

Give an account of the life and services of Shah Waliullah. How did he save the Indian Muslims from political annihilation and religious degeneration?

Introduction:

Shah Waliullah was born on 21st February 1703 in Moza park near Delhi. His original name was ~~Qutub al-Din Ahmed~~ popularly known as Shah Waliullah. In 18th Century Islam in the Subcontinent was faced with many problems. Socio-economic, low moral tone of the society, poor understanding of the holy Quran and general ignorance of Islam were just some of the issues which gave rise to fear that political collapse would be accompanied by

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religious disintegration. Shah Waliullah saved muslims from all troubles. He got education at Madrasa-i-Rahimiyah by his father Shah Abdul Rahim. After completing his education he went for pilgrimage and higher studies to Saudi Arabia. At this time muslims in India were divided into Hanafi, Sufi, Shia, Sunni and Mullah sect. In Hijaz, he decided to launch a campaign to popularize Islamic value amongst the muslims and to present Islam in a rational manner. On his return to the Subcontinent, he started working towards the achievements of these goals.

CONCEPT

Bad Political Conditions.

At that time, loot and plunder were rampant and fighting had

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Spread everywhere. Disintegration of Mughal Empire had so in. For example when Aurangzeb died, Shahjahan was four years old, in his life time no less than 10 rulers ascended the throne. Clearly, indicating the incompetency of the moghals. Muslims were split among themselves. Consequently muslims were suffering at the hands of Sikh, Jats and Marathas.

Prevailing Religious Conditions

Muslims were divided into Sects. Basic Islamic injunctions were being challenged. Scepticism and Rationalism had overshadowed the tradition.

Crippling Economic Conditions

Political instability had made the kingdom vulnerable, therefore different powers contended and challenged the

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Authority of the State.
Services of Shah Waliullah
a) Educational and Religious Services.

~~He did Persian translation~~
of Holy Quran to answer
questions of Christian missionaries
In 1738, Shah Waliullah trained
students in different branches
of Islamic knowledge. He
recommended the application
of Ijtihad against blind taqlid
in his famous work Asyad-ul-
Taqlid - fi Ahkamil Ijtihad wa-
al-Taqlid. He played an important
role in removing misunderstanding
between Shia and Sunnis.

b) Political Services.

In the middle of 18th century
Marathas has become a great
political power. They were
threatening to occupy the
Crown of Delhi. At this
critical situation Shah Waliullah

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in order to check their advance prepared Najid-ullah and Shuja-ud-Daulah for Jihad. Moreover he wrote a letter to Ahmed Shah Abdali, King of Afghanistan requesting him to save the muslims from misshas.

c) Economic Service

Shah Waliullah directed his teachings towards reorienting the Muslim Society with the concepts of basic social justice, removing social inequalities and balancing the unjust distribution of wealth. In his book "Hujjat-ullah-il-Baligh" he propounded the causes of chaos and disintegration of Muslim Society. These were

- * Pressure on public treasury,
- The emoluments given to various people who render no service to the State.

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Heavy taxation on peasants, merchants and workers, with the result that tax evasion was rampant. According to him a state can prosper only if there were light and reasonable taxes.

Effects of Shah Waliullah Services.

Shah Waliullah rendered great services, which covered political, social, religious and economic aspects. He tried to remove the differences of Muslims from within, while he intelligently addressed the looming threats through his lectures and publications. He was responsible for the awakening in the community the desire to win back its moral fervor and maintain its purity.

End your answer with conclusion

A 20 marks answer should have around 15 subheadings