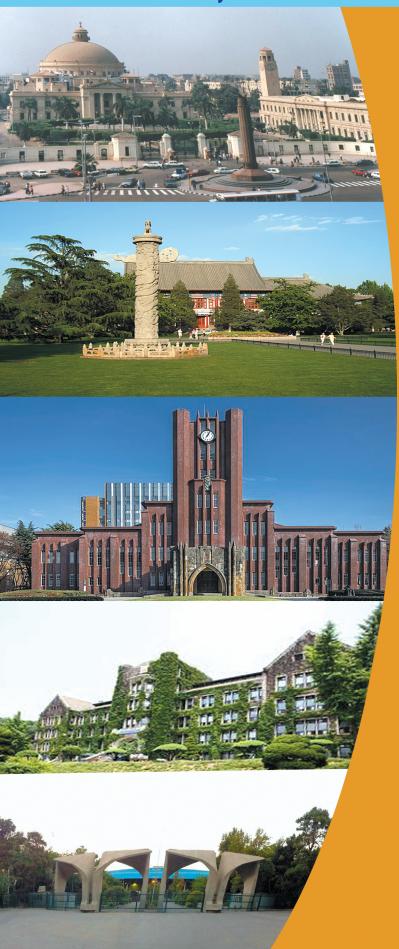
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## Note from the Editor

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to bring out the first issue of our online journal "INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ASIAN LANGUAGES" in the year of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of our University known as EFL-U . The journal would not have seen the light of the day without the generous support and continuous encouragement of our Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. E. Suresh. This issue, mostly consists of articles written by faculty members of various Asian languages (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Persian) in our university and one article is contributed by an eminent scholar from outside of our university. The issue covers broad areas of language, literature linguistics and method . In the given Issue, the editing board has chosen seven articles carefully from various Asian languages , which come together to deliver a truly global and inter-linguistic look at contemporary trends in these languages . The Issue features a variety of topics across different geographical regions that together present a pleasant picture of various Asian languages. While all articles are country-specific in nature, they carry significant linguistic and cultural implications that can be widely adopted.

The first article entitled "Sufi Arabic writings in India: An introduction" visualizes the concept of Sufism in the light of the verses of the holy Qur'an and the traditions of the prophet. It explores the origin of Sufi writings in India that starts from commentaries on the noted works of Arab and Non-Arab writers. These writers simplified the complicated issues and made them accessible to the learners and scholars. The article analyses noted works of eminent Sufi scholar Mir. Syed Ali Hamadani. In addition to him, the author also touches the works of Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi, Sheikh Abdul Qadeer Mohammed Siddiqui, Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi and many others.

An exemplary article from Mr. Rakesh Ranjan engages successful acquisition of Chinese language in India, tries to analyse errors and provides suitable solutions to rectify them. In the given article, he tried to showcase China as emerging economic power in the world which ultimately paves the way for Chinese learning in every nook and corner. He pointed out to the problems faced by the Indian learners of Chinese language . More importantly, he focused on four aspects of problems faced in Chinese language acquisition: Characters, Pinyin, tones and interference of L.1/L.2. In the end, he prescribes some solutions to overcome the difficulties faced by the learners in all the above aspects.

Ms. Somya Nayak's article "literature as source of socio-cultural studies- study of the Chinese society of the cultural revolution through "sear literature" introduces Chinese literature in the historical perspective and underlines features of classical as well as contemporary Chinese literature. In her article she proves that to know the post cultural revolution Chinese society, sear literature is the best medium, which mostly focuses on portraying human nature and the tragedy of the socialist society etc.

In his article entitled "A report on the 80 hours Non-Formal Proficiency Course in Japanese: Issues and Challenges" Mr. Arun Shyam tries to elucidates issues and challenges that a teacher of Japanese comes across while teaches beginners, especially, in the limited time-frame.

The article The value of life in Lee Thaejun's novel "Before and After liberation" by Khan Afzal Ahmad intends to examine the significance of liberation time space through a representative Korean novel "Before and After liberation written in 1946. This particular period assumes immense importance in the modern history of Korea. Through the analysis of the novel Mr. Khan provides a detail account of the situation of Korean peninsula during the liberation period. In this novel the novelist Mr. Lee Thaijun discussed three basic problems pertaining to the value of human life during the given period.

Dr. Mahmood Alam portrayed different dimensions of Amir Khusrau's life. He depicted him as poet, musician, courtier and historian. The article not only focuses on the poetic wisdom of Amir Khusrau, but encompasses his critical views on poetry as well. Looking at his critical views on poetry he can be compared with Aristotle, Pope, Sidney or any literary critic of the world fame.

Dr. Mehshar Kamal, in his article "Socio-political and economic aspects of the promotion of Persian language and literature in India by the Mughals" tries to find out the reasons for the promotion of Persian language in India by the Mughals. Surprisingly enough, Persian neither was their mother tongue nor spoken by the common Indians. The paper delves into the complex socio-political and economic factors that lead to the promotion of Persian language in India by the Mughals.

In the end, we thank Mr. B. David, University Press for designing cover page. Similarly we are grateful to Mr. D. Srinivas, Junior Office Assistant and Mr. Sufi Shakir Pasha, Secretarial Assistant who extended their helping hand right from the beginning till the final shape of this journal.

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# Sufi Arabic writings in India: An introduction

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# **Background**

This is an established fact that the Muslim *Ummah* has almost collapsed spiritually throughout the world; the aggressive wave of materialism has uprooted the weak-rooted *Imóan* of the *Ummah*. The relations of human heart with the Almighty, the creator of the universe have become feeble. The same happened with the relations of human life with the soul and the relations of society with the ethical values; the sense of sincerity and introspection is lost somewhere, internal diseases such as; jealousy, parsimony, show off, pride, egoism, flattery, psycho fancy, hypocrisy and the slavery to money and muscle spread all over. The heart & soul fell sick, the physician is missing, people piled in the wreckage of the world, the learned people engaged in competing each other in gathering wealth & gaining status and they were engulfed with lust and greed. Thus, one of the important parts of the prophetic tradition came to a halt. That is refinement of soul, call to *Ihsóan* and internal reform. Similarly, the work of Islamic *D'awah* came to standstill since long, superstitions spread in the Muslim society and the countries where Islam entered recently. The remedy to all the diseases mentioned above is:

It is not [possible] that a man, to whom is given the Book, and Wisdom, and the prophetic office, should say to people: "Be ye my worshippers rather than Allah's":

on the contrary [He would say] "Be ye worshippers of Him who is truly the Cherisher of all: For ye have taught the Book and ye have studied it earnestly. (1)

# Introduction

The Arabic literary treasure in India contains writings pertaining to various fields especially, Islamic sciences. However, Sufi literature has all along been a grey area, seldom drew the attention of scholars comparing to its sister Persian or for that matter Urdu for obvious reasons. The history of Arabic Sufi writings in India finds its origin in the works of 14th century Sufi, a poet and a prominent Shafi'i Muslim scholar Mir Syed Ali bin Shahab-ud-Din Hamadani. He preached Islam in Kashmir and influenced its culture. He was followed by number of noted writers such as; Sirajuddin Umar b. Ishaq (²) the author of المحافظة الأسرار العارفين من المكر على لوائح الأنوار العارفين من المكر على لوائح الأنوار العارفين من المكر على لا Lawaih al anwóar fi al radd-i ala man Ankara ala al farifeen min lat faif al asróar (Regulations of lights in response to the one who denies those who know the Divine secrets). Later on, many eminent scholars stepped into this arena like; Shah Waliullah of Delhi, Sheikh Sanaullah of Panipat, Sheikh Mohammed b. Fadlullah of Burhanpur, Sheikh Mohibbullah of Allahabad, Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadvi and many others.

Most of the books deal, quite often, with specific issues for example; the work of Sirajuddin elucidates the zeal and vigour of Sufis to *Laylatul Qadr*. Shah Waliullah reveals some important aspects of Sufism and its different orders. Sheikh Sanaullah of Panipat underlines the relations between *Murshid* and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Abdullah, Yusuf Ali, The English Tra. Of the Holy Qur'an, P. 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sirajuddin al Hindi, Abu Hafs, Umar b. Ishaq b. Ahmed al Ghaznavi, The chief justice of Hanafite Creed in Cairo was one of the eminent Indian scholars. He shot to fame for his expertise in Islamic Jurisprudence. He is considered at par with al-Wajeeh al Razi, Siraj al Thaqafi and Al Zeen al Badwani the Indian scholars became famous in different parts of the Arab nation. He was born in 704 H and died in the night of 7<sup>th</sup> Rajab 773H.

*Murshad*. Sheikh Muhibbullah draws the life sketch of 18 eminent Sufis. The work of Ali Miyan tries to remove the misconception revolves around the terminology "Sufi" and reckons with the valuable contribution of eminent Sufis to the social reform. Other Arabic works on Sufism deal with other aspects of Sufism. Thus, the works, though not much in number, assume much significance as; they cover almost dimensions pertaining to this specific genre and hold a sublime place in the Sufi literary corpus.

# **Contributions**

The Arabic *Sufi* writings in India start its journey from commentaries on the noted works of Arab and Non-Arab writers. They simplified the complicated issues discussed by those writers and made them accessible to the learners and to those who wanted to venture out in this specific branch of learning. The given short list of commentaries written by Indian *Ulema* gives us an insight to the valuable services made by them. (<sup>3</sup>)

# List of commentaries written in Arabic in India

Commentaries Authors

1. Ainul Fusus sharhul Fusus	Sheikh Abul Mahasin shrfuddin of Delhi	
2. Sharhul Fusus	Sheikh Muhibbullah al Umari of Allahabad	
3. Al- Marif Sharhul Awarif	Sheikh Mohammed Yusuf al Huseini of Delhi (	
	died in Gulbarga)	
4. Izahatut Daqaiq Sharh Jan-e-	Sheikh Alauddin b. Ahmed al Shafei al	
Jahan Numa	Mahaemi	
5. Al tahliya Sharh al Taswiyah	Maulwi Abdul Haleem b. Ameenullah of	

 $<sup>^{</sup>m 3}$  Al Hasani, Abdul Hai, Al thaqafa al Islamiyah fil Hind, P.187-192.

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Their efforts did not remain confined to the commentaries and expositions rather they also penned down some treatises and books on the topic. The following small list of books is sufficient to underline their engagement with this discipline dawn the ages in India. (4)

List of treatises and books written in Arabic in India

Books	Authors
1. Mazharun Noor	Sheikh Qamruddin of Aurangabad
2. Al Raudh al Majud fi Haqeeqatil	Sheikh Fazl Haq of Khairabad
wujood	
3. Sirajul Qulub wa Ilajuz Zunoob	Sheikh Ali Zainuddin Ali al M'abari
4. Hadyatul Adkiya ( An Ode)	Sheikh Ali Zainuddin Ali al M'abari
5. Sharh Maslakil Atqiya	Sheikh Ahmed al M'abari
6. Tanqeehul Maram	Sheikh Inayatullah of Lahore (1110H)
7. Al Qaul al Jemeel fi Bayani Sawais	Sheikh waliullah of Delhi
Sabeel	
8. Majmaus Salekeen	Sheikh Khairuddin Mohd. Zahid
9. Siratut Takmeel	Sheikh Mohd. Kamil of waleedpur
10. Umdatul wasail li kashfil Fazail	Sheikh Abdur Razzaq b. Jamaluddin of
	Lucknow
11. Al Minah al Madaniyyah fi	Sheikh Abdul Baqi b. Ali of Lucknow
Mukhtaratis Sufiyyah	
12. Azkarut Tariqa al Naqshbandiya	Sheikh Tajuddin of Sambhal

 $<sup>^{4}\,</sup>$  Al Hasani , Abdul Hai, Al thaqafa al Islamiyah fil Hind, P.193-201.

wa Ashghaluha ( Treatise)	
13. Al Rawaih ( Treatise)	Sheikh Mohad. b. sayeed al Huseini
14. Al waridat ( Treatise)	Sheikh Mohad. b. sayeed al Huseini
15. Al hazrat al khams	Sheikh Husain b. Muiz al Balkhi al Bihari
16. Al Tuhfa al Mursala ila al Nabi al	Sheikh Mohd. Fadlullah of Burhanpur
Mustafa	

As stated above the history of Arabic *Sufi* writings in India find its origin in the works of 14<sup>th</sup> century Sufi Mir Syed Ali Hamadani who wrote almost 25 treatises in Arabic on Sufism. A few of them can be discussed here.

Asrarun Nuqta (Secrets of the point): This treatise deals with monotheism, secrets of *irfan*, characteristics of *sufis & urafa'* as well as the attributes of *Allah*, the Almighty. It speaks of latent wisdom of monotheism containing treasures of secrets revolving around *Tawheed-e-Khalis* and *Ikhlas-e Niyyat* of true believer. This secret can be understood only by the one who has knowledge or minimum level of understanding of *irfan* or the one who has been bestowed upon by Allah the knowledge and *irfan*, or he has truck with mysticism and equipped with knowledge of the science of Theology.

*Manazilus Salekeen* (*Saalikeen's* Abodes): This treatise describes the conditions of those *Sufis* and pious people who spent their lives in purifying the hearts, maintained their proximity with their Creator, believed that they would meet their lord and return to Him only. This work is divided into 10 parts.

The first part underlines initials of *Sufism* such as; state of awakening, repentance, introspection, contemplation etc. The second one elucidates different states of human life such as; sadness, fear, compassion, humility, charity, asceticism and

piety. The third one peeps into care, surveillance, loyalty, decency, integrity and trust. The fourth one touches the chords of ethics, namely: patience, gratitude, modesty, honesty, selflessness and humility. The fifth one deals with important principles such as; determination, love, belief, affection, remembrance of Allah, poverty and prosperity. The sixth one describes medicines of soul, namely; charity, knowledge, wisdom, insight, intuition, veneration, inspiration, tranquility and protection. The seventh one discusses some basic ideas such as; the ordeal, longing, meditation, fear and slavery. The eighth one talks about features of sainthood such as; tenderness & purity of heart, happiness and self-isolation. The ninth one unravels realities such as; discoveries, observations, inspections and emotions. The last one ends with the perception of knowledge, survival & death, investigation & personification etc.

Al Insan al Kamil (The Perfect Man): Keeping in mind the importance and virtues of man, his difference with animals in terms of his ability to touch the pinnacle of humanity, dominated by soul and humiliated by wild desires the treatise is also known as Al-rooh Al a'zam (The great soul). This brief treatise consisting of four-pages looks into the properties of the perfect man i.e. the man who follows the footsteps of the Prophet and his righteous caliphs.

**Taleqaniyyah**: This treatise describes the condition of *Urafa* and pious people belonged to Taliqan (A city in Iran). The author listed some of the descriptions of these *Urafa* as they adhere to repentance, humility, trust, gratitude, patience, certainty, meditation, slavery, integrity, sincerity, honesty, modesty, love & longing, and others. Then he quotes a tradition of the prophet in the virtue of poverty and vice of prosperity:

" لعن الله من أكرم غنيا لغنائه وأهان فقيرا لفقره، لا يفعل هذا إلا المنافق، فمن أكرم غنيا لغنائه وأهان فقيرا لفقره بسمى في السماوات والأرض عدو الله وعدو الأنبياء"

(God damn the one who respects affluent man for his affluence and insults the poor for his poverty. None can do it except a hypocrite. Thus, the one who graced the affluent for his affluence and humiliated the poor for his poverty, on the whole earth and skies he will be known as Allah's enemy and the enemy of His prophets.)

**Fi Khawas-e- Ahlil Batin** (The properties of the pious people): This brief treatise covers some *malfoozaat* of *Urafa*, their admonitions and advices for general people, for example: "The man neither should be satisfied with what he has, nor should he be sad for what he doesn't, Nothing is in his hand that can take him to Allah or force him to leave the world's love".

Al dikriyyah al Sughra (The small Dikr): This brief treatise containing 12-pages describes the virtues of dikr and its kinds in the light of Quranic verses. This is divided in three sections. The first one illuminates the virtues of dikr; the second one is base on Mujahadat while the third one sheds light on its variations.

Al dikriyyah al Sughra is like Al dikriyyah al kubra in Persian; rather it is an abridged form of the Persian version. However, in Arabic version some Arabic couplets describing the virtues of *Urfa* are added, for instance:<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Qadeera Saleem (Dr) Syed Ali al Hamadani wa khidmatuhu al Ilmiyyah wal fikriyah, Magazine , Department of Arabic , University of Punjab, Lahore- Pakistan, No.19, Issue 2012.

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The literary activities of one of the best scholars of Arabic zainuddin al Ma'bari (d.1522) embrace nearly every field of Islamic learning; from mysticism and homiletics to Hadith and Figh. He wrote also wonderful Sufi poem hidayatu adkiya (Guidance of the intelligentsia). (6)

Though, the work of Sheikh Ashraf Ali thanwi is not mentioned in the table but it is said that he too has many books to his credit in this discipline such as; ( مسائل الشكوك مع رفع الشكوك) Masailush Shukook ma'a raf'ish Shukook and (الشكوك مع رفع الشكوك) أمهات التصوف Al takashshuf an Ummuhatit Tasawwuf. However, their language is yet to be ascertained. Moreover, his work التشر ف بمعر فة أحاديث التصوف AlTasharruf bi ma'rifati Ahaditit Tasawwuf with its translation in Urdu تكميل التصوف) deals with issues of tadkiyah in four sections known as ; ibad´at ( acts of worship), a'dóat (habbits), munjiyóat (acts that save human being) and muhlik at (acts that destroy human being). The entire points discussed in the book written with the text of the traditions of the prophet only. In other words he supported his all arguments with *Hadith*.

