

Sample Passage:

There are, I suppose, two ways of celebrating a great man's centenary. Either we can take him off his pedestal for the moment, admire his great qualities and say how much he did to enrich the human race; then, having dutifully done this, we put him back again, if possible a little higher up and further out of reach than before and conveniently forget about him; or we may bring him right down from his pedestal, examine his life more carefully than before, in the light of a rather longer perspective, and keep him well down among us to inspire us in facing the world's problems.

In the case of Jinnah especially, the only valid way to celebrate his centenary is the second. Already he is in danger of being regarded too much as a mere figure on a statue, far off above our heads. Our job during this centenary year is to bring him down to earth again, as a living man among men, which is the only thing he ever wanted to be. I am tempted to say: Let us strip him of his leadership and look at him, if we can, as plain Mr. Muhammad Ali Jinnah if you like.

Having said this, let me hasten to add that as perspective lengthens, I find that Jinnah's greatness grows upon me; it does not diminish. Of course he had his human failings, his errors of judgment and all the rest, like any other man. But these need not concern us especially today. What we want to see, as far as we are able, is the long term value of his way of life and of the principles he tried to live by. And if we are honest in looking at him, we must be prepared for some shocks. He was always, and must always be, a disturbing man, who tries to shake us out of our complacency.

Perhaps the main thing to learn from Jinnah's early independence campaigns is that even people who seem to suffer from a slave mentality can learn to stand up to overwhelming power. Years before I ever visited Pakistan or met Jinnah a Pakistani student whom I think that Jinnah has done for us is to show us how to stand up on our own feet. He has put backbone into us. I think Jinnah wanted all men to believe that, if they have faith in some great cause, they are not strong enough. 'You are as strong as you think you are' he would say, "you are as strong as I am".

This faith in the ordinary man meant also that he was determined that the Pakistan of his dreams-let us rather say, the world of his dreams-should be a world that offered the possibility of a good life to all; not just to the majority, but to all. Pakistan has a word "Unity" which signifies the welfare of all. Those who still try to be loyal to Jinnah in their public work carry this word on their banner. **(507 words)**

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The author has presented two ways of celebrating anniversary of great men. First one is to appreciate their efforts and then forget them. Second is to study his life and to apply their perspectives in ongoing issues. In case of Jinnah, the second method seems more reliable. As, he is in danger of merely a statue in the minds of future generations. Therefore, it is important to analyse his life and leadership skills. Humans are inevitable to errors and so was Jinnah however, his skills were remarkable. People under his leadership learnt to stand against oppression. The author says that before meeting Jinnah, he thought that Jinnah had helped people in taking stand for themselves. However, Jinnah also inculcated faith in people that strength is linked with one's thoughts. Jinnah used to say that everyone is as strong as he is. Jinnah also believed in unity which was not restricted to majority but to everyone who wanted to be part of it. The author says that people who are following footsteps of Jinnah also bear standards of solidarity.

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