

# Essay: Progress is Impossible Without change

## Outline

### A- Introduction:

Thesis statement: In a constantly evolving diverse universe, change is required at individual as well as collective level for progress. The emergence of Islam, change in perspective of mankind about their freedom, political advancement in subcontinent and constant changes in Pakistan are the evidence that progress is always followed by some change.

### B- Progress is Impossible without change.

(1) A cursory overview of change in human civilization through teachings of Islam.

(a) The Era of ignorance in Arabia marked by decline of human civilization.

(b) Evolution in the divine teachings and a paradigm shift in society.

(c) Dawn of Islam marked with remarkable progress of human civilization.

(2) - The emergence and development of fair and just world followed by change in human perspective about their freedom.

(a) A philosophical overview of factors responsible for societal change and progress - a case study of Thomas Hobbes and Niccolo Machiavelli.

(b) Progress in the society is always marked by equality among its members - a philosophical view of Karl Marx.

(3) - Autonomous change in subcontinent followed by a period of progress and decline.

(9) - Emergence of Islam in subcontinent - a way forward to establishment of an Empire with impressive ruling era.

(b) - Change in ruling class of subcontinent proved a progressive path for the establishment of two sovereign states, India and Pakistan.

(4) - Change in the mentality of rulers and the one being ruled in Pakistan is required for progress.

(a) - ~~change in the authority~~ has paved path for Pakistan's national development — a ~~paradigm~~ shift from dictatorship to democracy.

(b) - change in public opinion is contributing positively to national development and progress.

C: ~~Critical~~ Analysis

D: ~~Conclusion~~

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**Essay :**

According to the famous theory of evolution by Charles Darwin the nature and diverse and constantly evolving. Those who change or evolve with nature, survive quite comfortably in it. This

evolution is based on survival for  
the best. It is evident through  
the research and findings that  
in this billion years old universe,  
the species that evolve themselves  
with nature are still surviving.

Unfortunately, the one who failed  
to do so are known only  
in the remnants of fossil fuel.

Similarly, the constantly changing  
ideas are still acknowledged  
whereas, the old-fashioned opinions  
are no longer considered valuable  
and trustworthy. Human beings,  
once used to live in caves have  
made progress through change  
in their mentality. Today, man  
is leading the whole world through  
his change in cognition and behavior.  
The notion of achieving autonomy  
on others through sword is

replaced with beating the opponent  
with wisdom of words. The nations  
that are in constant change with  
every passing day are achieving  
tremendous progress at every ground.  
Therefore, in a constantly evolving  
universe only those who change  
themselves according to the  
need of the hour can survive  
and make progress. Change in  
divine teachings, human's perspective  
of his freedom, autonomous change  
in subcontinent and in the mentality  
of inhabitants of sovereign state of  
Pakistan is evident that progress  
is impossible without change.

Progress is the upgradation  
in the existing state of a thing,  
person or object. The ideology of  
Progress is based on change in  
approach and way of execution.

It is necessary to change at individual level to bring a collective and vast level change in society. A nation or a society cannot achieve its goals with the change in the habits of its sovereigns. It is because little drops of good water make a mighty ocean.

Allan Almighty created this vast universe for the sake of his worship by mankind. Allah says in Quran, "I have not created men and jin except to worship me." However, the inhabitants of Arabia were deviant from the teachings of Quran. The commandments of divine prophets were not followed by their nations. People were arrogant and morally corrupt. There was deprivation of human

nations do not follow the path outlined by Prophets for the whole nation

rights everywhere. Discrimination was evident in every sphere of life. At that time accumulation of wealth, unjust practice of power was viewed as progress. People were deprived from freedom of life, speech, property, dignity and education. Hence, might was right. At that time of cruelty progress was viewed as strengthening oneself by establishing fear among people, establishing monarchy, accumulating resources for oneself and depriving others. This era of ignorance was soon met by a drastic change that put an end to sufferings of innocents and gave birth to the divine religion of Islam. Therefore, without the change in religious integration of mankind, human



civilization would not have evolved and made any progress. In different eras of human civilization, Allah Almighty sent his divine prophets to preach his oneness to mankind. The teachings of Islam are based on the principle of enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong. The commandments of Allah Almighty evolved with the passage of time and therefore four divine books were revealed. The teachings of divine books were although based on the oneness of Allah but significantly different from each other in several aspects. Through the evolution of divine commandments, the Holy Quran was called as complete source of guidance for all.

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monkkind. The commandments were fully described only in the last divine book of Islam, the Quran. Allah has said; "In this book there is guidance for all." Allah has said because the previous divine books were specified to a distinctive regional area, group or time. Their commandments were changed by the people according to their own will and desire.

Therefore, Allah almighty revealed Quran upon his last messenger Prophet Mohammad (saw). The commandments of Quran are final and cannot be altered. These teachings are for all mankind around the world till the end of the universe. It contains guidance for related all aspects of life that helped in establishment of a

Islamic state of Medina, conquest of Makkah and ensured human rights. Hence, the evolution in divine teachings bring glory to human civilization.

The <sup>the emergence of Islam</sup> establishment of Islam was a significant ~~A~~ change in human civilization. Islam changed the perspective of life and way of life in a tremendous way.

Islam <sup>revolutionized the society</sup> changed the society by putting an end to discrimination, promoting rule of law, dignity of mankind, equal opportunity to access resources for all, right of education to men and women, right to property and availability of justice. Islam <sup>the religion Islam has introduced multiple</sup> changed the financial system and introduced system of Zakat that resulted in

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Economic prosperity. Prophet Umar (RA) had to search for the recipients of zakat in his era as there was great economic prosperity in muslim state during his rule. Beside financial enrichment justice was also prevalent in islamic society. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said that the previous nations destroyed as justice was denied to the innocent and misuse of power was done by those in authority. Therefore, it was due to the change in the fundamental principals of governance that led to the progress of Islamic state.