The first section deals with knowledge, worship, zakah, fasting, haj, etiquettes for the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, dikr and the methods of calling to Islam. The second section elaborates the manners for eating, nikah, earning, halal & haram and love & affection. The third section underlines the importance of repentance, patience & thanks, fear & hope, poverty & asceticism, love & longing and remembering of death. The last section talks about discipline of soul, sins of the tongue and evil of anger, stinginess, position and pride. (7)

 $<sup>^6</sup>$  Ahmad Zubaid, Contribution of indo Pakistan to Arabic Literature, p.244.  $^7$  Shakeb, Ziyauddin , Preface of the book  $\it Al\ Tasharruf\ bi\ ma'rifati\ Ahaditit\ Tasawwuf.$ 

This is also worth mentioning that a noted book entitled "al Nafha al Imaniyyah wal Minah al Rabbaniyyah ila al Hikmah al Islamiyyah" (النفحة الإيمانية و المنح الربانية on this topic was written by Prof. Head Department of Theology, Osmania University, Hyderabad sheikh Abdul Qadeer Mohammad Siddiqui. Originally the book was in Urdu but it was rendered into Arabic by Sheikh Saleh b, Salim ba Hattab, sheikh of rational sciences in Jamia Nizamia. This was published in 1999 by Hasrat Academy, Hyderabad and contains 137 pages in medium size.

The writer elucidates the concept of *tasawwuf* in the light of its different meanings. He discussed various kinds of Allah's *Wujood* (existence) and elaborated issues such as; destiny (good or bad) and the question of reparation & destiny and the entire process to be the perfect man *al insan al kamil*.

This will be a sheer failure on my part if I don't mention the most important work راثية و لارهباتية (Divine and not monastic) by Syed Aabul Hasan Ali Nadvi. He starts his book with the description of the connotation *Tasawwuf* in the light of the Holy Qur'an and the traditions of the prophet.

The term *Tasawwuf*, Sufism, mysticism or other equivalents that we use in our day-to-day life has been the point of dispute among the Islamic scholars dawn the ages. These fallacious terminologies invented during the course of time, and stories & anecdotes pertaining to it fabricated in various languages, literatures and religions, they come out with altogether different pictures that cause suspicion in the minds of the people, lead to rivalries amongst various sections and give birth to new schools of thoughts that appear with arguments and counter arguments.

If we leave all these modern terminologies and customary names and look back to the words the early Muslims used to express these realities in the simplest manner, and the expressions prevalent among them the enigma could be solved.

Now the whole debate among the scholars is centered on the origin of the term right from الصفو or المصفوا in Arabic or the Greek word سوفيا which is linked with the notion of wisdom. When these terms crept into Islam is yet to be ascertained as; neither can we trace it out in the Holy Qur'an nor in the traditions of the prophet. Neither they were prevalent among the companions nor in the best Islamic periods. However, these realities are available in the Holy Qur'an and the Islamic doctrine with the name of *Tadkiyah* and *Ihsan*. Thus, the Holy Scripture mentions *Tadkiyah* as one of the four assignments entrusted to the prophet to accomplish in the world, it says:

It is He Who has sent amongst the Unlettered a messenger from among themselves, to rehearse to them His Signs, to sanctify them, and to instruct them in Scripture and Wisdom, although they had been, before, in manifest error. (8)

The purpose is to refine the soul, to polish it and adorn it with virtues, clean it of vices. We observe this refinement in the sincerity and morality of the companions. This could not be possible in the absence of an ideal Islamic society and just righteous government which has no parallel in the human history.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Abdullah, Yusuf Ali, The English Tra. Of the Holy Qur'an, P. 286.

To express the same reality the prophet used the word *Ihsan*, a sort of belief and notion of Allah's omnipotence where the people will compete each other. Thus, when he was asked by one of his companions what is *Ihsan*? He said:

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: كان النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم بارزا يوما للناس، فأتاه رجل فقال: ما الإيمان؟ قال: ( الإيمان أن تؤمن بالله وملائكته وكتبه وبلقائه ورسله وتؤمن بالبعث). قال: ما الإسلام؟ قال: (الإسلام: أن تعبد الله ولا تشرك به، وتقيم الصلاة، وتؤدي الزكاة المفروضة، وتصوم رمضان). قال: ما الإحسان؟ قال: (أن تعبد الله كأنك تراه، فإن لم تكن تراه فإنه يراك) (صحيح البخاري، كتاب الإيمان، ص: 28)

Narrated Abu Huraira (RA): One day while the Prophet (PBUH) was sitting out for the people, there came a man and asked, "What is Faith?" Allah's Messenger replied, Faith is to believe in Allah, His angels, (the) meeting with Him, His Messengers, and to believe in Resurrection". Then he further asked," What is Islam? Allah's Messenger replied, To worship Allah alone and none else, to perform *Iqamat-as-salat* [the offering of *salat* (prayers) perfectly], to pay the *zakat* and to observe *saum* [fasts (according to Islamic teachings) during the month of *Ramadan*"]. Then he further asked, what is *Ihsan*? (Perfection), Allah's messenger replied, To worship Allah as if you see Him, and if you cannot achieve this state of devotion then you must consider that He is looking at you".(9)

Thus, this is in the fitness of thing that the knowledge that guarantees the refinement of soul, its cultivation and adornment with virtues, cleaning of moral and psychological vices, inviting to the perfection of *Imóan* and attainment of a degree of charity, embellishment with prophetic morality, following the prophet in his internal features and modes of faith to call it *Tadkiyah* or *Ihsan* or *Fiqh al Batin* 

 $<sup>^{9}\,</sup>$  Khan, Mohammad Mohsin (Dr), summarized English translation of Sahih Al Bukhari , PP.76-77

if we could do it the disputes will be vanished away, reconciliation will be established among the people who are at loggerheads due to terminologies coined during the course of time. (10)

Tadkiyah or Ihsan or Fiqh al Batin are established realities and religious connotations approved by the Holy Qur'an and the traditions of the prophet. This would be acceptable to all Muslims. To reach the destination what we call Tadkiyah or Ihsan or Fiqh al Batin the modus operandi may change keeping in mind the requirements of time & space and the nature of generations and the atmosphere wherein they are brought up. Thus, they will focus on the end not on the means; establish it as an important part of our faith. This will become the spirit of our Shariah and the crux of our religion and the necessity of life. Hence, without attainment of this reality none can dream of perfection in religion and no reform in the social life would be possible. In true sense, no individual can enjoy his life.

The need to renew the covenant of Islam and attain the characteristics of *Iman* through *Tadkiyah* and *Ihsan* was realized by Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani in Baghdad. He influenced the method of teaching and preaching the people, focused on the nodal feature of Islamic teachings i.e. oneness of Allah, the almighty. He gave a call to return to Him alone. Then Sheikhul Islam al Hafiz Ibn Taymiyyah who came out with various means to reach one end, gave an scale to measure the perfection of man and his attainment of the Degree of *Wilayah*. Similarly, Allama Zahabi paid due attention to this dimension and talked about the happiness that he derives through worship and the man's dedication to it. He deliberated upon asceticism in this mundane world, generosity & altruism, modesty & the denial of self, tranquility & satisfaction, physiognomy and dignity etc.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Nadvi, Abul Hasan, Rabbaniyyah wa la Rahbaniyyah,PP.13-14

Ali Miyan also touched at the reform brought out by these great people in India and their impact on society, their relations with general public. To reckon with, he evaluated the services of Sheikh Ahmad b. Abdul Ahad al Umri al Sirhindi to defend and protect Islam in India, his tremendous success in his objective and mission. He preceded with the scheme of reform adopted by Shah waliullah of Dehli and his success in his mission. He also underlined the services of Syed Ahmad Barelvi and Syed Ismael Shaheed.

He pointed out to the sacrifices made by these Sufis to fight against the western colonizers. Their resistance to these despotic forces was highly appreciated in the history. The resistance posed by the great Sufi Amir Abdelkader Eldjezairi, Syed Mahdi al Senussi of Sudan, Sheikh Hasan al Banna of Egypt and Imam Syed Ahmad Barelvi from India. They bade good bye to their worldly life and hugged *Akhirah* through martyrdom for the sake of the truth.

Recently, in 2007 two books appeared in the Indo-Arab literature in this discipline. The first one is authored by Maulana Wadeh Rasheed Nadvi entitled Adab-o-Ahlil Quloob (أدب أهل القلوب) that deals with the life and services of 13 eminent Sufis, including two Indians sheikh Nizamuddin Awliya and Sheikh sharfuddin Yehya Maneri. This is published from Dar al Rasheed, Lucknow and contains 240 pages in medium size. (11) The second book is authored by Sheikh Sayeed Azami Nadvi in two volumes entitled "Saatun ma al Arifeen (ساعة مع العارفين) the first one deals with 13 Indian Sufis and the second one deals with the life and services of 38 Sufis from outside India. The book is published from Maktaba Firdaus, Lucknow .The Vol.1 contains 286 pages while Vol.11 contains 340 pages in medium size. (12)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Nadvi, wadeh Rasheed, Adabo Ahlil Quloob, Lucknow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Nadvi, Syeed Azami, Saatun ma'al Arifeen, Lucknow.

# **Conclusion**

This is evident from the above description that the works on *Tadkiyah* and *Ihsan* as a specific genre in Arabic are very few in numbers for obvious reasons needless to be discussed. Within the available works most of them are either commentaries or treatises. Further, many works are waiting to see the light of the day as they are still in the manuscript form. Secondly, names of the books are also quite confusing as a great deal of Persian books carry Arabic names as a part of customary in the medieval ages. However, the little works available caused a revolution to reform the society. Al Qaulul Jameel of Shah Waliullah and Rabbaniyyah wa la Rahbaniyyah of Ali Miyan are sufficient to prove this point. These works, in fact, placed this phenomenon in the correct and true fashion and removed the misconception gathered around the people.

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# Chinese Language Acquisition in India: Error Analysis and Possible Solutions

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With the advent of China on the world stage and its emergence as a global player, Chinese as a foreign language (CFL) has gained significant momentum among foreign language learners of various countries, making it the one of the fastest growing languages of the world. Recent years have witnessed an unprecedented high in the number of people showing interest in learning CFL in India. However, their interests are not fully transformed into actually mastering Chinese language, because of various complexities involved with it. Paucity of Indo-centric textbooks and lack of uniform framework for teaching and learning CFL further complicates the process of Chinese language acquisition in India. This paper analyses various errors made by the Indian learners in the domains of pinyin, tones and characters in the process of Chinese language acquisition and offers possible solutions and strategies to make Chinese language acquisition easier, faster and more interesting. In a multilingual country like India, interference of first language (L1)/second language (L2) plays a significant role in learning a foreign language. The author through this paper also discusses about the interference of L1/L2 in learning CFL and the role of language immersion technique in Chinese language acquisition in India.

Key words: Chinese language acquisition, Chinese as a Foreign Language (CFL), mother tongue

# 1. Introduction

There is no denying the fact that 21<sup>st</sup> century belongs to Asia, with China playing the key role in reshaping the world as never before. Keeping in mind the current trends and the growing influence of China in the world, we are recognizing the urgent need to learn Chinese language in order to understand China and its people in a better way, and this recognition has led to significant growth in learning Chinese a Foreign Language (CFL) outside China over the past few years.

China is one of the most important neighbours of India with bilateral ties dating back to ancient times. With the ever-increasing presence of China being felt in India and China being the world's second largest economy and also one of the biggest trade partners of India, People-to-People contacts have witnessed an unprecedented high, which has led to a huge demand for Chinese language experts in India. Realizing the importance of learning Chinese language in India, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) decided to introduce Chinese as an optional subject in many of its affiliated schools from 2011. The idea of introducing Chinese language in CBSE schools was mooted in 2010 by India's former Human Resources Development minister ShriKapil Sibal during his visit to China. He said:

"China is our powerful neighbour and emerging as a biggest consumer of global resources. We cannot wish it away. The best way to introduce China in India is to introduce its language at primary level so that our kids develop interest and knowledge about China."

This reflects the importance attached to China and learning CFL in India. Chinese language has created a large number of job opportunities both in public and private sectors of India, despite that, the number of students who enroll for Chinese language programmes is far less than the number for other foreign languages, especially European languages. Despite the huge demand for Chinese language experts in India, there are very few universities in India offering Chinese language programmes, which has created a huge gap between demand and supply of Chinese language experts.

# 2. Problems faced by Indian Learners of Chinese as a Foreign Language

General perception about Chinese language is that it's one of the most difficult languages of the world, which to some extent is true, if compared to alphabetic languages like English and other Indo-European languages. The Foreign Service Institute at the United States Department of State while rating 67 languages based on the level of difficulties for native speakers of English language puts Chinese in the category of "super-hard languages". Though mother tongue of a learner is the most

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DNA India, September 15, 2010

important variable in deciding the level of difficulties of a new language, and English is not the first language of majority of Indian population, but considering the fact that Indian languages and Chinese belong to two different language family groups and English is predominantly used at various levels in India, learning Chinese has proved to be as difficult for Indian learners as for the native speakers of English. CBSE had to shelve the idea of introducing Chinese language in its schools in 2012, citing the reason of inability of Indian teachers to grasp the language, which eventually led to discontinuation of Chinese language training programme for its teachers. Later it had to collaborate with Hanban, a public institution run by the Government of China for promoting CFL worldwide, to get native Chinese teachers from China. <sup>2</sup>There are various factors involved which act as hindrance for Indian learners of Chinese language acquisition: Characters, pinyin, tones and interference of L1/L2.

## 2.1. Characters:

Unlike English, Chinese language does not have alphabets; rather learners have to start from characters, where each character represents certain meaning. The first compiled Chinese dictionary shuōwénjiězì of year 110 lists 9,353 characters (Zhou, 2003). Since then the number of characters kept on increasing, with Yìtǐ zìdiǎn of year 2004 listing over 100,000 characters (Du, 2015). Number of characters existing in Chinese itself creates psychological fear in the minds of the students, even before they start to learn the language. Writing characters is the most difficult part of learning Chinese, it not only takes longer time than writing any other alphabetic languages, but also slows down the entire process of learning Chinese language. Emphasizing on the difficulties in understanding Chinese characters by common people in China, the renowned Chinese writer, Lu xun (1881-1936) in the last year of his life said, "汉字不灭,中国必亡",which means "If characters are notdestroyed, China is bound to perish". Further explaining the reason, he said, "Difficulties in understanding Characters have kept majority of the Chinese population away from the advanced culture forever" (杨, 2010).

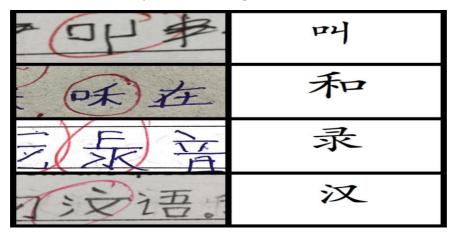
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Indian Express, March 3, 2014

Forgetting characters is one of the most demotivating factors for Chinese language learners in India. Most of the students create a visual image of the characters in their mind, and while writing they try to reproduce the characters in the form of images, rather than following proper stroke order (Pic 1). This method of practicing characters can be successfully implemented only when there are few characters to be learnt. As the number of characters increases, they start getting confused with visually similar characters. For example:  $\pm$  ( fū) and  $\pm$  (tiān),  $\pm$  (tǔ) and  $\pm$  (shì),  $\pm$  (wèi) and  $\pm$  (mò), etc.

Pic 1 Pic 2

Characters written by thelearnersRight characters



Though the Chinese government has replaced traditional characters with simplified characters to enable more people to write Chinese and eventually to increase literacy rate in China, but character is still a big stumbling block in learning Chinese language.

# 2.1.1. How to overcome the problems of learningChinese characters?

# A. Reduce the psychological fear of learners about Characters

Learners should be encouraged to get rid of psychological fear about the vast number of Chinese characters existing in Chinese language. They should be informed about the actual number of Chinese characters existing and the number of characters required for regular communication. Xiàndài Hànyǔ Chángyòng Zìbiǎo (1988) has 2500 frequently usedand 1000 less frequently used characters. Xiàndài Hànyǔ Tōngyòng Zìbiǎo (1988)has7000 commonly used characters, which also includes 3500 characters of Xiàndài Hànyǔ Chángyòng Zìbiǎo. Hànyǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshì(HSK) covers around 5000 words at level six (the highest level of HSK). Classical Chinese experts who often come across many obsolete charactersare estimated to know

approximately 5000 characters (Norman, 1988). A native Chinese on average uses around 3000 to 4000 characters for regular communication(Du, 2015). Taking all these data into account, it can be estimated that a student learning CFL on average needs to learn around 3000 characters to have considerable grasp over the language. Out of these, there are only 280 single-component characters. Most of these characters are used either as phonetic or semantic parts of thousands of other characters, sometimes also used as radicals. A learner, once masters these single component characters, caneasily write any character irrespective of number of strokes of that character.

## **B.** Analyze characters

Though initiating character-learningthrough pictographic characters arouses the interest of the learners to great extent, but not all characters in Chinese can be learnt through pictures. Only 5 percent characters in Chinese are pictographic. 80 percent characters in Chinese are composed of phonetic and semantic components. Learners should analyze the phonetic and semantic components of the characters, it helps them to guess the pronunciation and meaning of unknown characters.

Table I Table II

Characters with common semantic

Characters with common phonetic

component ;

河 Hé River

洋 Yáng Ocean

湖 Hú Lake

油 Yóu Oil

汗 Hàn Sweat

components 包

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Single –component characters refer to those characters, which are composed of single independent and complete components, they are the oldest and among the most frequently used characters in Chinese.

抱	Bào	Embrace,hug
饱	Bāo	Full
鲍	Bào	Dried fish
胞	Bāo	Womb
雹	Báo	Hailstorm

Characters in table I represent objects in liquid state, whereas the second part of each character represents its pronunciation. Characters in table II

have common phonetic component "包" which is pronounced as bāo. Learners, who already know the pronunciation of the character 包 can easily guess the readings of all the above characters, even if they come across these characters for the first time.

