divide home to maintain their general and spiritual identity (Pakistan Ideology:-Definition and explanation,Two nation concept).

Quaid-e-Azam said in 1942 Islam gives us knowledge of equality fair and just to everyone we want a supportive place where we apply our rules and regulations according to Islam. in 1947 he said we not actually wanted a piece of land but wanted to made a laboratory where we can do our experiments of Islamic principles ("Quaid-e-Azam Ka Pakistan" in his own words, 2009).

Festival in Islam

The Muslim year has twelve stellar months and does not differentiate the solar year of 365 days. The deficit is about 11 days – in this way that every year Muslim festivals are 11 days before. In the track of 33 years, it will have revolved about the calendar to drop at the similar time of year. For example is MUHARRAM falls in April, it will drop in October in 17 years, and reverse in April in 33 years. This was one of more than a few actions to lessen respect of the sun. Some festivals related to life event of our holy prophet (peace be upon him) this festival also originates from his life.

Lailat-ul-Isra wal mi'raj or shab-e-miraj - night of the trip. This celebrate Muhammad's S.A.W night journey from the Kaaba in to Jerusalem (the "Dome of the pitch" is believed to spot) and from there his ascension into heaven.

Lailat-ul-Barah or shab-e-barat- the night of forgiveness. This takes place two weeks before Ramadan when Muslims seek mutual forgiveness. Old achieves are determined, old problems excused and forgotten. This is taking places to power their livings and kismets for the period of the coming year.

Ramadan - the month of fasting. Ramadan has been a blessed month as previous to the lifetime of Muhammad (S.A.W) – Muhammad (S.A.W) hold parents and grandparents appear to have fasted and deliberated during this month. Today it is compulsory (apart from for those free from, such as expecting or feeding babies by mothers, the babyish, the old, the ill) to go with no foodstuff, sip, tobacco or sex during sunshine hours.

The conventional point spot the establish of the fast is the time in the early morning while it is primary probable to differentiate among a black and a white fiber. At twilight, a slight rich foodstuff is in use, along with a snack arranged for the sundown - identification the opinion that the stage wants control.

Ramadan is a festival of highly importance in which Muslims remember the holy Quran completely revealed to Muslim community in this blessing month. This month basically Muslim community.

Lailat-ul-Qadr - the night of supremacy. On 27 Ramadan even though the conventional date differs upto some extent. This night is considered as supremely spiritual, the primary segment of the Quran was open to Muhammad. The full night is dedicated to namaz and devotion, as well as reciting from the Quran itself, in search of God's mercy, calling the cemetery as a cue of the endless relations and of their hold humanity.

Jumat-ul-Wida - Farewell Friday. On the very last Friday of Ramadan, great records get together since a coupon of group unity, also in big mosques or in big municipal spaces. Their prayer guide out the fast; as well look onward to the upcoming time - cleaning through the fast, they appear onward to creature successful part of the trust society in the months to come.

Eid-ul-Fitr - the festival of fast-breaking: This event is called as little Eid charity given before Eid prayer. Eid prayer offer by Muslim after sun rise in morning great joyful day considered by Muslim this day comes in very next to Ramadan month it is first day of Shawal month. All Muslim wear dresses according to own value.

Eid-ul-Adha - festival of sacrifice. This Eid is consider as big Eid in the memory of prophet Ibrahim (A.S) sacrificed his beloved son for ALLAH but angle replace the lamb Muslims cuts the lamb goat camel cow and distributed the meat into three part one part for poor Muslims.

HAJJ

Hajj in Saudi Arabia is also world known festival celebrated by Muslim community in huge number every year in month of Zill Hajj last month of lunar system.

The Day of Hijrah. In 622 CE Muhammad (S.A.W) came from Mecca to Medina and made the first Muslim community. 622 CE calculates as "time 1": to work out the existing Islamic year deduct 622 from the present year, and develop by $\frac{33}{32}$ to obtain description of the shorter Islamic, first day of Muhharam-ul-Haram is also celebrated by Muslim as new year first day.

Aashura. In the memory of Husain the son of Ali (R.A) and grandson of prophet S.A.W sacrificed in the name of Islam, Muslim also consider this day as a big day.

