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## INTRODUCTION

I came to England to continue my studies in 1960. It was the first time that I came face to face with a different culture. To understand that society more closely, I started reading its religious scriptures - the Holy Bible, because I thought that a culture and habits of a society are very much reflections of its beliefs. I found the Genesis chapter in the Holy Bible strikingly similar to the Qur'anic version of creation. This led me to study the scriptures of other major religions of the world as well as the literature on world mythology to understand whether there was a common cord running through the human history. Not content with this, I turned to history - especially to books on ancient history and to the latest archaeological discoveries. And finally I tried to read as many books on the Study of History, as possible to understand whether there was a similar pattern of the rise and fall of the nations as depicted in the Qur'an, of which I had already a fair knowledge. This laborious research, in fact, was my personal quest for certitude. During this research I was struck by another remarkable similarity between the histories of Israelites and the Muslim Ummah. Meanwhile, we had started dialogues with Christian and Jewish students in 1962. Then I was the president of London Islamic Circle, a Muslim students body based in London Central Mosque. We had three meetings in that winter. One meeting was held in Christian Movement House, another in Hilel House and the last meeting was held in London Islamic Circle, in London Central Mosque. Unfortunately, it

could not be continued for various reasons. However, I continued my private research on this subject. It became my life's passion. I discovered that the history of mankind is the Epic OF MAN and a continuing saga. It began with the creation of Adam, our great great ... grand father and continues. And shall extend to the coming generations till unknown future. I spent more than quarter of a century to complete this work. The first part of it, Epic of Man in the Light of the Qur'an was published in 1982 and later the complete work was published under the title of The Islamic Perspective of History by the Ummah publications, Istanbul in 1988. This book is the part of that research. In this book I contrasted the history of Israelites to that of the Muslim Ummah, in a rather unconventional poetic style. I thought fit to begin with the life of Patriarch Abraham, who is equally revered by Jews, Christians and Muslims. He is a beacon of history and the father of many nations.

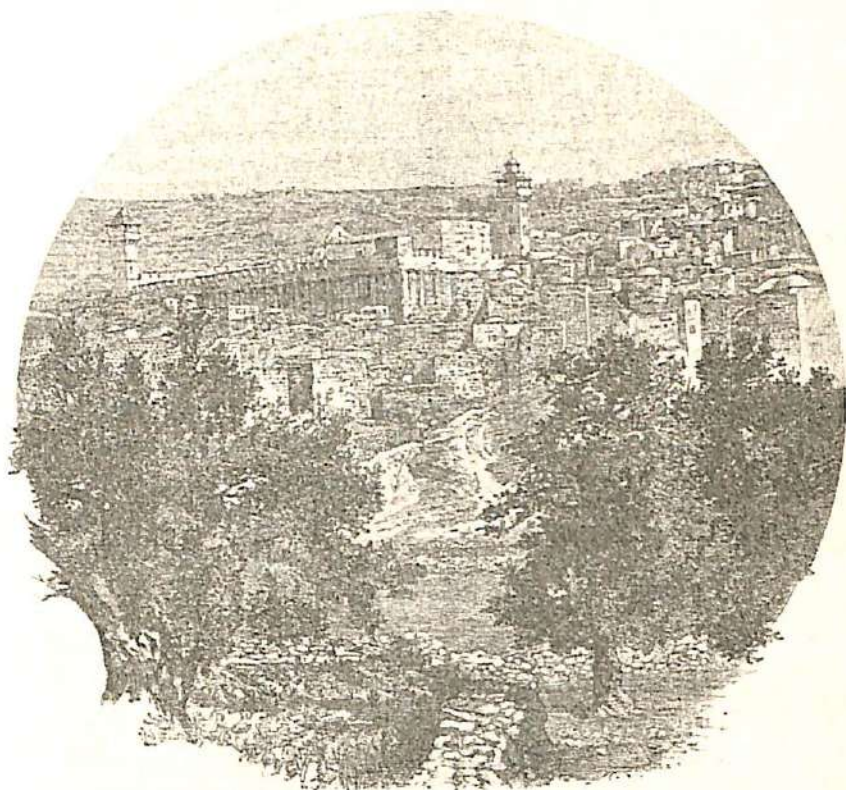
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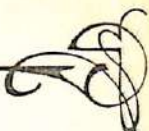

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CHAPTER ONE  
THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS



Ibrahim Mosque in Al-Khalil, Palestine  
Under this mosque Hz.Ibrahim and his family rest in eternal peace



## THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS

This is how the drama of humankind unfolds,  
Man is cast on this earth for vicegerency role.  
When he fails to play his intended role,  
He falls and becomes lowest of the low. <sup>(1)</sup>  
Merciful God lifts him up and restores,  
And puts on him again the vicegerent's robe.  
If we travel back a little more  
On the path which history trod,  
We come across an illuminated post  
Which, through ages, guided countless hosts.  
It is the life of Prophet Ibrahim, of course,  
The father of many nations, present and gone before.  
It was about four thousands years before,  
On this earth the Chaldean nation sojourned.  
Though a powerful nation, wielded great force,  
In their daily life they begged and implored  
To the idols they had carved from stones.  
Worshipped them and them they adored  
Ibrahim was born in this nation mentioned afore.  
He saw no reason for such a silly norm.  
Ibrahim deeply meditated to understand,  
Who created him and where does he stand.  
One night under the open sky he had lain,  
With such thoughts for want of explain.