Practising characters through split and composition method further arouses interest of the learners in the process of learning new characters. For example:

- 1. 明 (míng= brightness) : ⊟(rì=sun) +月(yuè=moon)
   Sun and moon together represent brightness.
- 2. 坐(zuò=sit): 人(rén=person)+人(rén=person)+土(tǔ=ground)

Two people sitting on the ground.

3. 男 (nán= man):⊞ (tián= farmland) + 力 (strength)

A man is associated with farmland and considered to be physically strong.

# C. Use characters in different sentences

Most of the students, while practicing characters, follow the conventional method of continuous writing of characters, which is mere practice by hand in isolation with cognition. One of the best ways to practice characters is to use them in different sentences. There is general perception about practicing Chinese characters that if one uses a character in forty different sentences, he is less likely to forget that character ever. Making different sentences not only helps students to practice different characters simultaneously, but also helps them to improve their Chinese grammar by applying their syntactic skill.

# 2.2. Pinyin

Realizing the challenges posed by Chinese characters, many Chinese writers and intellectuals like Lu Xun, Lin Yutang, Su Shi, etc., promoted Romanization of Chinese language through Chinese Romanization movement launched in early decades of the last century (Bemjamin, 1997). After liberation of China, Chinese

government initiated a project to developChinese pinyin in order to standardize pronunciation and promote literacy in China in 1950s. It was developed by a team of experts led by Zhou Youguang, popularly known as 'the father of pinyin', and was officially adopted by the Chinese government in 1958. The objective of introducing pinyin was not to replace characters, but to complement them. Later it was also adopted by the international organization for standardization (ISO) for international standard and the United Nations in 1982 and 1986 respectively.

# 2.2.1. Positive outcomes of Pinyin

- 1. It improved literacy rate in China. Various sources indicate that literacy rate in China, in the 1<sup>st</sup> 50 years of 20<sup>th</sup>century, was below 20%. After introduction of Pinyin along with simplified characters in late 1950s, it went up to 47% in 1964, 65% in 1982, which further improved to 91% in 2000 (Zhang, 2005).Of course there are many other factors such as 9-year compulsory education introduced in 1986 which played major role in the rise of literacy rate in China, but contribution of pinyin to literacy rate can not be ignored.
- 2. It facilitated the rapid input of characters on computers and other digital devices through roman alphabets.
- 3. It eased the process of learning Chinese as foreign language.
- 4. It paved the path for development of Chinese braille, eventually helping visually impaired people to read Chinese.

# 2.2.2. Shortcomings of Pinyin:

Pinyin has undoubtedly been a big step in the direction of simplification and popularization of Chinese language, but it has its own limitations. Some of its major limitations are as follows:

1. Few initials and finals in Chinese, which are represented by same alphabets of English, have different sounds from English. Indian learners, before learning to read Chinese through roman alphabets, have already acquired sounds of these alphabets in English. While articulating such similar letters with different sounds in Chinese, brains of the learners mentally articulate the sounds in a way they have already

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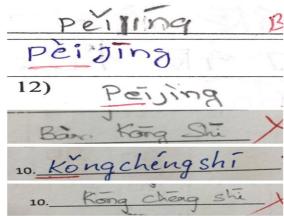
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Margalit Fox, The New York Times, January 14, 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Xinhua News Agency, Febraury 11, 2008

acquired while learning English. For example, initials b, d, g are unaspirated sounds in Chinese, whereas these three alphabets are voiced consonants in English. Students who already know English prior to learning Chinese, subconsciously write pinyin of 爸爸( $B\grave{a}ba$ ) as  $P\grave{a}pa$ , 大 ( $D\grave{a}$ ) as  $T\grave{a}$ , and  $\bot/\bigtriangleup$  ( $G\~{o}ng$ ) as  $K\~{o}ng$ , Beijing as Peijing or Peiching (Pic 3). In September 2014, a Doordarshan newsreader had to lose his job after he confused Chinese president Xi Jinping's surmane with roman numeral 11, and read Xi Jinping as 11 Jinping. Such mistakes happen because of same letters representing different sounds in Chinese.

Pic 3

Pinyin errors made by learners of elementary level Chinese



- 2. There are many homophonic characters in Chinese. Unlike English, or other phonic languages, where a letter refers to certain sound, in Chinese same pinyin may be represented by many characters with different meanings. For example, the pronounced syllable /bok/ can be written only as book, whereas in Chinese, the syllable Shu may be represented by many characters such as 1 (book)、1 (lose)、2 (uncle)、3 (tree), etc., with each character having different meanings. Such homophones in Chinese language further complicate the process of learning Chinese. Therefore, for characters input into digital devices, one must recognize the right combination of characters from the list of multiple characters with same pinyin.
- 3. Constant use of computers and mobile phones for writing Chinese texts through pinyin based input system has led to "character amnesia(提笔忘字)" not only among foreigners learning Chinese, but also among many native Chinese, especially

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>BBC News, September 19, 2014

youngsters. According to a survey conducted by China Youth Daily in 2010, 83 percent of the 2,072 respondents admitted having problems writing characters. According to another survey conducted by Ministry of education among 3000 teachers in China, sixty percent of them complained about declining writing ability.

# 2.2.3. Solutions for Pinyin

There are very few pinyin in Chinese which are pronounced in a different way from English. In the first class of teaching pinyin to students, students should be given a dictation test of writing syllables having similar or almost similar sounds as in English, this will help teachers in understanding how students write these syllables. After identifying the differences between their ways of writing a certain syllable and the actual pinyin of that syllable, emphasis should be on understanding the differences between sounds represented by similar alphabets used in Chinese pinyin and English. Intense drill practice is required at the beginning itself to form a correct habit of articulating such sounds.

Learning Chinese through pinyin may be helpful at the beginner's level where there are not many homophones in use, and some homophones can be understood through context. But at higher stage of learning Chinese, learners should limit the use of pinyin to only learning pronunciation of different characters; they should prefer character-drawing based input system to pinyin based input system for characters input into digital devices. This also helps learners to be in constant practice of writing characters, thus reducing the possibility of forgetting characters. Chinese government has also taken steps in the direction of promoting traditional Chinese calligraphy classes, the government has instructed schools to conduct character-writing classes for at least once in a week.8

## **2.3.** Tones

Unlike English or any other Indian languages, Chinese is a tonal language having five different tones including neutral tone. Differentiating between different tones is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Barbara Demick, Los Angeles Times, July 12, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> BBC News Asia-Pacific, August 27, 2011

another challenging aspect of learning Chinese, which makes Chinese language learning a complex and difficult process. A word, if not spoken with correct tone, can drastically change the meaning of the sentence, sometimes putting the speaker into an embarrassing situation.

# 2.3.1. Tone-specific problems

I. Learners while learning new words often overlook tones of the syllables and eventually forget the right tones of the words, this results in listeners unable to comprehend what the speaker says, and thus defeat the immediate purpose of learning the language.

II. The second major tone-specific problem is that students often confuse tones with intonation. Tones are used to distinguish between different words through pitch level, whereas intonation is more often used to express emotions and moods rather than having an obvious effect on the meaning of a word. It's observed that learners often impose intonation patterns of their mother tongue over tones in Chinese, which leads to learning tones in a wrong way and developing poor communication skills. Such interference of intonation patterns of mother tongue is more common among beginners. When asked to tell their 10-digit mobile numbers in Chinese, most students tell the first nine digits in 2nd tone and the last one in 4<sup>th</sup> tone. Similarly, while asking question, they pronounce the last word in second tone no matter what its actual tone mark is. This happens because in their mother tongue questions are often signified by rising pitch. For example: 这是谁的书 is read as zhè shì shei de shú(shū). They end a statement with fourth tone irrespective of the actual tone of the last word of the sentence. E.g., 这是我的书 is read as zhè shì wǒ de shù (shū).

## 2.3.2. Solutions

Mastering tones is a gradual process, which requires patience and constant practice. First of all, learners should stop ignoring tones. While learning new words, they must memorize tones of the words simultaneously. They should focus on enunciating tones correctly from the beginning itself, as it becomes difficult to unlearn incorrect tones later. The best way to practice tones is to listen more and speak more. Teachers should carry out intensive tone drill practice in the classroom setup through different innovative means, such as tone games, listening and speaking practice. While

speaking Chinese, focus should be on both correct tones and intonation. Focusing on only one of these two in isolation will lead to wrong learning of the language. Students should first concentrate on tones at word level, and eventually switch over to intonation at sentence level to master the natural accent. Regular interaction with native Chinese, listening and watching Chinese audio visual help a lot in picking up the natural accent.

# 2.4. Interference of L1 and L2

In a multilingual country like India where most of the learners already know at least two languages before they start learning CFL, interference of their second language is more obvious than their first language in the process of Chinese language acquisition. Since most of the universities and institutes for higher education in India follow English as the medium of instructions, English becomes their predominant language (L2). While making sentences in Chinese language, learners subconsciously end up following the sentence structures of English, rather than Indian languages (Pic 3). For example, both in Indian languages and in Chinese, time, place and manner are generally put before the verb, but students with English as their predominant language/L2, end up following the syntax of English, which is most often not similar to Chinese sentence pattern. They would translate *I study Chinese at EFLU as Wŏ xuéxi hànyǔ zài yīngyǔ hé wàiguóyǔ dàxué*, whereas according to Chinese grammar, place of action 'yīngyǔ hé wàiguóyǔ dàxué (EFLU)' should be put before the verb 'xuéxí(study)'. Such kind of negative language interference often leads to wrong learning of a foreign language.

Pic 3
Syntactic errors in Chinese sentences written by students of elementary level Chinese

高店在土地加州的	Shop is on the north side of the library.
我的汉语书在上桌子上	My book is on the table.
我走了床人点,心日报,	I wake up at 8 O'clock.

He is also not Chinese.
I study Chinese in the university.

# 2.4.1. Solutions

In order to tackle the problem of interference of mother tongue or any other predominant language in the process of learning Chinese, learners need to havethorough understanding of both their predominant language and the target language. A strong emphasis should be put in identifying both similarities and dissimilarities in terms of their sentence structures and grammar.

# 2.4.2. Language Immersion technique:

Language immersion is a method used for teaching a second or foreign language, wherein, the target language itself is the medium of instruction in the classroom. Various studies on foreign language learning reveal that it's easier and faster to learn a foreign language in the native country of the target language than learning it in one's own country where the medium of instruction is one's mother tongue or English. Therefore, the best and fastest way to acquire foreign language skill is to immerse oneself into the target language from the initial stage of the learning process. Teachers may use easily comprehensible expressions and teach them through various hand gesticulations, showing pictures and videos to students with minimal use of student's first language. This technique to some extent can solve the problem of interference of L1 or L2, as students are encouraged to think and comprehend directly in the target language itself.

## 3. Conclusion

Despite Chinese being widely regarded as one of the most difficult languages of the world, learning CFL can be made easier and more fun by applying right approach and innovative strategies. Based on challenges faced by Indian students in learning Chinese and their specific requirements, teachers need to design exclusive textbooks for Indian learners. In order to promote Chinese language and culture outside China, the Chinese government has opened more than 300 Confucius Institutes around the world, providing native Chinese teachers and necessary pedagogies to the educational institutes offering Chinese language. It is also necessary to identify the Chinese

language experts and teachers available in India and create a database about their area of interest to cater to the needs of Chinese language learners in India. Teacher's responsibilities lie in incorporating innovative ideas tailor-made for their students, as per the objectives of the course. ICT has emerged as the game changer in the field of education, however lots need to be done for promoting Chinese language teaching through technology. Teachers need to actively participate in contributing to Chinese language teaching through ICT, students should also fully utilize digital platforms provided, such as e-PG Pathshala, Swayam, social media, etc.

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### Literature as a source of Socio-cultural studies - Study of the Chinese society of the Cultural Revolution through "Scar Literature"

#### **Abstract:**

Literature reflects socio-cultural-political realities of the society. It indeed reflects the good values, oppressions, bad times, social discrimination and other ills of the society. Literature mirrors the social oppressions with an intension to make people realize and amend their mistakes. Thus a positive change can take place in the society. However some literature excludes the social exploitations and thus fails to expose the harsh realities. The ancient land of China which has been producing literature since the very beginning has come up with various literary genre. The Chinese literary work has enjoyed very prestigious position in the literary circle. Propaganda literature was also core part of Chinese literature in 1960's.

This paper aims to look at the literary genre of Scar literature with a brief introduction of Chinese literature of previous era.

Key Words: Cultural Revolution, Propaganda Literature, Scar Literature.

### Literature as a source of Socio-cultural studies - Study of the Chinese society of the Cultural Revolution through "Scar Literature"

#### **Introduction:**

Literature is a very old word and it is very difficult to stress its exact origin. However many scholars opine that literature has originated in West and then flourished in Greece, Egypt where the ancient civilization started. The content of the literary works varied from time to time and place to place as per the social condition of that particular place and era. Earlier most of the literary works were on Gods and Goddess. However with the passage of time when peace no more remain a part of the society, then jealously, fights, heroism, conquer became a part of the literature. Homer's Iliad recounts the famous ten-year war between the Greeks and the Trojans while his Odyssey tells of the great hero Odysseus's journey back home after the war to his beloved wife Penelope of Ithaca. <sup>1</sup> Indian Epic Mahabharata and Ramayana also reflected the then turmoil existing in the society. The human figures featured in Indian epic were later portrayed as different incarnation of Gods. People's faith and belief also shaped literature. Literature flourished all across the world reflects the realities of the then society.

#### **Chinese Literature:**

Similarly Chinese civilization which developed and flourished independently in a unique way in the Yellow River( 黄河 Huáng Hé ) and Yang Zi (长江 Cháng Jiāng ) river valley has produced rich literary work since ancient past. The famous literary and philosophical work of Confucius (孔子 Kǒngzǐ), Mencius (孟子 Mèngzǐ), and Loa Zi (老子 Lǎozi) of Spring and Autumn period made major literary achievements. The literary works of these great philosophers shaped Chinese philosophy. The social belief system and religious philosophy dominated the literary works. Confucian Classics formed the base of Chinese philosophy in later ages.

Tang dynasty is considered as the Golden Era in Chinese history. The genre of Tang dynasty poetry helped people to understand the society, life style and values. Tang poetries are considered to be one of the finest literary works in the history of Chinese literature. The poems had autistics reflection of optimism and self-contained.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ancient History Encyclopedia, p-1

Bai Zhuyi (白居易 Bái Jūyì) are the prominent poets of Tang dynasty. In the Mid Tang dynasty politics suffered and discontent among the people arose, the anxieties, the trivialities of daily life, anchorage of spirits and hopes became new theme of the poetries. In late Tang dynasty hopeless, helpless feelings, nostalgia with the splendid era, such themes dominated the Tang poetries.

Puppet shows, play, Chinese opera, theaters, gained momentum in Yuan-Ming dynasty. The Zaju opera (杂剧 Zájù) of Yuan dynasty led a solid foundation of opera culture in China. The Ming era witnessed the development of novels. Among the Four Great Classical Novels of China, three novels: Water Margin (水浒传 Shuǐhǔ zhuàn), Journey to the West (西游记 Xīyóu Jì) and Romance of three Kingdoms (三国演义 Sānguó Yǎnyì) were products of the Ming Dynasty.

The Qing literature was written in very fine and subtle language. Dream of Red Chamber (红楼梦 Hónglóumèng) is one of the finest works of Qing dynasty. Some new ideas of West were introduced to Chinese literature and Western-style writing also became a part of the Qing literature. However novels were the main contribution of the era.

After the establishment of Republic of China in 1911 a new literary genre took shape in Chinese literary circle. Hu Shi (胡适 Hú Shì) through his article "A Preliminary Discussion of Literature Reform" (文学改良刍议 Wénxué gǎiliáng chúyì) gave a call for the vernacular language by discarding the classical language. Chen Duxiu (陈独秀 Chén Dúxiù) supported Hu Shi through his article "On Literary Revolution" (文学革命论 Wénxué Gémìnglùn). In the year 1919, Lu Xun's (鲁迅 Lǔ Xùn) Mad Man's Dairy (狂人日记 Kuángrén Rìjì) was published in New Youth Magazine (新青年 Xīn Qīngnián) and it is the first vernacular literary work. It was the first fruit of the vernacular movement. The proponent also attempted to introduce Western Thought by discarding old Confucianism. These revolutionary writings gave new impetus to the Chinese literature in the Republican era. Wen Yiduo (闻一多

writings based on Western models. The social turmoil and chose, Nationalist Communist and word lord's clashes, the existing patriarchal mentality, Japanese aggression were reflected in the write ups of veteran writers like Ba Jin (巴金 Bā Jīn),

Lao She (老舍 Lǎo Shě), and Mao Dun (茅盾 Máo Dùn).

Chinese literature thus developed in a sequence without any disruption and flourished across all ages.

#### **Contemporary Chinese Literature:**

Literature is regarded as the mirror of the society. Literature is believed to be the reflection of existing realities of all levels of a particular period. Not only it reflects the ground realities, but also the superficial, luxurious, extravagant, sybaritic and opulent lifestyle of the elite class. However, the gap between this theoretical statement and the experience of socialist writers in China becomes conspicuously noticeable at certain period. As a case in point for consideration, the literature that emerges during the Cultural Revolution (文化大革命 Wénhuà Dàgémìng) was criticized later on merely as propaganda literature championing the causes and aspirations of a minority section of the Party leadership. It was not regarded as pure literature in the real sense of the term. This means that type of so called literature did not reflect how the people of the society were leading their lives. The writers were deprived of voicing their own opinions and depicting the realities. It is only after the end of the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76 and the beginning of the period of "Reform and Opening up" (改革开放 Gǎigé Kāifàng), especially the Scar Literature (伤痕文学 Shānghén Wénxué) in China is reported to have reflected the tragic experiences that the Chinese society has experienced during the tumultuous years of the Cultural Revolution. Many new aspects and points about the nature of the Chinese society emerge from this socio-cultural phenomenon if we examine them from a historical perspective.