Meelad-ul-Nabi - birthday of Prophet Muhammad. In 20 August 570 CE the Islamic month dated was 12 Rabi-ul-Awal Muslim celebrated this month as the birth day of beloved prophet S.A.W as Eid a day of blessing. This day not come August but is according to lunar system. (Bigger, 1990)

National day of Pakistan

Kashmir day 5-February

It is a day devoted to show Pakistan's hold up and agreement with the public of Indian-occupied Kashmir, their continuing independence fight, and to pay respect to Kashmiri sacrificial victims who vanished their lives for Kashmir's independence. (Kashmir Day in Pakistan)

Resolution day 23-March

Before partition of Indo-Pak subcontinent in 23 March 1947 and its succeeding agreement by the Muslim League was a reply to the Congress's steady effort to reject the Muslim society a religion-political unit of their own. Quaid-e-Azam gave two-nation theory and demanding the separated geographical part for Muslim in Indo-Pak subcontinent. (Mujahid, Aziz, & Ahmed, 2010)

Independence day 14-August

Pakistan commemorates the independence from the British regulation on that date in 1947. This day is an time to endorse loyalty and countrywide harmony. (Independence Day in Pakistan)

Defense day 6-september

This day is celebrated for the memory of those who died in war ii b/w India and Pakistan. The major cause to celebrate this day is to inform new Pakistani public that how much courageous the Pakistani military were at that instance. This day is celebrated with full sorrow for all persons and military that died in that war. (Defence Day Pakistan 6 September, 2011)

Iqbal day 9-November

A great leader Dr Allama Iqbal A poet A philosopher A thinker. Who gave the idea of Pakistan in very first time. Pakistan celebrated the birth of this great leader. (Allama Iqbal Day November,9)

Quaid-e- azim day 25-December

The birth date of Muhammad Ali Jinnah who was the founder of Pakistan and he was also The first governor general of Pakistan. (Quaid-e-Azam Day in Pakistan)

Also celebrating the world famous day like mother day, father day, teacher day, Worlds new year 1-january, Labour day 1-may, Christmis day 25-december.

Non-Islamic and Non-National day Celebrated in Pakistan

Valentine's Day 14-february:

Basent festival February-march

April fool's day 1-April

Islam and other festival

For every one present in surrounding of you having festival we made a clearly defined the law and path to our follower (Almaida 5:48.)For nation there are some religious ceremonies which they must celebrates(Al haj 22.67).Help you each other in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (virtue, justice and faithfulness); but do not help one another in crime and misbehavior. In addition, fear Allah. Verily, Allah is harsh in penalty.(Al maidha 5:2)Two girls were singing poetry on Eid day prophet P.B.U.H said every nation have their festival this is our festival. Before Islam Arab, plays in two days during Jahala when prophet came in Madeena said to their follower, Allah gave you two days better than these Eid ul Fitar and Eid ul Azha. (Ruling on celebrating Valentine's Day) Prophet (S.W.A) said: Who copy different nations will be measured with them (Musnad Ahmad).Prophet (S.W.A) said: who imitation a different nation will not belong to our nation Ummah (Tirmidhi) (Sunan Abi Dawud Hadith4027-Takhrijul Ihyaa Hadith851)& (Imitation of Non-Muslims, 1995)

Valentine's day-14 February

About 3000 years ago the roman and Greek come closer due to doing business with each other. So, their God were also familiar with each other. Namrood was the most famous God of those Roman, Greek also accepted as God but named as PANTHEON God. Roman worships the Namrood with the name of Lupercus. Namrood was a great hunter. Namrrod also was the God of Shepherds. She wolf feed the twins brother Romulus and Remus in Palestine hill while Namrood was the standing behind. Lupercalia was also belongs to this event. Many festivals and customs are belongs to this Lupercalia one of the most prominent is sheep or goat bloodshed in the forehead of young boys. This boy used the leather belt and hit the females it was predicted these belt hit their bodies safe from fruitlessness. In this way this event became a free mixing of men and women. Lupercus also became a God of nature this event also relates to Valentine's Day in these event boys and girls exchange their feeling to each other. New generation modified the status of Namrood by the name of Saturn. According to history writer, this Saturn escape from his friends and reached Italy. After that his friend found him and killed him. According to western history it was the same saint recognized as saint valentine. it was also a myth Nimrods born in winter holistic in January. When his mother purified after twenty days in February she come in front of public.

Roman also celebrate this day on 15 February for purified himself, Februa was also a proceeds of purification. This is also a part of Iupercalia. Cupid is a love of God .it was a baby along with bow and arrow. This baby is symbol of love during Valentine's Day. Cupid actually originated from Namrood childhood he was too much beautiful and his mother married him when he was young. Egypt made Namrood Osiris's God. Ancient of Egypt engraved the statement Namrood was husband of her mother. With the passage of time about all roman became Christian but they strict to their festival. Claudius I replaced this festival with the name of Saint valentine (henderson) (Merola, February 2007) & (www.pakmates.com)too many Myth also present about the tales of s. Valentine day. But, the most common is the name of this day derived from a Saint valentine who violated the rule of Claudis II . Claudis II was the emperor of roman in 3rd century. He feels that the single soldier were better than married and he imposed the rule no marriage for soldiers the saint valentine helps the soldiers for getting marriage without the permission of emperor. He was executed due to violation of rule on 14 February so the worlds remember this day for love (Valentine's Day).