Historically,

Historically, man was considered slave of his desires. The desire to rule others and

showcase one's power upon others bring chaos and destruction in the society. Thomas Hobbes, a great philosopher, marked in his famous writing Leviathan, that man is a monster and should be ruled by a leviathan in order to curb the evil desires of man. Similarly, Niccolò Machiavelli wrote in his famous book "The Prince" that the prince of the state should be feared by the people instead of being loved. He guaranteed the cruel use of power by the Prince to ensure peace in society. However, these principles were criticized theoretically as well as practically by people across the globe.

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and therefore the concept of monarchy is replaced by democracy. It is made possible only due change in the perspective of mankind about his freedom. As it has been said where there is a will - there is a way. People have paved the path to freedom by their strong personal will. Hence only change can ensure progress.

In early times, the emergence of capitalism led to social inequality. The discrimination of society in two distinctive classes, the upper class and the lower class led to uneven progress of human civilization. The bourgeoisie class was enjoying undue privileges and the proletariat

were left deprived. Karl Marx heavily criticized this discrimination. He proposed the **conflict theory** that led to change in the society. The lower or the working class become aware of its rights and they started to fight for their rights. ~~This put an end to capitalism and led to development of socialism~~ where equal opportunities are available to both classes. Today, there is least acknowledgment for capitalism, equality of whole mankind is considered valuable. Discrimination on the basis of race or religion or financial status is no longer tolerated. Therefore, the change in

-the perspective about human dignity has paved path for global progress.

Beside the progress in at global level due to change in human cognition, regional change in subcontinent is also addressable. In 712 AD,

Islam started to emerge in subcontinent due to the conquest of <sup>Sindh</sup> Muhammad bin Qasim. Equality among all religious groups was ensured. The establishment of ~~Mughal Empire~~ was marked by a period of glory and progress in subcontinent. Great

change was made in the region by ensuring principles of Islam's. Progress was made in every sector was ~~ifed~~ However, due to shift of use of



power for personal gain instead of better good for all resulted in decline of Mughal Empire and emergence of East Indian company. This resulted in decline of muslim rule and progress of Hindu raj. It was because the Hindu changed the interest from personal gain to collective progress. Muslims remained divided and lost their worth. Therefore, the change in approach of non-Muslims led to their progress in subcontinent and downfall of muslims.

Although the muslims underwent a turbulent period of British and Hindu Raj, this resulted in great upgradation of muslim

ideology. Muslims realised that life is not a bed of roses. They realised their should reform themselves politically, religiously and socially in order to gain freedom from British and Hindu. There was motivation and spark to fight against the oppressors that led to change in the territorial infrastructure of subcontinent. From being slaves the muslim <sup>independent</sup> changed their status to individuals of sovereign state of Pakistan. The change in the mentality that muslims were like a body and ummah resulted in emergence of two separate sovereign states on the world map, Pakistan and India. Hence,

Muslims progressed from slave to masters by change in their ideology and unity.

Pakistan was created to exercise freedom and principles of Islam without any fear.

The purpose of creation of Pakistan was to promote Islam.

However, soon after its independence, Pakistan became

a landmark of dictatorship.

Individual freedom was suppressed by those in power and

national integrity was brutally harmed.

The motto of founder of Pakistan was to ensure unity, faith and discipline in all sectors of life.

However, after the death of Jinnah,

the leaders of Pakistan did

not pay heed to this advice.

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The lustre to achieve power proved lethal for the development of the Pakistan. However, with change in public vision and country legislation, there is no place for dictatorship in the country any more. Pakistan has changed its governing principle from dictatorship to democracy. Although democracy is not yet established in Pakistan, yet it has resulted in impressive progress in the state through sovereignty to provinces, foreign investment, better policy making, accountability and availability of resources to inhabitants of Pakistan.

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With the passage time, there is a drastic change in the public opinion about

- the state representatives during early eras after independence, people were concerned with availability of basic necessities of life including better food to eat, proper cloth to wear and a shelter to protect their family. The country made little progress at that time as the motivation to achieve better repute in the society was missing among people. Now, people have changed their priorities. Now an individual wants the best food, home and resources for his survival. People want better job with great privileges, higher status and better opportunities of health, education and finance. This change

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has impacted the political structure of Pakistan. People are now well aware about their choice of leader and this has led to competition in the society. Now everyone is fighting to achieve the best. This is paving path for political change. This was ultimately led to progress of Pakistan.

It is the rule of the nature that change is necessary in order to survive. In past it is evident that the ideas that did not evolve with time vanished. Change is necessary to make progress. In our society, there is a dire need to change political ideal in order to make progressive Pakistan.

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In a constantly evolving diverse universe, change is required at individual as well as collective level for progress. During early times of human civilization the emergence of Islam promoted human dignity and ensured protection of human rights. With evolution of man from caves to higher civilization there was evolution in men's perspective of personal freedom that has led to emergence of a fair and just world with equality of all classes. The political advancement in subcontinent led to the emergence of great Mughal empire followed by a period of glory. The paradigm shift of muslim ideology

to master their rights in a  
sovereign state led to the  
emergence of Pakistan. In a  
sovereign state of Pakistan  
the change in the governance  
from ~~no~~ dictatorship to  
democracy has paved path  
for the progress of entire  
nation. Beside this the change  
in public opinion about their  
perspective of life and leaders  
has also given birth to  
struggle for better opportunity.  
Hence change is always  
necessary for progress.

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