It is reported that the Gang of Four (四人帮 Sìrénbāng) had their faction and supporters who wrote for them to propagate their ultra-leftist viewpoints. They did not allow other writers to freely express their views and write what they thought to be correct. However after the arrest of the Gang of Four, Deng Xiaoping (邓小平 Dèngxiǎopíng) launched the thought liberation campaign based on the principle of "practice must be the sole criterion to judge the truth." Deng Xiaoping's line of thinking was approved in the 3<sup>rd</sup> plenary session of the 11<sup>th</sup> central committee of the

Party and this encouraged the intellectuals and writers to write freely about their ideas and opinions on the developments of the Cultural Revolution and its effect on the socio-cultural arena of the society of that time. Following this line of free-thinking ( to the extent the Party then allowed), Lu Xinhua (卢新华 Lú Xīnhuá) wrote a short story titled the Scar (伤痕 Shānghén) and got it published in Wen-hui bao (文汇报 Wénhuìbào) of Shanghai. This new genre of literature got huge enthusiastic response and support of the people from different walks of life. Liu Xinwu's (刘心武 Liú Xīnwǔ) 1977 short story "The Class Teacher" (班主任 Bān Zhǔrèn) has also been described as part of the scar literature. It may be noted that the growth of such scar literature corresponded with Beijing Spring, a period of greater openness in Chinese society for which this has been described as the "Second Hundred Flowers Movement" (百花争鸣 Bǎihuā Zhēngmíng) in the short history of new China.

The theme of the Scar Literature mostly focused on portraying "human nature", the tragedy of the socialist society, creating the typical characters and stressed on the need to write about the reality of the society etc. At the same time the scar literature also talked about love and faith, socialist humanitarianism and proper understanding of others; its writers were practically not opposed to socialism, but on the contrary retained faith in the ability of the Party to rectify the past tragedies and embrace love as a key in solving social problems. The trauma of Cultural Revolution and ideology of the Party was twined together by the writers through their literary works in such a way that Cultural Revolution is not considered by the common masses as communist catastrophes. However Cultural Revolution had unconsciously driven people to accept Deng's socialist modernization over Mao's Utopianism. The swift shift from Mao's Utopianism to Deng's socialist modernization and the acceptance of the new ideology by masses also got reflected in some of the write up of post Mao's era.

Following these short stories and the publication of many letters to the editors acclaiming them, host of other short stories were written and published in other newspapers and magazines, which gradually turned out to be literary movement urging and encouraging all young writers to focus on the objective realities of the society as the new theme to make their works more lively and creative.

From the above account, it becomes clear that the literary policy line that was spelled out in the Yan-an forum of Art and Literature (延安座谈会 Yán'ān Zuòtán huì) of August 1942 in the words of "art and literature is to serve the people" had been completely abandoned by the party leadership of early 1960s and instead, a dictatorial

literary policy line had then become predominant in the Chinese art and literary circle. This speaks of the fact that socio-cultural consciousness of the people had not yet then developed to be so strong despite various mass educational and literary campaigns by the Party. The writers' freedom of thought and expression had been crippled. However, to refute the argument of the dissident intellectuals in favor of literary freedom, the Chinese communist Party (CPC) leadership talks about the conflict and contradiction between socialist democracy and the Western type bourgeoisie democracy.

#### **Conclusion:**

The Chinese people and society had long been suppressed under the feudal, semi-feudal and semi-colonial rule of both domestic and foreign masters for a long period of time. This sense of being oppressed and suppressed had deeply seeped into the consciousness of the masses of the people. It had become a part of the peoples' culture to endure oppression and repression, despite the strong history of peasants' rebellion in Chinese society since Han dynasty. But, the process of on-going liberalization and globalization of the Chinese society is most likely to create a new momentum in the field of ideology and culture of the 21<sup>st</sup> century China which would create favourable conditions for the rise of a new era of freedom of thought and expression for the new generation of Chinese writers and intellectuals. Whether this trend is visible or not needs to be probed through a comparative study of the "Scar Literature" of the early phase of the "Reform and Opening Up era" and the literature of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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#### EFLU における社会人向け短期コース

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#### 要旨

世界の日本語学習者数は約400万人で、インドでも就職・留学・ポップカルチャー等がきっかけ、日本語を習い始めている人がどんどん増えている。インドの日本語学習者の過半数は、大学などが提供しているコースがあるのにもかかわらず、未だに学校教育以外の機関で日本語を習っている。大学の段階では、日本語への関心等知識面での興味がきっかけで、日本語を学びたい人のために、特に社会人向けの短期コースが備わっていない。本稿では、こういったギャップを埋めるために、EFLUで2017年・2018年に試験的に開講した80時間コースの評価を行い今後の課題について考察した。

キーワード: 短期コース,80時間コース,日本語教育,公開講座,インド

#### インドにおける日本語教育

インドにおける日本語学習者数は年々増加していて、2006年に学習者数は1万人を突破し、12年後の2018年現在はその2倍を遥かに超えている。最近はアニメ・マンガ等のポップカルチャーがきっかけで日本語を学習する人も少なくはないが<sup>1</sup>、インドの場合、特に高等教育においては、主な要因の一つは日系企業

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>2012 年度、国際交流基金によって 203 カ国を対象に行われた調査では、日本語学習の目的として、1位は「日本語そのものへの興味」(62.2%) 2位は「日本語でのコミュニケーション」(55.5%) 3位は「マンガ・アニメ・J-POP等が好きだから」(54.0%)、4位は「歴史・文学等への関心」(49.7%)、5位は「将来の就職」(42.3%)となっている。

の進出によって日本語ができる人材の需要の高まりであり、いわゆる実利的な 目的で日本語学習を始める人の方が比較的に多いと言えよう。



図1:インドの日本語学習者数の推移

学習者は増加しているものの、その多くは以前と同じく、学校教育(初中高) 以外の民間言語学校等の機関に密集していることがわかる。



図2:インドの日本語教育機関に通っている学習者の割合

現在、高等教育においては、国立大学が 5 校、州立大学が 2 校、私立大学 1 校が学位課程や社会人向けの一般コースを持っているとはいえ、初・中・高<sup>2</sup>を合わせても、日本語学習者のほぼ 5 割が、学校教育以外の機関を利用している。

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>初等教育機関(5.6%)、中等教育機関(20.7%)、高等教育機関(24.8%)。

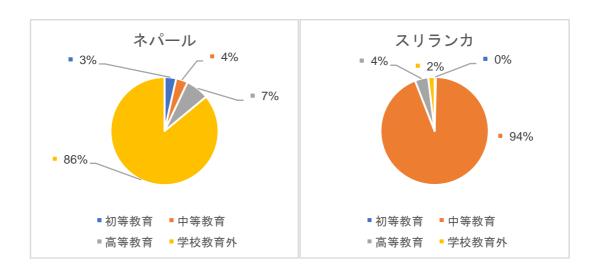


図3:ネパールとスリランカの日本語教育機関に通っている学習者の割合

学習者数が、留学・就職の機会の有無によって大きく変動する隣国のネパールでも同じように分布されている。しかし、ネパールは、インドと違って、大学<sup>3</sup>には学位コースがない。また、70年代末から大学入学試験の選択科目として日本語が採用されたスリランカの学習者は、当然ながら中等教育に密集している。

先述の通り、インドでは、国立・私立大学は日本語を専攻したい人のために3年の学位コースを提供しているが、日本語への関心等知識面での興味がきっかけで、日本語を学びたい人のために、特に社会人向けの短期コースが備わっていない。本稿は、こういったギャップを埋めるために、EFLUで 2017年・2018年に試験的に開講した80時間コースの実践報告である。

#### 既存の社会人向けコースの問題点

EFLU は南インドハイデラバードに位置し、1958年設立、2006年に国立大学と

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>トリブバン国立大学には3年間の日本語コースがあるが学位コースがない。

なった外国語大学。英語を中心に11カ国語の教育を行っており、学士・修士・博士課程のほか、公開講座や通信制講座など幅広いコースを開講している。日本語教育は1993年にアジア研究学部の社会人向けの一般コースとして開講し、2009年に学士課程、2012年に修士課程が開始され、現在は学士課程と一般コースを提供している。

社会人向けの一般コース(以下公開講座)は、Certificate of Proficiency(初級前半), Diploma(初級)と Advanced Diploma(初中級前半)という三つのレベルに別れていて、各コースを修了するには 1 年間かかる。各コースの受講者は週 3 回、各回 2 時間、コース修了時には、計 168 時間の授業を受けることになっている。公開講座は、二つの学期<sup>4</sup>にわたって行われ、8 月に始まり、翌年の4月下旬に終わる。現在開講している公開講座には様々な問題が考えられる。まず、第一に、一年かけても達するレベルがあまりにも低い。例えば、ゼロから始まる Certificate of Proficiency 修了者の日本語能力は初級前半で、JFスタンダードの A1~A2.1 程度である。第二に、インドの国立大学は 2 学期制が多く、間に一ヶ月の冬休みがあり、休み明けは全学期に習ったものの復習が必要となり、少なくとも 1 週間(6 時間)かかる。また、受講者は社会人であるため、学部生と違って、授業外学修時間は週 2-3 時間程度で、冬休みの課題が与えられないのが現状である。

80 時間コースの実践内容及び学生プロフィール

前述の問題点を踏まえ、2017 年度、2018 年度に社会人向け短期コース(以下

⁴夏学期は8月~11月下旬で、冬学期は1月~4月下旬となっている

80 時間コース)を行なった。

	2017 年度(第 1 回)	2018 年度(第 2 回)
開講期間	10月23日~12月15日	5月14日~7月6日
時間	午前7時~9時	午後 6 時~8 時
授業時数	月~金(5X2 時間 X8 週=80 時間)	
受講者(定員:35名)	35名(男:23女:12)	35 名(男:20女:15)
修了者	18名 (男:10女:8)	21名 (男 11:女:10)
教材	まるごと A1 活動編・理解編	
試験	3回(各回筆記・口頭)	
授業料	3000 インドルピー	

表 1:80 時間コース内容のまとめ

授業の時間は、社会人が受講しやすい既存の公開講座と同じ時間帯で行われた。 また、総合的に日本語力をつけるために、国際交流基金によって開発され、JF スタンダード⁵に準拠した「まるごと A1」の活動・理解両編を主教材として使用 した。既存の公開講座でも 2017 年度から主教材として導入。

また、当コースの授業料は公開講座に比べて 2 倍であるにもかかわらず、1 回目は募集開始 5 日後、2 回目は 3 日後それぞれ満員となった。次の円グラフにあるように 2 回とも、男性は受講者の半分以上を占めている。また、2017 年度の受講者の男女、それぞれの修了率をみると、男性は 43%、女性は 67%ですが、2018 年度は、男女ともに 55%となっている。

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> JF 日本語教育スタンダードの略。ヨーロッパの言語教育・評価の枠組みである CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) をもとに作られた枠組みで、課題遂行能力と異文化理解能力を目指す。

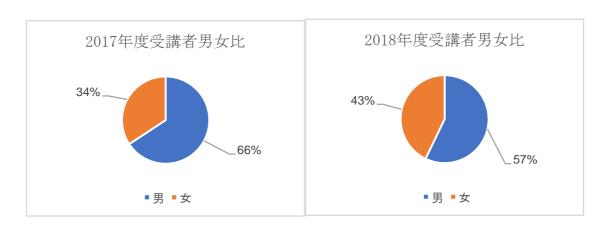


図 4:2017 年度・2018 年度の 80 時間コース受講者の男女の割合

当コースは満 18 歳の人は応募できることになっている。受講者の年齢別のデータをみると<sup>6</sup>分かるように、20 代が過半数を占めていることが明らかである。 授業外学修時間に関しては、回答者の 4 割が「週 1-2 時間」で、同じく 4 割が「週 3-5 時間」と答えた<sup>7</sup>。



図 5:2017 年度・2018 年度の 80 時間コース受講者の年齢

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>35名のうち、12名が無回答

 $<sup>^7</sup>$ 「週 1-2 時間」は 20 人、「週 3-5 時間」は 18 人、「週 5—10 時間」は 5 人、「週 10 時間以上」は 3 人

また、日本語以外の外国語を既に学習した受講者は約3割で、特にフランス語を学習した人は2017年度と2018年度で計10人いた。その上、同じインド人でも、受講者の母語が多様で、2017年度は9言語<sup>8</sup>、2018年度は6言語の母語話者がいた。次に、受講者を対象に行われたビリーフ調査について述べる。

#### 受講前のアンケート調査の結果

2017年度と2018年度の受講者計70名を対象に受講前にビリーフ調査を行なった。日本語の難易度に関しては、回答者の8割は難しいと答え<sup>10</sup>、2017年度と2018年度ともに「言語が上手になるには文法中心の学習が一番効果的」に関しては、回答者46名のうち、「強くそう思う」「そう思う」が36名(78%)、「そう思わない」「強くそう思わない」が10名で、指導する側(課題遂行型)と指導を受ける側(文法積み上げ型)との間の学習方法の差がはっきりみえる。

#### 成果及び課題

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<sup>\*</sup>州公用語のテルグ語が多く(5名)、インド公用語のヒンディー語(5名)に次いでインド南部 ケララ州の公用語であるマラヤーラム語(3名)。その他に、マイティリ語、マラティ語、オディヤ語、タミル語、ネパリ語、ウルドゥー語の母語話者がいた。
926名(37%)が無回答。信頼度95%で、許容範囲は9%。

<sup>10「</sup>とても難しい」は10人、「難しい」は17人、「まあまあ難しい」は16人、「簡単」は3人

スを修了した 21 名は「A2 の 80 時間コースを開講した場合、応募しますか」という質問に対して、17 名が肯定的に答えている。

しかし、学習者の多くは文法積み上げ式に慣れていて、課題遂行型学習に抵抗する学生も少なくはなかった。その上、JF スタンダードの A1 に近いレベルに達したといえども、80 時間はあまりにも短い期間で、コース修了者は日本国内・海外において日本語能力を認定する JLPT の N5 が合格できない人が当然多く、コース修了後、すぐに次のコースが提供できない限り、受講者は学習意欲を失いかねない等が残る検討課題である。

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[Abstract]

## The Value of Life in Lee Thaejun's novel "Before and After Liberation"

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The liberation time space in the Korean history is the key issue to understand the Korean modern history. This liberation time space of Korea is known as a very short however an unavoidable important period in the Korean history. This paper intends to examine this particular time space through a representative Korean novel "Before and After Liberation" written by the novelist Lee Thaejun in 1946. Novel won the best literary award in the same year it was published and it is still consider as a masterpiece work of liberation period of Korea. Through the analysis of this novel, this paper will provide a detail account of the situation of Korean peninsula during the liberation period. The Korean liberation period was three year from 15<sup>th</sup> August 1945 to 15<sup>th</sup> August 1948 when the Japanese surrender, and it ends when Korea bifurcate into South Korea and North Korea by the creation of ideological based separate regimes on the peninsula. Before this period, Korean writers were not allowed to write freely their opinion. However in this period they were allowed to write and express their thought and opinion freely.

Yi Taejun's "Before and After Liberation" gives an account to understand the situation of Korean peninsula as well as the value of human life in Korean peninsula. The story starts with the writer's keynote and the feelings he receives soon after the liberation of peninsula. The novel continues through the liberation period, outlining the domestic political and theoretical chaos and struggle within the field of Korean literature. Unlike previous studies, this paper explores the genuine intention of writer through much other reference and evidence how Lee Thaejun's protagonist denounced the ideological conflict which was emerging within the society soon after the liberation, thus he shouted for the left oriented as well as the capitalistic unity.

This paper largely discusses on the three problematic issues which author intended to convey through the novel. These three specific issues were related to the value of human life during the Japanese colonial period, the spirit of democracy during the liberation period and the value of unity and the dignity of human value in the post liberation period. Finally, this paper suggests that Lee Thaejun idea of unification was very rational and it is still valid in this period for the Korean people.

### 이태준의「해방전후」에나타난생명의가치

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#### 1. 서론

한국현대사회에거의모든분야에서일본식민지이후내전과국가의분단으로부터큰영향을받고있다. 남북분단을만들어준것은 6·25 전쟁이라할수있으나이전쟁이일어나게만든것은일제강점기의식민주의라고해도과언이아닐것이다. 한반도에서현재는여전히미완성한통일의과제가존재하고있는한,현대인으로서더욱더식민지말기의사람들이어떻게사유했으며,

그사고속에서어떻게식민지로부터의해방을맞이하였는지.

또한해방공간에국민들이어떻게대응하였는지를객관적으로바라보는데관심을가져야한다.

한마디로말하면해방공간은한국사적인맥락에서매우중요한시기이다. 한국의해방직후, 혹은해방후라는표현보다는

'해방공간'이라는명칭이식민지시기에벗어난후부터남북의분열이전까지의시기를표현하는데더 욱더뚜렷한특성을드러내준다. <sup>2</sup> 문학적으로해방공간의인간정신을접근하는데에있어문학가의현 실인식이매우중요해진다.

본글은해방공간의대표작가이태준의자서전형식으로창작된「해방전후」를연구의대상으로삼는다.

<sup>1</sup> 이것에 대한 필자의 판단은 '일본이 조선반도를 지배하고자 하는 목적으로 청나라와 러시아와 전쟁을 전개한 것과 그것에 의한 승리로 인해 조선반도를 차지할 수 있었던 부분, 그리고 조선반도에서 식민통치를 실시한 일본으로 인해 한반도가 외세를 저항하는 능력이 저하했고, 그로 인해 해방 후에도 미국과 소련의 간섭을 성공적으로 극복하지 못한 부분'에서 성립된다.

<sup>2</sup> 이에 대해 김윤식이 편찬한 □해방공간의 문학운동과 문학의 현실인식□ 책을 참고함.