Islam and Love:

Islam is best religion of love and humanity.

Prophet P.B.U.H. said if somebody loves his brother, he must inform him about his love (Abu Dawood 5124 Al tirmidhi 2329).The Prophet (Peace is Upon Him) said: "By the One in whose hand is my soul, you will not come in heaven until you really think, and you will not really think until you love one another. Shall I not tell you of something that, if you do it, you will love one another? Increase the greeting of word Salam amongst yourselves." (Narrated by Muslim). Tell the believers to lower their eyes and protect their private parts. (An-Nor; 30).The glance is a poisoned arrow of Satan. Whoever lowers his gaze for Allah, He will bestow upon him a refreshing sweetness, which he will find in his heart on the day he meets Him."(Hadith). For those who love each other, nothing has proven as good as marriage.(Sunan Ibn Majah). Do not come near to adultery. It is a great sin and an evil way.(Surah Israa, Verse 32). (Valentines day - History and Islamic Perspective, 2011)

Bible and Love

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous(Hebrews 13:4)Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:8 (Kissing Before Marriage)

Basent Festival-February, March, April

Vasanta Panchami is festival dedicated to Goddess Saraswati of Hindu. All celebration are made for her in river Saraswati. Vasant is called in India Punjab as Basent Panchami yellow color dress due to spring season of yielding the crop. This event is celebrated mid of February. Kite flying is also the part of Basent festival old phrase used from many years "aye basent pala uran" means as spring came winter gone. Basent is celebrated in sub indo Pak due to sufis or saint it was also enjoyed by shrines of these sufis After Mughal era. The poetry for this festival is present composed by poet of thirteen century. In Punjab Pakistan, haqeeqat-rai-dharni was blasphemmer of prophet P.B.U.H court give him two option to became musim or accept the death penalty. He accept the penalty and hanged out in Lahore Punjab. The babby-di-marhi is place of his grave A Hindu Kalu Ram initiated the Basent festival in the region A book of Punjab under later Mughal by Dr. B.S. Nijjar states on Page no. 279 the basent mela (kite flying festival) celebrated in the memory of Haqeeqat Rai. After that this festival is prevail in all big cities of Pakistan like Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Jhelum, Sialkot and Rawalpindi Islamabad. Too much rush on kite shops in the season of kite flying but due to lot of death it was banned by Pakistan government in 2005.Jamat Islamic argue it was the festival of Hindu Blaspmmer so it was prohibited. Also other issues due to glass coated thread discourage the kite flying festival in Pakistan (Popovich).

Islam and Game

Games having two main classifications one that helps the Muslim in Jihad manual and mental efforts used in these games like swimming shooting and reading learning for Jihad. Other class that not helps the Muslims in Jihad these non helping games in jihad also segregated into classes one class is prohibited in Islam because its associated activities that are Haram like picture of living things (human beings), (Mohammad) go along with music, conflict arises between player and at the end of game they do or say some bad things, playing with cards will be the example of this class of non helping jihad game that is Haram, second class not prohibited in Islam like foot ball, tennis, cricket, volley ball, but these games having some rules these non helping jihad games is free from gambling, not create barrier to the offering the prayer, worships and not taking the player too much time) "Who took their religion as an delight and play, and the life of the world deceived them. So, this Day We shall forget them" [al-A'raaf 7:51] the game became the identity of that person is also not allowed according to the interpretation of Ayah (quran al-A'raaf 7:51)

April fool day-1st April

April is word of Latin derived from the Aprilis or Aprire which means blooming of flower. On the arrival of spring the ancient Roman nation worshipping the God of wine and for pleasing him they used wine and sustain for pranks do childish activities. Gradually this mock became prominent. According to international encyclopedia first April is become the practical joke day in European country. In this day relaxation for doing unethical activities and made the people fool with the help of fake joke. 500 years ago When Christian army occupied the Spain they shed the blood of Muslims in this manner the horses of the winner army knees sink in the blood of Muslim. When the winner army realized that no Muslim left in this region they ordered to imprisoned Muslims to go back their native Marrakesh. The winner army left him at a hill 20 km far from Grantham. No muslim left in the spain some who are muslim but they appearently changed their identy so the intelignce of winner army planned to get rid from those appearently changed muslim.they announced the muslim gathered in Garnatha on 1st April, so that those army send him in the muslim country.The announcment were made throught out the month March.on the 1st April muslim gather in garnatha they host them in well manner put all muslims children men women in a ship and sail off in a sea .

when this ship reached at the mid of journey they sinked the ship of Muslim so all remaining muslim in spain were eradicated with the help of fake promise on 1st April. These day cause many death which can be calculated on the newspaper of 2nd April. (april fool and its reality, 2009) Many theories are written by history writer Noah was the first april fool after the flood he sent a dove to check out the dry land by mistake. Another tale is famous about the major changing was taken place in Gregorian calendar some days of October was removed or replaced in new style calendar in 1582 it was officially adopted the day of new year's shifted from 1st April to 1st January, but the people mistakenly celebrated on 1st April. So, the neighbor and friends said as April fool on 1st April. (henderson)

Islam and Lying

Lying is any wrong information giving someone that is not match to reality.

