

Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi is  
the Spiritual Guardian of  
the Muslims of the  
Subcontinent.

- Allama Muhammad Taqbal

Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi's time  
period overlaps with the era  
of Akbar and Jahangir rule.  
He was the most prominent  
Muslim reformer of the Subcontinent.  
In the era of Akbar, when  
Akbar's Din-e-Ilahi was introduced,  
Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi was  
first to oppose and question  
the Din-e-Ilahi. Din-e-Ilahi had  
a trickle-down effect on the  
populace of India. Due to this,  
many nobilities influenced by  
the king, started converting to  
Akbar's Din-e-<sup>Ilahi</sup>Ilahi. Other factors  
which were included in the  
falling or absorption of Islam  
are, the concept of Wahdat-ul-  
Wajud, which means that Creator  
(God) and His Creation are

both the same. However, Islam is polar opposite to this. As, it says in Ayat-ul-kursi, "No imagination can comprehend Him, but His imaginations comprehend all things" and also in Surah Ikhlas "There is none like unto Him".

Gambling and interest became open and prevalent. As Akbar's wives were Hindus, influenced by them, there were mandirs being built in the palaces of Akbar. From the perspective of Muslims, it was a weakening point or its start of downfall.

At these times, Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi emerged and held a prominent role in the revival and uplift of the Muslims. To counter the Akbar's Din-e-Ilahi, he gave the concept of wahdat ul Shahood, which means 'shahadat' that there is one God and creator and creation are two separate entities. After this, he start

writing letters to the nobilities who were leaving Islam. Through these letters those were encouraged to return to Islam again, because Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi in those letters reminded them of their ancestors and urge them to not forget their roots. Among them the most prominent letter was to Jahangir, who was king at that time, and after the letter when Jahangir decided to become a student of him, then Sirhindi's impact started to influence future Mughal generations. Another important service of him was the organization of 'naqshbandia' order, which helped Sirhindi to spread Islam throughout the region. Sirhindi showed the true picture of Islam. He showed that Islam is not a backward religion, but open and progressive one and Islam is a peace @ Preacher. Due to combine Society with

Hindus and Sikhs, Islam started getting absorbed, but Sirhindli worked and stopped the absorption of Islam.

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindli's work and its impact on Two Nation theory and later on Pakistan movement is very prominent. If he hadn't stopped absorption of Islam or hadn't revived Islam then it would not be possible to unite Muslims and if Islam had gotten weak then Muslim League would have gotten weak and Pakistan movement would have gotten weak and subsequently, we would not be sitting in Pakistan today.