이작품에서이태준은식민시대의자기반성과새로운미래에대한기대와노력에심혈을기울인것으로 보인다. 특히이작품은

'한작가의수기'라는부제목이붙어있어작가의개인경험을보여준다는의의를갖는다. 또한, 이념의대립과지금도제대로남한인과북한인이서로왕래하지않은상황에있어서이태준의자서전작 품은한국인들에게당시적극적활동을하고있던문인의진정한생각을알려주는데효과적인경로라할 수있다.

이태준의「해방전후」와직접적인연관성을가진기존연구가몇몇이있는데그것을정리하면다음과 같다.

1990년에이재봉<sup>3</sup>은 [해방전후]가부르주아민주주의혁명론의요체인봉건잔재의청산문제를선명히 드러내었다. 그러나주인공이일제하에서부르주아적안락감을즐겼나,

이행위를나중에청산하지못했기때문에변명논리가강하게작용하고있어.

결국은그의이념은일종의은폐전략적장치이며허위의식처럼보인다고지적하였다.

2001년에이단미 <sup>4</sup> 는「해방전후」는빅토르위고의 '인민'이라는말을숙고하며 '선량한개인들'의나라를설립하는것이당대문제라고인식하여사회이념을선택하였지만민족의식 을드러내지못했다고지적하였다.

2005년에김흥식 $^{5}$ 에따르면이태준이 $^{1}$ 해방전후 $^{1}$ 에서역설하는현실참여의논리는일제식민지하조선의정세가결코유리하게진행되지않았다는것이다.

그리고주인공이좌익의논리에경도되어민족을위하는수단으로사회주의사상을선택하게된다고지적하였으며2012년에는수사편향의상고주의자인이태준이이소설에서인유법을남발함으로써결국진정성을결핍한작품으로만들었다고지적하였다. 6 2006년에구재진은기억과망각의시각을통해서「해방전후」의소설사의미를조명했다.

그는이소설은식민직후의폐허속에서유토피아의건설이라는기만적상황을드러내고있어진정한의 미의자기성찰과비판은가능하지못했다고지적하였다.

2013년에권성우는이소설이자기성찰의치열함과사상전환의자연스러움부분에서다소부족했음에 도불구하고

1946년의조선문학가동맹에서제정한해방기념문학상의수상작으로선정된이유는당대진보적이념 과예술성의결합이논의될수있는문학적여건이사라지고정치일변도의상황이전개했기때문이라고 지적했다.

5 김흥식, 「이태준 문학의 현실인식 연구-중.단편 소설을 중심으로」, 국민대학교 석사논문, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 이재봉, 「이태준의 <해방전후>와 그 이데올로기의 성격」, □문창어문논집□ 27권, 문창어문학회, 1990.

<sup>4</sup>이단미, 「이태준 연구」, 중앙대학교 박사논문, 2001.

<sup>6</sup> 김흥식, 「해방전후 연구」, □한국현대문학연구□ Vol.38, 한국현대문학회, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 구재진, 「<해방전후>의 기억과 망각 - 탈식민적 상황에서의 서사전략」, □한중인문학연구□ Vol.17, 한중인문학회, 2006.

<sup>8</sup> 권성우, 「해방 직후 진보적 지식인 소설의 두 가지 양상-'해방전후'와 '도정'을 중심으로」, □우리文學

2014년에김준현이기존연구를정리한바에따르면「해방전후」는소설적회상이었다는점에서신뢰성 등문제들이있다고지적되어왔다.

월북경위에대한자료등일제말기이태준의행적을밝힐수있는실증적자료도제한적이었기때문에시 간적공백이그의사상적, 행동적변화를설명하는데어렵다고말했다.

2015년에김종회는「해방전후」에서지식인의갈등과혼란의지점들이단순히새로운사회의건설의비 전으로만해결되지않는딜레마를드러내고,

식민지시대를돌아보고자기해부의심화과정을갖는것보다는새로운이념의선택을통해현실을돌파 하려는급박한심경토로가압도적이었다고평가했다.<sup>10</sup>

위와같이「해방전후」는주인공이식민시기에안락한자본주의적행적에대한자기비판의부분이허 위적이며충실하지못했다는점,

해방이후의이념선택문제로인해작품이진정성과민족성이결여되었다는평가는대부분이었다.

그러나식민지인으로서의반성을판단하는데그기준을명확히제시하지못해작가의반성정신에대한 부정적인평가는의심스러운부분이된다.

그리고이념선택의문제를가지고한수상작품의진정성과민족성에대해부정적으로바라보는시각이이태준의자서전형식의문학담론과내면심정의토로를무시한면이있어적절하지못한다고본다.

식민지시기의한국인인물에대한분석은오직단순히저항이나협력 <sup>11</sup> 관점으로만이해하면안된다. 그리고작가가해방공간에서어느정치적입장을선택했다는근거를가지고그작가의작품을이해하는 것이바람직하지않는다.

그러한단순한관점은상상력과예술성으로이루어지는문학적시각으로접근하지않은방식이기때문 이다.

식민지말기의작가현실관을분석하는데저항을선택한자나협력을선택한자는모두그억압을인식 하면서고통을참고수동적으로행한다.

그래서반성이부족했다는평가는한문학가의정신을제대로읽어내었다고할수없다. 또한.

해방을얻어건국의목적을가지고두가지이념중의하나를선택한자는능동적으로행한것이니민족성 과진정성이부족하다고평가한것은역시객관적이지못한평가이다.

단순한지적보다는작가가왜식민자에게저항하는행동을그만했는지.

해방공간에서왜좌익을선택했는지, 좌익을선택하면서어떠한갈등을겪었는지, 또한, 어떻게두가지이념사이에서왕래했는지그리고어떠한문제들을부딪쳤고어떻게해결했는지등작가

硏究□ 제40집, 우리문학회, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 김준현, 「해방이라는 한국문학연구의 '경계'와 이태준- 해방 이후 이태준과 그의 작품에 대한 연구를 중심으로」, □상허학보□ 42권, 상허학회, 2014.

<sup>10</sup> 김종회 외, □한민족 문학사1□, 역락, 2015, 198쪽.

<sup>11</sup> 협력은 식민제국과 식민지 사회의 집단이나 계급 간의 이해관계의 접근을 표현하는 용어로서 개인 적 이익을 위해 공동체 전체의 희생을 감행하기도 하는 연관관계를 의미한다. 박지향, □제국주의 □, 서울대학교출판부, 2000, 113쪽.

의가치관12을통해서살펴봐야공정한분석이나올수가있다.

두가지의시기에걸쳐살았고자아반성이부족하다고평가를받은이태준의작품을이해하는데반항, 협력, 좌익, 우익입장등의시각보다는다른새로운관점이필요하다. 그관점은모두다지향하고있는 '민주주의' 의정신부터시작되어야한다. 민주주의는

"뚜렷하게한가지개념만옹호하는사상이아니다." <sup>14</sup> 그만큼민주주의적정신은관용적인정신으로다양한것들을수용할수있어야한다. 다시말하면,

민주주의는인간사고의다양성과인간신분의평등을중요시하고, 상이한견해에대해지적이아닌, 이해를통해서합의를달성하는단체의운영방식이자삶의정신이다. <sup>15</sup> 민주주의정신을가진사람이면 선입견을가지지않고상대방을이해하려고애를쓴다.

그리고그이해를통해옳음과그름을골라판단한다.

본고는이태준작가를대변한주인공현이식민지시기때옳다고판단한것에생명지상 16 이라는가치관

<sup>12</sup>Moran은 '문화 관점'이라는 개념을 사용하여 눈에 드러나지 않은 부분을 '관점'이라 칭하고 관점이란 '인식, 믿음, 가치 및 태도'의 조합이라 규정한다. '인식이란 인간이 주목하거나 경시하는 것을 말하며, 믿음은 그것에 대한 진실성의 판단이며, 가치는 옳다와 그름에 대한 판단이고, 태도는 그것에 대한 정신적 감성적 시각을 말한다.' 이태준은 당대 현실을 인식하고 있었다고 보며, 그는 어떠한 가치관을 갖고 있었는지 살펴본다. Patrick R. Moran 지음, 정동빈 등 옮김, 『문화교육』, 경문사, 2004, 106쪽.

<sup>13 &</sup>quot;모든 정치 이데올로기가 민주주의를 가장 잘 실현한다는 것을 합리화하려고 애쓰는 것을 보면, 민주주의는 중요한 가치임에 틀림없다." 전경옥, □정치.문화.이데올로기□, 숙명여자대학교 출판부, 1997, 108쪽.

<sup>14 &#</sup>x27;민주주의는 하나의 정부 형태로 파악되기도 하고, 가치중립적인 정치방식, 절차, 정치 기제로 이해 되기도 한다. 반면에 어떤 사람들에게는 독재나 전체주의와 대립하는 의미로서의 가치와 이데올로 기로서 이해된다. ..... 민주주의를 자유주의와 관련지어 파악하느냐 혹은 사회주의와 관련지어 파악 하느냐에 따라 나뉘기도 한다. 자유주의와 관련지어 생각하는 것은 민주주의가 자유주의와 관련지 어서만 좋은 방향으로 발전할 수 있다고 믿는 데서 나오는 것이다. 또한 사회주의와 관련지어서 설 명할 때는 민주주의의 달성을 계급 없는 평등한 사회로 보는 까닭이다.' 전경옥, □정치·문화·이데올 로기□, 숙명여자대학교 출판부, 1997, 81쪽.

<sup>15</sup> 그리고 "민주주의는 인민 자신을 위해 인민 스스로 정부를 세워 직접 통치하는 것이다. 민주주의에 서는 정치적 위계질서가 없다. 즉 토론과 합의 절차에 우선해서 정치권력을 차지할 수 있는 어떤 특권 질서도 인정되지 않는다. 민주주의에서 통치는 지배가 아니라 운영이다." 이승원, □민주주의 □, 책세상, 1975, 9쪽.

<sup>16</sup> 여기서는 양명서의 논의를 근거로 한다. 그의 말을 따르면 "인문주의자들은 인간의 주체성을 확립하는 과정에서 도덕 명령 앞에 서게 되었다. 도덕 당위란 자연스런 생명의 충동을 억누름으로써 자기를 통제하고, 그처럼 자기 수양을 통해 세상의 주인이 되려는 노력이다. 그러나 도덕 당위에 눌려있는 개인의 생명 당위를 재발견함으로써 자연친화적인 인문주의에서 말하는 구도를 궁색할 필요가있다. 살려고 하는 의지는 자연스런 것이다. 그것은 죄라고 할 수 없다. 인간의 악을 심각하게 의식해서 형이상학을 만들어 초월적 원리로 희망을 찾으려고 한 성리학은 그 원리가 자연에 내재한 것으로 봄으로써 생명 당위의 차원에서 도덕 당위를 완성하는 구도를 마련했다고 할 수 있다." 양명수,

이적용되어있다는것.

해방공간에있는현은민주주의적인정신을발휘하며좌익을택하는동시에자본주의를옹호한것은그 의통일관이라고이해한다.

이방식으로월북작가인이태준의이소설에나타난생명의가치관과작가가바라는통일관에대해서명 확하게알아보는것은국가의통일이요구되는이분단시기에긍정적인의미가될것이라믿는다.

#### 2. 일제하의생명지상가치

인간이살려고어느행동을한다는것은결국생명을우선시한다는의지이다.

이생명지상의논리는어느이론에서도부정적으로간주되면안되며.

생명을지킨다고해서도덕혹은존엄을무시했다고볼수도없다.

이러한생명지상주의자의모습은이소설의주인공현에게뚜렷이나타나고있다.

살인이라도내민족에게유일한히망을주고있는중국이나영미나쏘련의우군을죽여야하는그리고내 몸이죽되원수일본을위하는죽엄이되어야하는.

이모순된번민으로행여나무슨해결을얻을가해서.......이런심각한민족의번민을현은제몸만이학병자 신이아니라해서혼자뒷날을사려해가며같은불행한형제로서의울분을절제할수는없었다. <sup>17</sup> (중략) 때로는전혀초면들이라저사람이내속을떠보려는밀정이나아닌가의심하면서도.

그런의심부터가용서될수없다는자책으로현은아모리낯선청년에게라도일러주고싶은말은한마듸로 굽히거나남긴적없는흥분이군했다. (226 쪽)

문인의신분을가진현은한민족이증오한일본의지배하에서부득이하게폭력을썼다고토로했다.

그는원수를위해악을행한것이모순적인짓이라고판단하며, 자신이전쟁터에직접가지않지만, 같은한민족동포들이이모순적인짓을하면서죽어야하는일에대해불행하다고지적했다.

현이슬프게여기는것은한민족이자신의목숨을보전하기위해폭력과같은악행을써야만한것이모순 적이지만, 죄라고보지않다는의미이다.

그러나한편으로한민족이결국죽음을맞이해야한다는것에대해현은부정적으로바라봄으로써자신 이생명상실이라는것에반감이있다고암시하였다.

생명의보전을위해서심지어현은같은한민족동포에대해서까지신뢰감을갖지못했다.

"의심하면서도용서될수없다는자책"이라는말은한민족또한그속의일원인현은생명과존엄/도덕사이에서갈등을겪는모습을보여주었다.

그러나결국은생명이더중요하다고판단한현은존엄보다생명을선택했다는행동을함으로써자신의 생명지상의가치관을보여주었다.

'일본의패전기라면몰라일본에유리한전기를내손으로주물르는건무엇때문인가?'

<sup>「</sup>도덕 당위와 생명 당위- 성명에서 생명으로」, □신학사상□ 137권, 한국신학연구소, 2007.

<sup>17</sup> 이태준, □이태준문학전집-사상의 월야□, 서음출판, 1988, 226쪽. 이후 각주 대신 쪽수만 표기한다.

현은정말살고싶었다. (중략) 조국의적일뿐아니라인류의적이요문화의적인 '나치스'의타도를오직사회주의에기대하던독일의한시인은모로토프가히틀러와악수를하고독소중

립조약이성립되는것을보고는그만단순한생각에절망하고자살하였다고한다.

'그시인의판단은경솔하였던것이다.

(중략)

정의와역사의법측을믿자!

정의와역사의법측이인류를배반한다면그때는절망하여도늦지않을것이다!'(229쪽)

일본의대동아전기번역을맡기로한현의상황에서도당시민족의존엄성보다자신의생명이더중요 하다는것을확인할수가있다. 그러나현은생명을택하면서회의와거부의심정을표한다. 이과정에서는현의의식속에서생명과존업/도덕사이에서갈등을겪고있는사실을보여주었다. 한편으로, 당시독일과소련이서로우호관계를선택했다는것을본후,

생명을버리고대신에존엄을선택한사회주의자시인이있었다. 이에대해현은생명을버린다는, 즉조급히존엄을선택한행동을삼가야한다고말했다.

이부분은현이아무리도덕/존엄에대한갈등을겪어도최후의판단은생명지상에있다는것을보여주었다.

"일본이망하기란하늘에별따기같은걸기다리나보오!"

현의안해는이날도보송보송해잠들지못하는남편더러집을팔고시굴로가자하였다. (227 쪽)

강원도어느산읍이었다. (중략)

예전엔현감이있었던곳이나지금은면소와주재소뿐의한적한구읍이다. (중략)

잡곡의소산지니식량해결을위해서요.

그리고가까이임진강상류가있어낙시질로세월을기다릴수있음도현이그곳을택한이유의하나였다. (230 쪽)

현은가지않기가도리혀겁이났다. (중략) (233 쪽)

어찌되었든현이서울다녀온보람은없지않았다.

(중략)

이제는그들이보는데도낙시대를어엿이들고지나다니게쯤되었다. (237 쪽)

"당신을경방단에도.

방공감시에도뽑지않은것은나라를위해서글을쓰라고그냥둔것인데작고낙시질만다니니까소문이나 뿌게나는것이오. (240 쪽)

앞의두인용문에서보았듯이생명을보전한길을선택한모습은현이아내의제안을받아가족을데리고강원도시골에간후에도나타났다.

먼저시골에간것은지배자를멀리할수있을뿐만아니라충족한식량을통해도시보다시골에서생명을 더잘유지할수있다는판단에의해서이다.

현은절망속에서생명을유지할수있는방법을계속모색하고자한모습이독일의사회주의자시인의모 습과매우다르다는것을여기서또한살펴볼수있게된다.

세번째와네번째의인용문에서보았듯이현은시골에내려온뒤서울문인보국회에참석하라는전보 를받아

'겁이났다'라고함으로써강제로참석하고돌아온후예전에몰래해야만했던낚시질을이제당당하게 할수있게된다고한다. 이것은현이생명을보전하다가얻은긍정적결과라할수있다. 마지막인용문에서보았듯이

'글을쓰라고그냥둔것이다'라는지배자의말을통해서일본인지배자들은생명을보전하려는문인들 을전쟁터에보내지않고, 대신에선전의수단으로활용하고있었던것을알수있다.

바꿔서말하면일본을위해문학을창작하거나번역한문인들은자신의생명을최우선시하는자라고이 해할수있겠다.

낙시질을못가는날은현은책을보거나그렇지않으면김직원을찾어갔고 (중략)

모시어볼스록깨끗한노인이요. 이고을에선엄연히존경을받아야옳을, 유일한인격자요.(중략) 현은가끔기인여옥이란이런이를가리킴이라느끼었다. (중략) 창씨를안하고견듸는것은물론,

그분이지은시를알지못하고그분이신문학에무심하여현대문학을논담하지못하는것이서로유감일뿐. ..(232 쪽)

경찰서에서들어오라는것이다.

감옥에서나오는날부터다시상투요갓이었다.

(중략)

(중략)

김직원은그이튿날또읍으로갔는데사흘이되어도나오지않었고.

나흘째되던날이바로

'팔월십오일'인것이었다. (244 쪽)

김직원은현이가장존중하는시골마을의문인이다. 김직원은식민자가가져온근대문물들을 '생명'으로거부하고있고.

