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Title: Nationalism: A Bane or a Blessing

Postcolonial writer Homi K. Bhabha posits that nationalism is a complex interplay of imagined, mythical and material constructs, meaning that often the true origin of nationalism is masked with rigid and exclusionary notions. This idea contrasts with the ideas of ancient philosophers who saw humanism to bridge differences between cultures. Overall, nationalism has the ability to blend both patriotism and universal humanism as has been pointed out by Al. Ghazali and Bhabha. A look at the past century points that nationalism has been both: a bane and a blessing. It has led nations to embrace pluralism while also leading some to develop dominating tendencies resulting in bloodshed. This bloodshed has led thinkers like Iqbal to blunt out frustration against such imperialistic designs wrapped in the guise of democracy.

perhaps democracy is a promoter
of nationalism but only if
it promotes economic equality.
It can turn into a bane if
poor nations are left to
suffer in the realm of obsessive
nationalism by imperialists.

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