The great sin is lie. Do not mix the truth with false. (Surah Bakarah). Allah curse for lair (Surah Al Imran) But it will prevent punishment from her if she gives four testimonies [swearing] by Allah that indeed, he is of the liars. (Surah Nur 24:8) (surah) The signs of the hypocrite are three: when he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is entrusted with something, he betrays that trust." (Narrated by al-Bukhari, 33; Muslim, 59) It was narrated that Asma' Bint Yazeed said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: 'It is not permissible to tell lies except in three (cases): when a man speaks to his wife in a way to please her; lying in war; and lying in order to reconcile between people.' (Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 1939) This hadeeth was classed as hasan by Shaykh-al-Albaani in Saheeh-al-Jami', 772 it was narrated that 'Abd-Allah ibn Mas'ood said: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: 'Truthfulness is righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise. A person will continue to tell the truth until he is written with Allah as one who tells the truth. Lying is evildoing, and evildoing leads to Hell. A person will keep on telling lies until he is written as a liar. (Narrated by al-Bukhari, 5743; Muslim, 2607) It was narrated from Umm Kalthum Bint 'Uqbah that she heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: "He is not a liar who reconciles between people and narrates something good or says something good. (Narrated by al-Bukhari, 2546; Muslim, 2605) It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever tells lies about me, let him take his place in Hell. (narrated by al-Bukhari, 110; Muslim, 3).

It was narrated that Mu'aawiyah ibn Haydah said: "I heard the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: 'Woe to the one who talks to make the people laugh and tells lies, woe to him, woe to him. (narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 235. He said: this is a hasan hadeeth. Also narrated by Abu Dawood, 4990).who lied concerning Allah with their faces blackened. Is not the home of the scorers in hell? (60) Az-Zumar (bile, 2012)

Islam and Pranks

Who victimize the other Muslim with use of hand and tongue who not belongs to us (Saheeh al-Bukharee 1/10)

Bible and lying

But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:8 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die Genesis 3:4 You shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. Leviticus 19:11 I hate and abhor lying: but your law do I love. Psalms 119:163Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight. Proverbs 12:22A righteous man hates lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and comes to shame. Proverbs 13:5 (Bible Verses on Lying)

Bible and Pranks

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (Making Fun Of Others)

Those who make fun of others will be judged. Foolish people will be punished. Proverbs 19:29 (Proverbs 19:29)

Discussion

On the basis of Quran Hadees and bible that has too followed in minorities of Pakistan we analysis these festivals are violated the Islamic rules and principals but also give some other negative effects on society.

Valentine's Day recognized in Pakistan different packages published in newspaper for advertisement of courier services. Few people belong to elite class and who used the internet that knew only about Valentines Day. Even the minorities of Christian lives in Pakistan not familiar with this event.free mixing of men and women with the purpose of expression of love is not allowed in Islam.

Each year Basent festival promoting by government with the name of Jashan a baharan and many hotel restaurants and multinational companies promote this event by giving discount and some different packages. This event is destroy our cultural values in this way Pakistan is country based upon Islam. The prophet S.A.W love and respect is essential part of Muslim life and the behavior adopt to other one seem to be separated from Islam. Basent festival is based on Pakistan in the memory of blasphemer also firstly introduced by non Muslims. Other cultural alteration due to people enjoy kite flying festival along with dance music fire work all these activities also prohibited in Islam. Islam is belief of nature its provides relieve and fair fun game or joy. On basent, it was celebrated as Hindu celebrated for their goddess Saraswati then it limits according to Islam.From many news and articles, it was clear that in Basent festival people enjoy loud music and dancing it is not Islamic and the cutting the kite of each other and this cutting kite was the possession of that person who holds it was the rule of this game it seem unethical also the player used specific word for cutting the kite of some one. According to these reasons this game should be consider as non Islamic or Haram game.Another reason that counts to discourage this festival is lot of human and economic losses.

Lying with others with purpose of fun is also prohibit in Islam, but this festival may leads serious harm of some one that makes this another critical point due to celebration of this festival.

Conclusion and Suggestion

We reached at this point that these love Day, kite flying festival and April fool day are against Islam and its celebrations gives negative impact on Islamic society as well. So being a true Muslim and Pakistan patriotic must avoid celebrating these festivals in Islamic republic of Pakistan. further research is need to explore the factor that diffuse these festivals in Pakistan and more critical analysis of these festival will be need to explore.

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