죽음의위협을무서워하지않는정신으로봉건시대의전통문화를여전히따르려고하기때문이다. 한편으로구식교육뿐만아니라, 근대신식교육도받은현은근대교육을이해하려고하지않은, 오직구식교육만관심을갖는김직원과의사소통을하는데근대적인문화교류가원활하지못하지만, 이차이를아쉬워하면서도즐기고있다.

그이유는식민지시기에생명을보존하기위한현이존엄을보존하기위한김직원을통해서존엄을지 키지못한자신의죄책감을씻어내기위한것과자신과다르게행동하는사람에게도다가가아울러다 니려는관대한정신이있기때문이라할수있다.

마지막인용문에서보았듯이한국이해방을얻은직전과해방당일날에존엄을더중요시하는김직 원이간작스럽게경찰서에들어갔다는사건이벌어졌다.

김직원을부정적인결말을맞이하게한작가는일제말기조선인이존엄을지키려는비애를암시하고 있으며동시에억압속에서존엄보다생명을더중요시하는가치관을강조한의미가있다고말할수있 다.

#### 3. 해방공간의민주주의정신의추구

민주주의의정신은평등을강조하는것이다.

이정신을일제강점기에제대로실천하지못한현에게해방이라는시점은무엇보다기쁜일이다. 그는일제강점기의생명주의자에서벗어나국가의주권을가지면서생명을귀하게여기며또한민주주 의의자세로생활하고싶었다. 이에대해본절에서살펴보도록한다. 확실히일본사람은아닌얼굴들인데하나같이무심들하다.

"여러분은운전수들의대활못들었읍니까?" (245 쪽)

서로두리번거릴뿐, 한사람도용하지않는다.

"일본이지고말었다면우리조선이어떻게될걸짐작들허시겠지오?"

그제야그것도조선옷입은영감한분이,

"어떻게든되는거야어디가겠소? 어떤세상이라고똑똑히모르는걸입을놀리겠소?"(중략)

"그렇지오. 정말인지물어보기만도무시무시한걸요." (중략)

조선이독립된다는감격보다도이불행한동포들의얼빠진꼴이우선울고싶게슬펐다. (246 쪽)

먼저위인용문과같이버스기사들로부터해방의소식을들은조선국민들이세계 2 차대전에따른한 국의해방에대해아무도관심을가지고있지않았다.

한명조선옷을입은노인이지금다가올새로운세상이어떠한세상일지파악하지도못한다는막막한심 정을보여주었다. 심지어 '물어보기만해도무섭다'라고말한사람의태도는더욱더부정적이었다. 무관심, 막막함, 두려움을표한국민들은당시한국의해방에대해부정적태도를갖고있다고볼수있다. 현은해방에대한이들의부정적태도를보고슬프다고말한다.

이말은현이그들과반대로긍정적으로해방을바라보고있다는뜻이다.

여기서또한가지의차이점을찾아볼수있는데바로국민들중에긍정적으로해방을바라보고있는사람은기사도영감도아닌. '생명지상주의자인동시에신식교육을받은문인'이라는점이다.

기대와는달러서울은사람들도냉정하고태극기조차보기드물다.

시내에드러서니독오른일본군인들이일촉즉발의예리한무장으로거리마닥몫을직히고 '경성일보'가의연히태연자약한논조다.

현은전보쳐준친구에게로달려왔다. 손을잡기가바쁘게건국대회가어되서열리느냐하니, 모른다한다. 정부요인들이비행기로들어왔다는데어듸들게시냐하니, 그것도모른다한다. (246-247 쪽)

현은서울정황에불쾌하였다. 총독부와일본군대가여전히조선민족을명령하고앉었는것과, 해외에서임시정부가오늘아침에들어왔다.

혹은오늘저녁에들어온다하는이때그새를못참아건국에독단적인계획들만발전시키며... (247 쪽)

현은서울에서해방에대한긍정적국민모습을찾아보지못했다.

뿐만아니라식민자가아직도남아있고두려움의정서를형성하고있었다.

이로인해신문사에서도나약한자세를취할수밖에없었다. 식민자가아직도철수하지않고,

해외에있던임시정부가아직도돌아오지못하고.

돌아왔다하더라도해방에대한기쁨을전국에서공식적으로표시하지못했다.

이렇게자국상황에대한불신과해방에대한회의속에서

'생명지상주의자인동시에신식교육을받은문인'들끼리독단적인계획들을세우기시작하게된다. 바꿔서말하면해방에대해국민들이만약당시에환호와기쁨을표현할수있었다면.

그리고자국의해방을진정한독립이라고믿을수있었다면, 또한, 식민자가 8 월 15 일후부터식민자의자세를버릴수있었다면, 그리고해방후의이틀안으로정부가해외에서빨리돌아올수있었다면건국을위해 '독단적계획들을세우는문인들'이정부요원들보다더일찍앞장서서영향력을발휘하려고하지못했 을것이라는말이다.

현이더욱걱정되는것은벌서부터피치를올리고부서를짜고덤비는축들이,

전날좌익작가들의대부분임을알게될때.

문단그사회보다도.

나라전체에좌익이발호할수있는때요좌익이제멋대로발호하는날은,

민족상쟁자멸의파탄을이르키지않을가하는위험성이었다.

(중략)

'이들에게이만침조선사정에진실한정신적준비가있었든가?'(247 쪽)

좌우를막론하고민족이나아갈노선에서행동통일부터원칙을삼어야할것을현은무엇보다긴급으로 생각한것이오.

좌익작가들이이것을교란할가보아걱정한것이며미리부터일종의증오를품었던것인데사실인즉알아 볼스록그것은현자신의기우였었다. (중략)

현은다행한일이라생각하고즐기여그선언에서명을가치하였다. (248 쪽)

현은해방을막얻은그해벌써 '민족상쟁자멸'에대해걱정하고있었음을위내용에서확인할수있다. 이것은한반도내부에서좌익을반대하는우익의존재가이미존재해있었다는암시이며, 그들이좌익에대한반대가심할거라는예측이다.

또한, 현은해방전에는좌익작가들과같이행동하지는않았다.

그러나해방후그는부정적인국민들의태도를보아긍정적으로변화를찾고자하는좌익작가들에대해 관심을가지기시작한다. 현이추구하는것은 '민족의행동통일'이다.

'좌우를막론하고'라는말이곧좌파와우파를모두결합시킬수있어야한다는뜻이다.

좌우를모두용납할수있는민족의동일한행동이야말로현이희망하는것이며.

이목적이마침좌익작가들의목표라는것을확인한후. 현은선언서에서명하기로한다.

현은좌파에가담하기로하였고, 그는좌우모두나아갈수있는노선이야말로최선의길이라판단했다.

여기서좌우를동일시하는현의정신은평등을강조하는민주주의적인정신과일치하고.

민주주의에대한현의문화가치의판단이라볼수있다.

#### '모—든권력은인민에게로!'

이번깃발과노래만이들의회관에서거리를향해나붓기고울려나왔다. ... 현자신까지도

'모—든권력은인민에게로'가이들이민주주의자로서가아니라그전공산주의자로서의습성에서웨침 으로만보혀질때가한두번아니었고, 유고같은이는이미전세대에있어

'국민보다인민에게'를부르짖은것을생각할때, ....

그다지새롭거나위험스럽게들릴것도아모것도아닌줄알면서도현은역시조심스러웠고... (248 쪽)

통일의노선을걷고자하는현은좌익작가들과합류하게되었으나좌익작가들이현자신과같이동일 하게민주주의를목표로하고있지않다는사실을그들이외치는 '인민' 구호를통해인식하게된다. 여기서현은민주주의에서말하는인민과공산주의에서말하는인민에대해각각다르게인식한다는것 을알수있다. 그러나진정한민주주의는어느입장만찬성하거나반대하지않다. 그렇기때문에 '조심스러웠고'라는표현이나온듯이평등의문화,

즉민주문화를추구하는현은좌파에서행하는공산주의자적인습성에대해서과감하게위험하다고지 적할수가없었다.

좌익대중단체주최의 '데모'가종노를지나게되었다. 연합국기중에도맨붉은기뿐이요, 행렬에서부르는노래도적기가다. 거리에섰는군중들은모다이 '데모'에냉정하다. 그런데 '문협'회관에서만은열광적박수와환호로이

'데모'에응할뿐아니라, ....연합국기중에서쏘련것만을끄르더니한아름안고가사층위로부터행렬위에 뿌리는것이다. 거리가온통시뻘개진다.

현은대뜸뛰여가그것을막었다다시집으러가는것을또막았다. (중략) '데모'가지나간후, 현의주위에는한사람도가까이오지않었다. (250쪽)

'... 새조선의자유와독립은대중의자유와독립이라야한다. ..

적기만뿌리는것이이순간조선의대중운동이아니며적기편에선것만이대중의전부가아니란, ....이걸 단순히반동으로밖에해석할줄몰라준다면어떻게그들과함게일할수있는것인가?'(250-251쪽)

"이건독재요. 이러고문화전선의통일운운은거짓말이오. 나는그사람들말더밋구싶지않소. 인전물러가니그리아시오." (252 쪽)

현은민주문화의옹호자로서좌파에서행하는극단적인선전행위를본후좌파에서탈퇴하겠다고말한다. 즉, 현은민주주의정신이결여되어있다는것을인식했다는뜻이다. 좌파문단은당시적기를선전지로배포함으로써자신과다른입장을무시하려는태도를보여준다. 현은좌파가적기를통해서한가지의입장만강조한것이절대로한민족의문화통일을달성할수없음을 간파한다. 여기서한가지만아닌,

상이한입장도존중해주어야한다는정신이야말로문화의통일이가능하다고말한현은민주주의를지 향하고있고, 그렇지않으면반대하겠다는것이다.

"제가공산당으로갔다고들그럽니까?"(중략)

"... 해방전에내가제법무슨뚜렸한태도를가졌던것도아니구요,

원인은해방전엔내친구가대부분이소극적인처세가들인때문입니다.

나는해방후에도의연히처세만하고일하지않는덴반댑니다." (257쪽)

"해내엔어듸공산파만있었읍니까?

그리고이번에공산당이무산계급혁명으로가아니라민족의자본주의적민주혁명으로이내노선을밝혀 논것은무엇보다현명했고.

그랬기때문에좌우익의극단적대립이원칙상용허되지않아서동포의분열과상쟁을최소한으로제지할수있는것은조선민족을위해무엇보다다행한일이라고저는생각헙니다." (259 쪽)

현은자신이공산당소속이아니라고강조한다. 그는공산당이옳다고말하지않다. 이부분은앞서말한민주주의에서말한 '인민'과공산주의에서말한 '인민'이서로다르게인식하고, 후자보다는전자를더선호한다는그의담론을통해이미입증된부분이다.

그러나현은공산당이든아니든간에그부분에서해방전에도해방을얻은후에도한가지의입장을취하지않았다. 이말은그가좌익을공산당이라보지않다는뜻이다.

그리고해방후에는오직소극적인것이아닌, 적극적으로활동하고싶을뿐이다.

다시말해현의머릿속에서는공산당에대한인식이존재하지않을뿐더러.

공산당이라는것이한민족의문화가될수없음을명확히밝히고있다.

의외롭게도현은우파문단에서인식하고있는소위

'공산당'이라는것은해방전에그들이걷고있었던프로노선과더이상동일하지않다는이해방식은특이하다. 즉, 현의눈에는해방후의공산당이사회주의적이아닌,

자본주의적민주의노선을취하고있다는뜻이다. 그렇기때문에현은현재우익이인식하고있는 '좌익이나공산당'은사회주의노선을걷고있지않으며, 자신이가입한단체는오직

'적극적으로활동할수있는자본적인개혁파같은존재'이다.

그리하여좌익이라고불리는자본적개혁파단체에서현은탈퇴할생각이없다고주장하고있다.

"공산파만가만있어주면곳독립이될거구,..."...

김직원은밖에서는쏘련이, 안에서는공산당이조선독립을방해하는것이라하였다. 이렇게역사적또는국제적인리해가없이단순하게.

독립전장을해얻은해방으로착각하는사람에겐여간기술로는계몽이불가능하고......(259쪽)

우리민족의해방은우리힘으로가아니라국제사정의영향으로되는것이니까조선독립은국제성의지 배를벗어날수없는것, 삼상회담의지지는탁치자청이나민족이아니라,

하나는자본주의국가요하나는사회주의국가인미국과쏘련이그세력의선봉들을맞댄데가조선이라국 제간에공개적으로조선의독립과중립성이보장되어야지...

위내용을통해김직원은공산파와소련에대해일방적으로반감의태도를갖고있음을확인할수있다. 반대로현이신식문물을거부하는김직원이가진반감에대해

'국제관이부족해서독립에대해너무단순하게생각하고있다'라고판단한다.

현은국제관의중요성을인식한다.

특히당시는소련뿐만아니라미국도간섭하고있기때문에국제적인대립의문제가먼저해결되어야국 가문제를이야기할수있다고주장한다. 즉.

김직원이독립이라고인식하지만현은진정한독립이라고인식하지않고있다.

앞에서도말했듯이해방즉시일본군이아직도남아있었다.

그렇기때문에현에게해방은독립이아니라고생각했음을알수있다.

또한.

현은국제간에중립성이보장되어야한다고함으로써내부의좌·우파모두공존해야함을호소했다. 현은당시우익을옹호하는김직원문인을통해민주주의적인정신의결여양상을인식하였으며, 좌익측사람들의극단적선전행위를통해민주주의정신을결여했다는양상도인식했다. 이러한상황에서현은민주를지향하게된다. 여기서이태준의민주주의지향성을살펴볼수있게된다.

#### 4. 생명가치와민주정신및좌익의자본주의의통일관

식민지말기에현은억압의상황에서도덕과존엄보다는생명의보전을우선시했다.

그리고해방공간에는문인을제외한국민들이해방과정부에대한믿음의결여와회의적태도를보고, 소위좌익의문인들은적극적으로활동해야할필요성을느끼게되는데건국의계획을펼치는내내좌우 익막론하고모두민주주의정신을결여했었고, 오직현이민주주의를지향했다.

식민지시기말기에일본인이 '글을쓰라고그냥둔' 문인들이존엄보다생명의옹호를보여주는데, 여기서는친일작가에대한암시로이해해볼수있겠다. 식민지시기말기에친일작가로는이광수, 김동인, 박영희, 한설야,

최정희등있었다. <sup>18</sup> 그들은일본관련애국문학을창작한것은주인공현과같이강압적인식민정책하에 존엄보다는생명을더중요시했다고볼수가있다.

김직원이지키고자하는존엄과친일작가들이지키고자하는생명사이에서는

- '도덕과생명을분리해서보는입장'과
- '그두가지를동일시하는입장'의차이를보여주는의의가있다고할수가있다.

왜냐하면생명을중요시한다는것이도덕혹은존엄을무시했다고볼수없기때문이다. 그렇기때문에 '독일시인이자살하는것을반대한내용인듯이존엄만택하지말라는작가의의도와생명지상주의의정신이야말로생명당위의차원에서도덕당위를완성하는구도를마련할수있을것이다.'

그래서현이라는인물이대변하는친일작가들은여기서자아비판의부족한상징으로이해하는것보다 는양자택일의가치에서동일시의가치로의변화라고이해하는것이더타당하다고봐야할것이다.

다음으로현의눈에보인비-

문인들의태도는막막하고두려워한것이고대부분해방을믿지못하고있었다.

"어떤세상"이라고부정적으로말한것을통해그이유에대해추측해보자면

1 차세계대전끝난후승리한측에서식민지를계속해서보유하고있었던것과관련이있다. <sup>19</sup> 이미한번 국제전을경험한조선인들은두번째로다시경험하게된당시에자신들이승리한측에서어떠한조치를 받을지에대해서만생각했고두려워했을것이분명하다.

해방의진실성을 믿고자하는주인공현은이러한국민들의반응을보여줌으로써당시의사회모습을사 실적으로보여주는의의가있을뿐만아니라,

<sup>18 &#</sup>x27;일제는 1942년 조선문인협회를 조선문인보국회로 개칭하고 본격적으로 민족어 말살 정책을 실시한다. 창씨개명과 함께 이루어지는 이런 조치들로 황국신민화 정책을 더욱 강압적으로 밀고 나간다. 동아일보와 조선일보는 총독부 기관지인 매일신보로 흡수되어 버리고 □인문평론□은 □국민문학□으로 개칭하고 적극적인 친일매체로 변모한다. 많은 지식인들과 작가들도 자의반타의반 친일문학의 길로 들어선다.' 김종회 외,□한민족 문학사1□, 역락, 2015, 194-195쪽.

<sup>19</sup> 박현숙은 1차 세계대전 후 윌슨이 민족 자결주의를 적용하고자 하는 국가가 유럽에 국한되었다는 것, 독일제국, 오스트리아-헝가리 이원제국, 오토만 제국의 해체에 주안점이 맞춰졌고, 특히 승전국 의 식민지에 대해서는 평화조약에서 자유롭게 거론조차 할 수 없었기 때문에 유럽 외 지역의 피식 민지 국가들의 요구는 묵살되었다는 점에서 윌슨의 민족 자결주의 적용 범위의 편협함과 한계를 지적하였다. 박현숙, 「윌슨의 민족 자결주의와 세계 평화」, □미국사연구□ 33권, 한국미국사학회, 2011.

'생명지상주의자신식문인들이건국을위한독단적계획을세우는것을합리화시킨의의도있고, 그것은당시부르주아주의자였던문인들이해방후좌익단체에들어가게된동기를설명하는작가의의 도라고볼수있다.

한편으로국민들로하여금해방의진실성을믿지못하게만든국제적영향을간파한현은

1945 년의시점부터벌써민족상쟁에대해예측했다.