Suddenly a bright star made its way  
To the sky and like a powerful lamp it hanged.  
Ibrahim exclaimed; "This is my God,  
I looked elsewhere in vain." <sup>(2)</sup>  
He hardly finished his words of exclaim,  
The glamour of the moon in the sky began.  
The moon shone with all its might,  
And stars twinkled like ancillary lights.  
Ibrahim was dismayed by the star cried,  
"The moon is my God, it's more bright."  
He remained awake and deeply in thought,  
Till the sun rose which was more bright and warm.  
Twinkling stars, bright moon disappeared all.  
Ibrahim said; "The truth now I attained,  
The sun is my God; it's brightest and warm."  
The day wore on, the sun was also setting at last.  
Ibrahim observed and decidedly proclaimed;  
"Surely the truth is revealed to me at last,  
I turned to the Creator of us all,  
O Creator! I worship and adore Thee,  
Without Your guidance I would have been lost.  
Don't know Your name but submit myself to Your Being.  
I bow to Your Majestic Power and worship only Thee.  
And I am not afraid of the supporters of false creeds."  
Ibrahim's father Azar cut idols for the state,  
Which were put in every temple to be praised.  
Ibrahim argued with his father against,  
But it proved to be without gain.  
Chaldeans were so given to such profanes,  
And failed to appreciate the insight Ibrahim has gained.  
Ibrahim thought an effective way to demonstrate, <sup>(3)</sup>  
The falsehood of their practices and faith.  
One day all Chaldeans went out of the city,  
To celebrate their annual festivity.



Ibrahim stayed behind in the city.  
To execute the plan he had made.  
He went to the temple with his axe,  
And chopped the heads of all idols there placed,  
Saved the biggest idol, which he left there to stand,  
And his axe on its shoulder Ibrahim placed.  
When people returned and saw their gods in such a state,  
They were shocked, agitated and dismayed,  
That their gods were unable to protect even their own place.  
They soon discovered that Ibrahim stayed behind,  
While they were gone out of city to celebrate.  
Ibrahim was summoned to be asked,  
Who inflicted upon their gods such a fate.  
Ibrahim replied. "Why not ask ?  
The idol with axe on its shoulder must have watched.  
Perhaps he was angered by your other gods,  
And it has chopped their heads off."  
People were numbed and deeply ashamed,  
They didn't have an answer or a claim,  
Nevertheless heedless they remained,  
And wanted to punish Ibrahim just the same.  
The King was informed of Ibrahim's courageous stand.  
Nimrod feared the truth might gain upper hand,  
Hurriedly summoned Ibrahim to court to explain;  
"Who is your God, in whose favour you campaign."  
Ibrahim replied, "God I worship and adore,  
Gives us life, brings death and shall restore." (4)  
Two men were brought to the court.  
"They are condemned to death." Nimrod to Ibrahim told,  
"Let one free and kill the other in the court"  
Nimrod ordered to his soldiers, to make a show.  
Then he turned to Ibrahim again and told,  
"You see, I bring death and also, life I bestow."  
"Look at the sky," Ibrahim to the king told,

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Ibrahim stands at the fountain-head,  
From where the light in history has spread.  
God to Ibrahim, His friend,  
Gave the fame which has no end.  
From his descendants, prophets, kings and wisemen sprang,  
His name runs in history as in rosary runs a string.

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Rome sent Titus to invade the Jewish state  
Like a fury of God he came  
Set Jerusalem on fire and the temple was erased.  
Jews tried to fight their war in nations name  
But to rely upon the idol of nationalism instead of God  
Their struggle was in vain.  
Jerusalem was destroyed and Jews were dispersed  
And they became strangers upon this earth.  
Thus the chosen people, kings and the priests of God  
When they betrayed their covenant to their Lord, God.  
They became accursed lot.  
Now their sole function in the world is to sabotage.  
Modern man is the victim of their evil streak  
Darwin, Freud and Marx are but a few examples of these

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Most of the Muslim regimes today  
Presents the picture of the Jews of Jeremiah's days.  
Ulema warn Muslim regimes as did prophet Jeremiah,  
John, Jesus and many other prophets to Jews,  
Like Jews, Muslim regimes imprisoned ulema and them they slew.  
Therefore, now Muslims are being chastised by the Zionist Jews.  
Thus God's word has been proven true,  
If you turn your back to God's message entrusted to you,  
Then God promised to impose the worse people upon you.

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