그이유는또한한반도에대한미·소의간섭과관련이있는것으로보인다. <sup>20</sup> 식민자라는외세때문에조선 반도안에계급적대립이있었듯이미·소의적극적간섭때문에역시대립이가능할거라고예측했다. 미·소간섭이라는과거에대한이해와우익이좌익을심하게반대할거라는미래에대한예측은훗날일어 날수도있는분열에있어서.

해방후의이념선택문제의상황에서만분열의원인을찾는것이적절하지않다는견해의의의도가진다. 분열을걱정한다거나통일을원한다거나하는현의발언은자신이민족내부의대립을확대할것을인 식하고좌익단체에가입한것이아니었을거라고증명해준다.

여기서좌익에가담하면서도자신의민주주의노선을강조하려는작가의의도가보인다.

뿐만아니라좌익에가담하면서도공산당이아니라고외치는설정과공산당이자본노선을취하고있었다는설정은작가가좌익과사회주의적인공산당을동일시하지않고있다는의의가있다.

이부분은또한독자들에게좌익이라는단체에대해서선입견을버리고더욱더많은존중과이해심을가 지고잘교류해달라고호소하는의의도담겨있어보인다.

현과친하게지냈던김직원은식민지말기에신식문물에대한무관심과해방공간에좌익에대해잘못 인식한점은그의민주주의정신이결여되어있는모습을잘보여준다.

존중과합의의마음이없이오직단편적이고일방적인선입견을가지고현의결정을지적한것은비-민주주의적인정신이다. 현은구식교육도받아보았고, 신식교육도받아보았고, 우익인사들과도교류해보았고, 좌익단체에도가입해보았고, 아울러조선만의실정이아닌, 조선상황을포함한국제적인정세에대해서도잘이해한문인이다.

그렇기때문에많은이해를통해지적을행한것은언론의자유와민주정신의실현이라할수가있다.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 미국과 소련이 한반도를 간섭하는 일은 19세기 말부터 시작된 것이라 할 수 있다. 이에 관련하여 백봉종이 "미국의 한반도에 대한 엄정중립과 내정불간섭주의라고 하는 문호개방정책이 일본의 이익을 보장해주는 정책으로 바뀌기 시작한 것은 1884년 청.일전쟁에서 일본이 승리함에서부터이다. ... 한반도 지역에서 미국의 중요한 핵심 이익을 보장하는 길은 일본으로 하여금 대륙으로 진출시키는 일이며 따라서 일본의 대륙진출을 보장하기 위해서는 한반도를 일본이 지배하도록 인정하였다..... 소련이 한반도에 본격적으로 그들의 세력을 부식하기 시작한 것은 1894년~95년 청일전쟁에서 일본의 승리가 확실시되면서부터이다....소력의 급속한 한반도진출은 일본의 강력한 저항을 받게 되었는데 대표적인 사건은 1895년 일인에 의한 민비살해사건인 을미사변이다 이를 계기로 소련은 공사관 경비를 강화시킨다는 구실하에 1896년 해군 120명을 서울에 주둔시켰다."라고 말한 것을 참고할 수가 있다. 白奉鍾,「일본의 항복과 미소 군의 한반도 진주」, □統一論叢□ 2권, 東義大學校 法政研究所, 1989.

#### 5. 결론

한국은해방공간내내

"식민지문화잔재에대한청산과함께민족문화의기반을확대하기위한문단의조직정비, 새로운문인들의등장과그문학활동"

등이집중적으로전개되고있었다. <sup>21</sup> 이러한배경에서이태준은일제말기의생명지상의가치와해방공 간문인들이적극적으로행동할수밖에없었던상황과민주주의정신이결여되어있는상황에서민주주 의정신을추구하는마음을자서전식의작품을통해서잘전달했다고평가할수있다.

현이라는인물의판단을통해서기존연구들과달리새롭게인식할수있는부분은몇몇있다. 우선, 피식민지아닌독일의사회주의자와피식민지인의문인사이에생명지상주의면에서존엄과생명을분 리해서보느냐결합해서보느냐의차이가보인다.

그리고독일의사회주의자와해방공간의조선좌익문인사이에서사회주의적인공산당이냐자본주의 적인공산당이냐의차이가보인다.

해방전일제의억압으로인해생명지상의입장을선택해야만했으며,

이것은자유롭지못한상황에서생명을먼저고수해야만존엄을실현할가능성이생긴다는이태준의가 치관을보인다. 이입장은해방후자본적인공산당입장으로바뀌게되는데 '민주의통일노선'을취하고자하는이태준의의도가보인다.

특정한좌익단체에가입한것은중립적이지못한것처럼보인것은사실이지만이태준은현인물을통해서거듭자신이소속한 '공산당좌익은자본노선과민주노선을취하고있다'고주장한다. 이러한설정은이태준이좌익단체에가입했다하더라도

'좌익공산당을자본과민주노선과연결시킴으로써자본주의적인좌익을우익과통일할수있는노선을 추구하는것'이라고봐야할것이다.

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#### AMIR KHUSRAU: POET, MUSICIAN, COURTIER AND HISTORIAN

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Amir Khusrau a prodigy of India is loved and adored by the people of the Indian subcontinents. A couple of years ago his 750<sup>th</sup> birth centenary was observed by the people of the country to pay tribute to Hazrat Amir Khusrau by organizing national & International Seminar and Cultural Programme. Khusrau is a heritage of India whose works constitute a strong cultural bond of the Indian sub-continent with Afghanistan, Central Asia and Iran. Even in Europe and America people evince great interest in Indology and pay due attention to the life and works of Indian poets such Kalidas, Amir Khusrau, Ghalib and Tagore.

Khusrau was born in 1253 A.D. in district Etah of the Indian province of Uttra Pradesh. He lived in the most turbulent period of Indian history when the Mongols' threat loomed large over India. During his lifetime (1253 – 1325 A.D.) he witnessed the regime of seven monarchs in Delhi. If he was closely associated with Balban, Khalji and Tughlaq dynasties, he was equally, if not, more connected to the hospice of Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia. The Turks were pouring into India to consolidate their political position and formed the dominant element in Indian body-polity. Their outlook on India was silly and they basked in the racial superiority of Central Asia and failed to admirer the wonder India was. However, being an enlightened soul who had imbibed the real ethos of India more often than not Khusrau<sup>1</sup> reminded the Turks to hail India not as a colony but a sacred land and he beautifully made them realize that *if there were paradise on earth, it was there in India, it was there in India!* 

گر فردوس بر روی زمن است همین است و همین است و همین است

The Indian common-folk were subject to inhuman treatment in their caste-ridden society. Whenever, they turned to the monastery of Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia, they were embraced as fellow-human being and regaled with Sufi music. At the feet of his mentor, Khusrau sang the song of love to them and the masses enjoyed his folk song and literature. His rich Persian poetry was sung by the qawwals, the tradition that still continues in the shrine of Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia in Delhi today. He had travelled from Multan (Punjab) to Luckhnowti (Bengal) and was intimately familiar with India. He devoted the third chapter of his epic *Noh Siphr* in which he exclusively dealt with India - her land and her people. Besides the epic, his other epic poems such as *Qiranus Sadain, Miftahul Futuh* and *Tughlaq Nameh* all alluded to the historic India of the 13<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> the couplet is attributed to many poets including Khusrau.

Amir Khusrau is a pioneer of Indo-Persian literature and a great exponent of music. In imitation of the classical epic writer Nezami, he composed five epic poems: *Aina-e-Sikandari; Mutla ul Anwar; Shirin Khusrau; Laila Majnun and Hasht Behisht* and established his position as a great poet in the annals of Persian literature. But his chief fame rests upon Ghazals, which are preserved in five voluminous poetic collections namely: *Tohfatus Sighar; Wasatul Hayat; Ghurratul Kamal; Nihayatul Kamal and Baqiyah Naqiyah.* The ghazals of Khusrau are full of artistic merits and are finely turned to the sound of music. They are adapted to Indian geo-social conditions and they have been sung by the qawwals right from the time of Hazrat Nezamuddin Aulia down to this days and one can enjoy the everlasting freshness of his ghazal, which over centuries has become Indian heritage.

Amir Khusrau symbolises a link between peoples of Afghanistan, Iran, Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. He represents a confluence of two predominant cultures, which enriches their music in song and instrument with innovations such as qawwali, tarana and *sitar*. Being a repository of Indo Persian traditions, Khusrau composed *Rekhta* (Hindavi and Persian verses interlaced together), which are sung with fervour in the subcontinent and enjoyed by people all through the ages. His devotional songs and verses preached love, fraternity and universal truth, influenced great spiritual leaders of India like Guru Nanak. Kabir, Waris Shah and a host of others to closely weld the variegated patterns of Indian life. The poetry of Khusrau is the common legacy of both the Hindus and Muslims and the synergetic genius of the poet fosters unity in multi cultural society.

Amir Khusrau was a great patriot of India. His works, in prose and poetry stand as an eloquent testimony to this fact. In the passionate love for his motherland he exclaims: "If Mecca would hear of India, it would perform tawaf around this garden. (Mecca is the most holy city of the Muslims and tawaf is a religious ritual of circumambulation the Holy mosque of Ka'aba at Mecca). His love and adoration of India is evident from the poetry he has left behind for posterity. In *Qiranus Sadain* he says:

جنت عدن ست که آباد باد	حضرت دهلی کنف دین و داد
حرسها الله عن الحاد ثات	هست چو ذات ارم اندر صفات
مکه شو د طایف هندو ستان	گر شنود قصه این بوستان

Delhi, the centre of religion and justice Is the garden of Eden, and so populous. If the splendor of this garden falls upon the ear Mecca itself might go round it in reverence.

Among the poets of India, Khusrau is the first poet to pay heed to the linguistic richness of India, a fact which was realised only after she gained independence in 1947. The British Govt. of India treated the Indian languages as vernaculars and failed to recognize

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sandilvi. S.A. *A Great Indian Patriot*, Amir Khusrau. Publication Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi. p. 24.

linguistic richness of the country. However, Khusrau proudly enumerated the different languages spoken in the subcontinent such as Hindi, Sindhi, Lahori, Kashmiri, Kubri, Tilangi, Gujri., Mabari, Gori, Bengali, Awadhi, and Sanskrit along with Persian and Arabic. He commented upon the Indians' capability of learning foreign languages: "People of India can speak languages eloquently but people of other lands are unable to speak Indian ones". The words of Amir Khusrau will auger well if Human Resources Development takes upon itself the task to invest in linguistic sector of India and equip the Indian Centres of language learning adequately so as to produce good language experts and to have edge in the world of communication.

Poetry constitutes chief element in the domain of fine arts. In the introduction of his poetic collection *Ghuratul Kamal*, Khusrau has propounded his views about poetry in general and his dislike for pedagogic poetry. He has a full-length discussion on art of prose and poetry and as a critic of literature he must be compared with Aristotle, Pope and Sidney or any literary critic of world fame to show that India has never been bereft of men of letters in her history. Beautifully Khusrau says about good poetry: "It's a lamp which burns bright against adverse storms" or "an immortal soul which keeps its body always alive". His discourse on poetry is highly sublime and of high artistic standard and a beacon to modern poets who grope in darkness and commercially degenerate the art of poetry as a marketable commodity and make art venal. Khusrau is the guiding principal in the domain of Indo Persian art and learning.

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## Socio-political and Economic Aspectsof the Promotion of Persian Language and Literature in India by the Mughals

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#### **Introduction:**

It is being said that the Mughal India produced some very beautiful, excellent and knowledgeable pieces of Persian literature, and the Indian Persian literature not only equaled the Iranian Persian literature but at some point of time surpassed it in beauty and excellence. The Indian Mughalszealously encouraged and promoted the Persian language and literature. But here, instead of comparing the merits and demerits of the Persian literature of the two countries, I will be trying to find out the reasons and benefits of the promotion of the Persian language and literature by the Mughals of India. It will also be interesting to know why the Mughals opted to promote the Persian language and literature when it was neither their mother tongue nor spoken by the common Indians.

#### **Social aspect:**

The relationships between society and literature are very deep and complex. We are always surrounded by our society, and in fact in our whole life, to some extent, we are driven by our society. And this influence of the society is responsible, to a large extent, for our appreciations and hates of the acts, feelings and thoughts of the human beings. All these appreciations, hates, thoughts and feelings are expressed through the medium of languages. The languages are transferred by a man to another man either orally or in the written form. So in other words all these appreciations, hates, thoughts and feelings expressed through the medium of language, at some points of time, create literature. A developed and rich language and literature is one of the essential parts of a civilized society. And the development of civilization and language goes hand in hand. Language develops in the same proportion as civilization progresses. So every society and civilization tries hard to make its language developed.

The Persian language and civilization, after the Arab conquest of Iran, was over-shadowed by the Arab language and civilization. But it came out of the shadow of the Arabs gradually, steadily and strongly and it developed itself to such an extent that it became the rival of the Arabic language in every field. The Persians language had become the only alternative of the Arabic language to represent the teachings and philosophy of Islam. So by the time the Mughals came to India the Persian language had already become the knowledge language of the Muslims of non-Arabic speaking people, especially in the areas of Trans-oxiana, Persia and India. 'Persian poetry as well as prose, both of which were liberally encouraged by Muslim Kings and others well to do lovers of learning, acted as it were conduit-pipes through which ideals of Islam and Islamic culture were diffused in India among non-Muslims'.(Ghani, 1983, pp. 176-183)

So the Mughals, while choosing the official language of India, had a few options. They may have either chosen Arabic or Turkish or any Indian language as the official language of Mughal India; but instead they choose Persian language. The selection of the Arabic language might have shown some kind of allegiance to the Caliph. So this language was not selected. Turkish language was not as developed as Persian and was also completely new to the

Indians. The selection of any Indian language might have diminished the symbol of the establishment of a new rule in India. So in the light of the above mentioned options the Persian Language had a very favorable position. By the time the Mughals came to India, the people of the Indian sub-continent had already become familiar with the Persian language and literature. And this same language and civilization had almost each and every essential element of a good administration. So it compelled the Mughal rulers to encourage the enrichment of Persian language and literature for establishing a good administration to strengthen their stronghold over India.

The more developed the civilization, culture, language and literature is, the more it attracts the people towards itself. And this same theory is applicable to the Mughals when they adopted Persian lifestyle, because while staying in *Trans-oxiana*, they were already Persianized to the very core of their life and the Persian language, literature and culture was not any more alien to them. The Persian culture and civilization had a long and rich history of good administration. So the Mughals carried all these benefits with them to India.(Mill, 1990, p. 700)

Though the Turkish language was the mother tongue of the Mughals but they used Persian language in their daily life to such an extent that they got mastery over it and produced excellent pieces of Persian literatures such as the poetry compositions of Babur, Humayun, DaraShukoh and Zaib-un-Nisha etc. and prose works of Ghulbadan Beghum, Jahangir and Dara Shukoh etc. This Persianization was so forceful that the Turkish language hadslowly started losing the charm and status of the mother tongue of the Mughals. They were, to some extent, becoming unaware with their mother tongue, as is evident from the statement of Jahangir which he had recorded in his autobiography regarding the personality assessment of prince Khurram(later king Shahjahan). Jahangir says that the prince possesses all the princely qualities and he does not bear any evil or bad habits except his unawareness with the Turkish language(Jahangir, cited in Bazm-e-Taimooriya, vol.1, p. 170). JauharAftabchi(a companion of HumayunandAuthor of Tazkirat-ul-Waqiat) also states that at the time of Humayun, Persian language had become the language of general Mughal followers, and Turkish language was limited to a few selected people. The emperor Humayun, partly for his personal love and partly for its currency among the general Mughal followers, used to talk in Persian. He spoke in Turkish only when he liked to be understood by only a few selected people. (Dashti, 2004, p. 106).

*C.R Foltz* says that in sixteenth and seventeenth century (A.D.) Muslim society, a man of letters was by definition a poet(Foltz, 1998, p. 71). And the Mughal rulers and nobles being learned and cultured people, showed their personal interest in poetical gatherings andthe literary discussions to promote thelanguage and literature. The Persian being the official language was the first and foremost beneficiary of all the promotion activities.

Poetry recitation was the favorite past time for the members of the elite class at that time. They organized poetry recitation gatherings; and Persian being the official language and the language of culture was the main medium of poetry recitations. These types of gatherings were not only organized by the Mughal kings and princes but princesses and nobles too

arranged such poetical gatherings. In the words of *AbolghasemDadvar*, 'Poetry appreciation was one of the pre-eminent cultural occupations of Mughal nobles. A large number of the nobles and higher *Mansabdars* had poets in their entourage. Patronage of poets was a status symbol, and the expenses incurred were well-justified in a noble's view. Since *Mansabs* and estates were not hereditary, the *Mansabdars* and nobles tried to spend their wealth as lavishly and as elegantly as possible during their lifetime' (Dadvar, 2000, p. 137).

Ellison Banks Findly in his book, Nur Jahan: Empress of Mughal India writes that Nur Jahan belonged to a linage known for its literary and scholarly achievements and the composition of verses had long been a favored pastime for many of her relatives as it was for those at the royal Court. Poetry contests were popular at the Mughal Court and it was here that recognized poets could recite verses composed on the spot before an assembly of their peers(Ellison Banks Findly, 1993, p. 226).

In those gatherings, a competitive environment was provided to the poets. Those gatherings provided a platform for new poets to showcase their skills and compete to reach and surpass the levels already set by the established master. The established masters tried to achieve more perfection to continue their mastery over the rest of the upcoming poets. And in this way, those gatherings proved to be a very important platform for the promotion of literature. Abdul Qadir Badauni writes that Jafar Beg Qazvini was a learned man and a man of profound thought; and was unique in describing each and every event. He always had a keen desire to surpass others and made attempts to produce better and more innovative work or at least to excel in any art (Badauni, p. 508).

Mughals were brought up in aliberal environment and their mind was free from religious bigotry (although sometimes they used religion for the political benefits). It encouraged them to find out the interesting and knowledgeable thoughts from across the religions and regions. Akbar used to listen and understand the books of different parts of the world. He was aware with almost all the interesting and historical facts of the world. He also loved the different philosophical thoughts.(Ziauddin, 2005, p. 160). This curiosity of the Mughals to know more about the new thoughts and ideas forced them to have Sanskrit and Arabic works translated into Persian. Abul Fazl also mentions the subjects that were taught in Persian medium schools during Akbar's reign. It includedethics, arithmetic, accounting, agriculture, engineering, astronomy, domestic sciences, civics and politics, medicine, logic, higher mathematics, history, the physical and mechanical sciences and theology(Ziauddin, 2005, p. 160). From the above mentioned subjects, it is clear that the school curriculum was diversified and was not confined to the religious and moral education only. So a lot of books on various subjects as religion, science and history were needed to be translated from Sanskrit and Arabic into Persian because the medium of education was Persian. Some books were translated into Sanskrit too. These translations, on one hand satisfied the curious minds of the Mughals and on the other hand it enriched Persian language and literature.

Broad mindedness of the Mughals proved another important aspect in the promotion of Persian language and literature. They promoted scholarly talents without enquiring about the religion and beliefs of a person. We have the example of *SheikhMubarak* and his two sons

(Faizi and AbulFazl) being hunted down by a group of courtiers for their ideology. But when Akbar got the news about their talents, he promoted them to such an extent that Faizi became Malik-us-Sho'ara and AbulFazl produced inimitable literature called Akbar Nameh and A'in-e Akbari. Mullah Abdun Nabi, the author of Maykhana, who came to India in 1608 A.D., says that every A'lim (scholar) of Persia would come to India if he had the opportunity to do so, to take the benefit from the generosity and patronage of the Indians(Sayed, 1958, p. 185). AbdunNabi had heard the praise of India from merchants and other Persians, who had been there. His first impression was that it was an extraordinary country where everything was cheap and plentiful. Everyone had the freedom to live as he pleaded without any interference or persecution(Sayed, 1958, p. 185). Abdul Razzaq Fayyaz Lahiji expresses his eagerness to settle in India in these words: 'great is India, the Mecca for all in need, particularly for those who seek safety. A journey to India is incumbent upon any man who has acquired adequate knowledge and skill'(Dashti, 2004, p. 106).

According to *Irfan Habib* "the sectarian divide could not prevent the intellectual interchange between the scholars of India and Persia; and for this, the generally tolerant policy of the Mughal Empire must receive its due share of credit(Habib, 2002, p. xxx)

Competitive environment at the Mughal Empire proved very crucial for the promotion of talented people. Mughal nobles also competed with each other for acquiring the loyalty of the Men of Letter. This competitive environment was free of biasness, and the poets and scholars were free to migrate to any court, be it a court of the king, princes or nobles. "The generosity of the Mughal Emperors to Persian poets, and the vying of their literary-minded and artloving dignitaries with one another in attracting and recruiting poets and artists, has become legendary(Qureshi, 1966, p. 216).

#### Political aspect:

Almost every victorious nation and race of the world had imposed its own language, culture, tradition and administration on the defeated nations or races as a symbol of victory. The Mughals too were no exception. So after getting victory over Indian states, the Mughals had two options; either adopt the Persian culture, tradition and administration, or style their court according to the customs and rules of the Caliphs and show some type of allegiance to them (the Caliphs had the symbolic suzerainty over the whole Muslim world). The Mughals adopted the Persian style of administration. It fulfilled their aims of both imposing a new ruling style on the defeated people and at the same time negating even the symbolic suzerainty of the Caliphs.

The Mughals being Muslims and representative of Islam had no hesitation in adopting Persian language as the language of their administration because after the Islamization of Iran, Persian language had enriched itself with Islamic literature equally to the level of Arabic language and competed successfully withthe Arabic language as a representative of Islamic culture and knowledge. *Ibn-e-Khaldun*, in one of his statement, justifies the adoption of Persian language as the language of Islam. He says that 'most of the *Hadith* scholars who

preserved traditions for the Muslims also were Persians or Persian in language and upbringing. Furthermore, all the scholars who worked in the science of the principles of jurisprudence were Persians. The same applies to speculative theologians and to most Quran commentators. Only the Persians engaged themselves in the task of preserving knowledge and writing systematic scholarly works. Thus, the truth of the following statement by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) becomes apparent: 'If scholarship hung suspended in the highest parts of heaven, the Persians would attain it' (Khaldun, 1970, pp. 429-30)

Mir Jamal-ud-Din Husain Inju Shirazi, a comprehensive Persian lexicon of Akbar's period also emphasizes the same above mentioned point that Persian together with Arabic was the language of Islam. The Prophet, according to Inju, spoke highly of the merits of the people of Pars. He cites verses from the Qur'ān in appreciation of the people of Pars for their bravery and courage to fight for a noble cause. Faith (Iman) according to Inju is integral to their (people of Pars) character. They would have acquired faith even if it was far in the sky(Shirazi M. J.-u.-D., 1972, p. 14).

The Persian language, from the very beginning of the Muslim rule in India, had got the currency as one of the administrative languages. Delhi Sultans had propagated themselves as the descendants of *Afrasiyab*, the great mythical Iranian king and hero. They had organized their court in Persian style. So, in a limited sphere, the people of India have become familiar with Persian language, culture and administration. It acted as a single common language for day to day administrative works of the empire and proved very useful for ruling, centralizing and unifying such a large country like India with a lot of different languages and cultures. In fact, it is a popular maxim that in India language is changed at every 7 *kos*. On the other hand, Persian was known to the Indians, from the banks of the river Sind to the Bay of Bengal. The famous line of *Hafiz of Shiraz* (d. 1389) is a testimony of the receptive audience that the Persian poetry had in India:

(All the Indian parrots will turn to crunching sugar with this Persian candy which goes to Bengal)(Shirazi H., Diwan, 1972, p. 172)

If *Amir Khusrau* is to be believed, as early as in the fourteenth century, 'the Persian parlance enjoyed uniformity of the idiom throughout the length of four thousand *parasangs*, unlike the Hindavi tongue, which had no settled idiom and varied after every hundred miles and with every group of people. As late as the eighteenth century, Hindavi did not evolve a uniform idiom even in northern India. *Siraj-ud-Din 'Ali Khan Arzu* (d. 1756), a noted eighteenth-century poet, writer and lexicographer, mentions Gwaliori, Braj, Rajpati, Kashmiri, Haryanavi, Hindi and Punjabi as diverse authentic forms of Hindavi, besides the dialects of Shahjahanabad-Delhi and Akbarabad-Agra'(Arzu, 1968, p. 75). In the presence of these diverse languages, Persian became a very useful tool for ruling and unifying the vast Mughal Empire. *Muzaffar Alam* writes that "the Mughal Empire developed a new court culture in which the wider use of Persian, not only as the universal language of imperial administration

as part of the unprecedented systematization that the Mughals attempted, but also as the main vehicle of cultural and literary discourse among the ruling elites, was an important manifestation(Alam, 1998, p. 335).

*Muzaffar Alam* also says that the Mughals were not content with establishing a mere paramount and imperial authority over the numerous local and regional power centers. They aspired also to evolve a political culture, over-arching the diverse religious and cultural identities. Persian, in the existing circumstances, promised to be the most appropriate vehicle to communicate and sustain such an ideal (Alam, 1998, pp. 317-349).

Although the Persian nobles were known as <u>Ahl-e-qalam</u> (men of pen) but they did not confine themselves only with the administrative works. With passing of times, they also acquired the expertise of <u>Ahl-e-saif</u> (men of swords) and gathered around themselves devoted and faithful band of soldiers and managed to reserve for themselves a special status in the ranks of the nobility and the military aristocracy. They were good politicians and dominated the Mughal court and state as much as they did in the sphere of the fine-arts. It is not strange to discover that Persia supplied Mughal India, more talented immigrants than all other countries combined (Stephen, 1991, p. 126). And these men of pen, who were expected to perform clerical jobs, were Persian speaking people. The Mughal administration was dependent upon these Persian people for the performance of day to day works other than military works. So the Mughals were not in a position to adopt any other language as their administrative language.

The Persians, after combining the qualities of pen and swords in themselves, emerged as the most powerful group in Mughal court. The Persian nobles and administrators formed one of the largest ethnic group in the Mughal nobility. They had kept close ties with their homeland and it was a threat for the Mughal empire as there was a possibility that given encouragement these Persian nobles might revolt. Thus a possibility of bringing the *Safavid* intervention. It was a grave threat and it could not be countered as it is a fact that no Indian held the similar position in the *Safavid* court(Richards, 2002, p. 111). So the Mughals adopted not only the Persian culture, but they also promoted Persian language and literature to give them a feeling of being at home. Persian nobles' close ties with their homeland and the presence of Shiite governments down south India always presented the possibility of revolt if they were not satisfied with Mughal government.

The Mughals have never accepted the suzerainty of the Caliphs and one possible reason behind the patronization of the Persian poets and scholars was that they wanted to show to the Muslim world that they were not inferior to the Caliph in any field of life, whether it is money, power or culture. They wanted to show to the Caliphs and also to the Muslim world that they were capable of developing an independent literature as grand as theirs (they were successful in converting every important religious, historical and philosophical work into Persian), and their negation to the suzerainty of the Caliph is justified and their kingship without the acceptance of the suzerainty is legitimate.

Mughals were also to compete with the *Safavids* of Persia and the rulers of Deccan for their superiority of status. Their competition with the *Safavids* of Persia was to attract to their court

the trained and excellent persons in all walks of life, be it politics, science, administration or literature. These Iranian people specially clerks remained in noticeable control of accounts and carried their jobs with unmatched efficiency and integrity throughout the heyday of the Mughal empire. *Aurangzeb* had accepted the efficiency and importance of the Persians. He says that the Persians are more efficient than any other nations in the field of clerical jobs. They also had fought bravely for the Mughal empire. The most important point accepted by the *Aurangzeb* is that the Persians have never been accused of treachery. But at the same time *Aurangzeb* accepts that Persians insist on to be treated with great honor and also it is very difficult to get on well with them. The emperor, at last, accepts that there is no other way but to pacify them. (Hamid-ud-Din, 1912, p. 53).

The Muslim kingdoms of Deccan were a challenge for the superiority of Mughals as they were ruling independently. Although the Mughals had won to themselves almost all the important Muslim and non-Muslim North Indian independent provinces but they were unable to subdue completely the Deccan kingdoms. These independence kingdoms of Deccan represented a great challenge to the undisputed Mughal superiority in India. Furthermore, the Mughals had diplomatic contacts with these kingdoms, and the diplomacy was performed through Persian language. As the Persian language was patronized in these courts, and some excellent literary personalities and corpuses were being produced in these courts too, the Mughals were forced to promote the Persian language zealously to get the upper hand over them in the field of literature because 'dispatching a diplomatic mission could never be done without drafting from the envoy's master and, in the Persian and Indo-Islamic culture, diplomatic correspondence (tarassul) became a literary genre in itself. Such letters were usually drafted by a leading Munshi of the Court which would then be read and sealed by the ruler himself. On occasions, letters were written by the Wazir, as AbulFazl and Itimad aldaulat Hatim Baig both did repeatedly for Akbar and Abbas-I respectively'. (Mitchel, 2000, p. 160)

The Persian scholars and the Persian language rescued the Mughal emperors from embarrassments a few time. In this regard it must be noted that in 1595A.D.Mirza Muzaffar Husain Safawi, the Persian commandant of Qandahar, enticed by an influential Mughal noble Shah Beg Kabuli, surrendered Qandahar before the Mughals(Badauni, p. 416).Shah Abbas-I became very displeased to know the loss of Qandahar, hence, afterwards he spared no efforts to regain it at any cost but at the same time he also tried to maintain the friendly relation with the Mughals. In 1598 A.D., Shah Abbas-I sent his envoy Minuchihr Baig to Mughal Court, with a royal letter comprising friendly words for long-lasting diplomatic relations between both the empires. The envoy, at the Court of Akbar, recited the following historical quatrain of Mulla Wahid, who was a famous poet of Persian:

The Zangi is proud of his soldiers, tribe, and army,

# The Rumi is proud of his spears, sword, and dagger, Akbar is proud of his treasury full of gold, Abbas is proud of the sword of Dhulfiqar Haider (Hazrat Ali R.A.T.A).

This quatrain of the Persian ambassador was a direct hit at Akbar, as the king had bought the loyalty of the Persian commander of Qandahar. The whole court felt this sarcasm of the Persian envoy. *Akbar* glanced at *Faizi*, who at once came forward and gave its extempore reply in the same strain that:

فردوس بہ سلسبیل و کوثر نازد دریابہ گہر فلک بہ اختر نازد عباس بہ ذوالفقار حیدر ناز

Paradise prides on its stream: Salsabil and Kausar,

The sea boasts of its pearls, the sky of its stars.

Abbas takes pride in the sword of Ali,

The object of pride to both the worlds is the pure-self of Akbar

(Ghani, 1983, pp. 64-65)

If there was not a poet to the caliber and talent of *Faizi*, then it was almost impossible for *Akbar* to defend himself in the same literary and sophisticated manner before the eyes of his courtiers, the Persian envoy and the world.

Babur and Humayun were under some Iranian obligation as they have been assisted, at some point of time, by the Persian court to get their thronesback. So, for the Mughal dynasty of India, there was some kind of moral obligation to rule under the shadow and superiority of the Persian kings. But the Mughal rulers were too ambitious to be called inferior to the Persian kings. They accepted the Persian help in very adverse situations. So after establishing themselves firmly in India, they adopted every possible tool and mean to prove that they were not in any way inferior to the Persian kings. And promotion of Persian language and literature was one such tools. And the Mughals succeeded in this venture as they won over not only the general poets of Iran, but a lot of Persian poets who were associated directly to the Persian court, also switched over their loyalty to the Mughal court. The allegiances of the Iranian court poets to the Mughal court showed to the world that they were not inferior to the Persian kings.

#### Economic aspect:

The Mughal India was a prosperous country. The balance of trade was favorable for India. The agriculture was also generally good and generated a lot of revenue. As a result of trade and commerce and agriculture, the ruling class had a very rich treasure at its disposal. Though the nobles were also involved in trade and commerce, but their main source of income was land revenue which they collected from their Jagir lands. These Jagir lands were

not permanent or hereditary and there was no guarantee of the treasure of a generation being transferred to the next generation. So the nobles chose to spend their income splendidly and lavishly on their lifestyles. The literature being an integral part of their lives, immensely profited itself from their generosity. In the words of *Abolghasem Dadvar*, Poetry appreciation was one of the pre-eminent cultural occupations of Mughal nobles. A large number of the nobles and higher *Mansabdars* had poets in their entourage. Patronage of poets was a status symbol, and the expenses incurred were well-justified in a noble's view. Since his *Mansab* and estate were not hereditary, he tried to spend his wealth as lavishly and as elegantly as possible during his lifetime. Most outstanding of the patrons of poets among the Mughal nobility was *Abdur Rahim Khan-i-Khanan*. His generosity was princely, as he had *Mulla Nawai* weighed in gold and gave a thousand gold coins to *Shakibi*; and took *Hayati* and *Shawqi* to his treasury to carry away as many gold coins as they could. His protégé *Abdul Baqi Nihavandi* has left in his *Maasir-i-Rahimi* accounts and specimens of verses of scores of poets, most of them of Persian origin, who enjoyed his patronage(Dadvar, 2000, p. 137).

Literary excellence provided a type of job security. Besides being occasionally rewarded, the poets and scholars were granted Jagir lands according to their caliber. These Jagir lands of the scholars remained almost intact throughout their lifetime and were not confiscated with the transfer of powers (in contrast to the Jagir lands of nobles which was confiscated with the change of power). The Mughal emperors also required the Persian knowing people for managing the daily affairs of their empire. So it was also the one of the requirement to get government job.

The promotion of Persian language helped the Mughals to streamline their administration. As the Persian language got the currency among the general people, the Mughals gave up the system of maintaining the official records in two languages, one in Persian and other in a local language and adopted the system of keeping the official records only in Persian language. This development, on the part of government, was a great help for saving the time and money.

#### Conclusion:

After providing a stable political environment and achieving economic prosperity, literary advancement was the next obvious and legitimate step. The promotion of literature was a tool to satisfy the curious minds and literary interests of the Mughals and establish the superiority of Mughal rule not only over the common men but also rival rulers of the world. And as we know that the Mughals had selected Persian language as the court language, so the Promotion of Persian was obvious.

A number of social, political and economic forces were working behind the promotion of Persian Language and Literature by the Mughals. Persian language was a developed language, and it also had a rich experience of administration. So it helped the rulers to manage their administration smoothly. It also solved the dual question of Mughals of imposing a new language on the defeated India and at the same time negating the symbolic

suzerainty of the Caliph. The Mughals promoted the people based on their merits only. So the meritorious people of every belief thronged to their court. These meritorious people helped the Mughal empire in every walk of life. Persian language helped the Mughals to streamline and unify their administration. It also provided an opportunity to do away with the keeping of government records in both the Persian and one of the local languages, thus saving both the time and money. Through the promotion of Persian language, the Mughals tried to establish their superiority over their contemporary kingdoms such as Deccan Sultanates, Iran and the Caliphate. Persian language had already become the knowledge language of non-Arabic speaking Muslims so it required the translation of the religious and philosophical Arabic books into Persian so that it can be accessed by the non-Arabic speaking Muslims. The curiosity of the Mughals to acquire more and more knowledge and also the inclusion of various subjects into Persian medium schools forced them to have various books of different languages translated into Persian language. The Mughals were not only fascinated by the Persian language, literature and culture but also by the Persian style of administration. Competition with the Safavids and Deccan Sultanates to attract talented peoples to their court and also their dependency upon the Persians to perform every administrative duty was another reason behind the promotion of Persian language by the Mughals in India.

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