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Introduction: Mujadid al Sani was the man who bring reform during Akbars reign. He received Islamic education in home and then in Sialkot. After which he preached the teachings of Islam. He had declared Gambling and liquor as haram previously it was halal during the reign of Akbar. He then wrote letters to Jahangir due to which he received title of khilat-e-fakhira. He gave the concept of wahdat-ul-shahood. He wrote different letters to his friends called Maktubat into which he elaborated teachings of Islam. He opposed bidaat and Shirk completely and asked muslims to do the same. Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has sensed the differences among Muslims and Hindus. Therefore, he was considered as the Great reformer in the Subcontinent.

→ Early life of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi before reformist movement:

- Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi was born on 1564 and died in 1624 in India.
- He has given a reformist movement to spread Islam in the sub-continent.
- He joined Sheikh bagi billah under the order of Naqsh Bandi.
- He received his early Islamic education at home and later moved to Sialkot to get higher education.

|| Sheikh Ahmed was such a light that will illuminate the whole world.

~ Khwaja bagi billah.

→ Situation of Subcontinent at the time of Mujadid-alf Sani:

- Mujadid alf Sani had seen the sub-

continent muslims turning apart from Islamic way. Because, at that time AKbar's Deen-e-Ilahi had badly destroyed Islamic teachings. In order to restore Islamic teachings mujaddid alif sarf has put his step forward to spread Islamic teachings.

1) Atrocities caused by AKbar's Deen-e-Ilahi in the subcontinent especially to Muslims:

- Akbar's Deen-e-Ilahi was spreading false teachings of the Islam in the subcontinent.
- Liquor and Gambling was considered as Halal by ulema's. Though, in Islam it is Haram.
- Marriages of Muslims with Hindus, and Hindus with Muslims was became common practice in the sub-continent.

Mujadid alif Sarri called that age as the age of Islamic poverty.

→ Mujadid alif Sarri

Deen-e- Illahi

AKbar

Ulemas

Spreaded false teachings of Islam

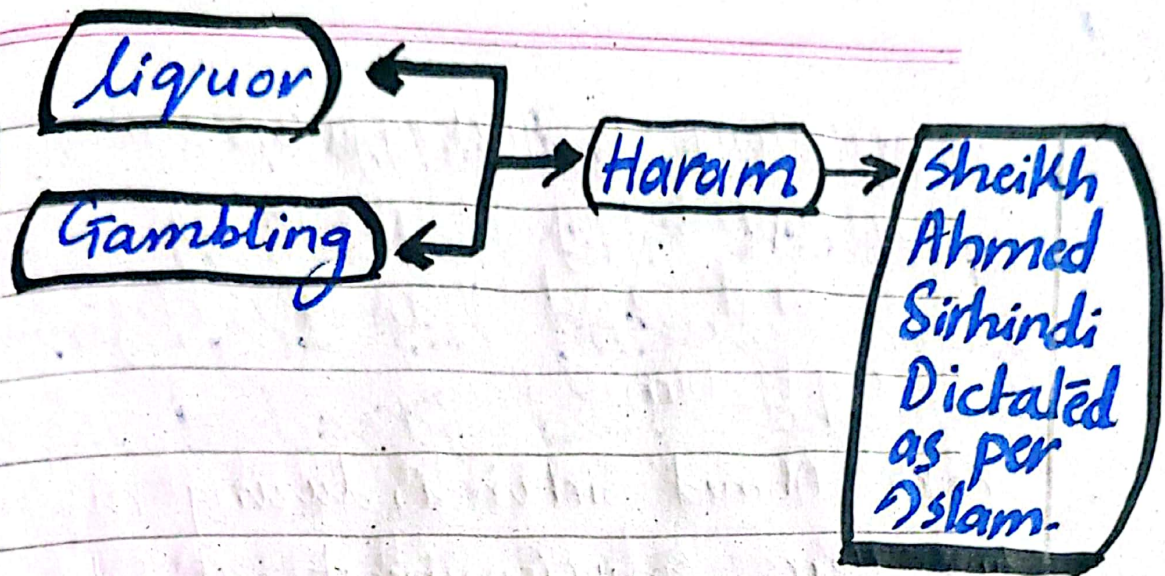
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⇒ Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi's reforms for the Muslims of the sub-continent:

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi had done very much for the Muslims of the subcontinent. In order to save Islam and to spread Islam. Few of the reforms of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi's are:

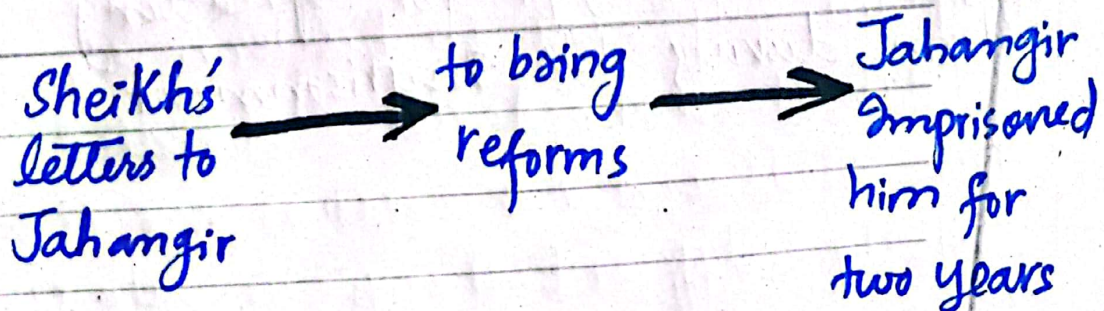
1) **Liquor and Gambling was dictated as Haram by Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi:**

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi had taught Muslims about Islamic way. He gave a reference of Islam to Muslims and educated them that Gambling and liquor are Haram in Islam. Therefore, ask Allah for forgiveness and do not do this again in their lives.



2) Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has wrote letters to Jahangir to bring reforms:

Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has wrote letters to Jahangir to bring reforms during his reign. However, Jahangir had not accepted this offer of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi and had prisoned him for two years.



3) Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has spread the teachings of Islam during his imprisonment: thousands had preached Islam.

- Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi, during his two years imprisonment at Jahangir's prison had spread the teachings of Islam.

- Owing to his efforts and teachings thousand of the prisoners had embraced Islam.

- When Jahangir got this news, he has awarded Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi with "Khilat-e-Fakhra" and also gave him thousand rupees as his gift for spreading Islam during his imprisonment.

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4) The concept of wahdat-ul-Shahood given by Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi:

- Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has given this concept of wahdat-ul-Shahood to counter the term wahdat-ul-wajood that was previously given by Mohayyudin Ibn-e-Arabi.

According to Mohayyudin Ibn-e-Arabia: being of all things is God and there is nothing except him.

~ Mohayyudin-Ibn-e-Arabia

Mujadid Alf Sani had countered the term of wahdat-ul-wajood and he has given wahdat-ul-shahood.

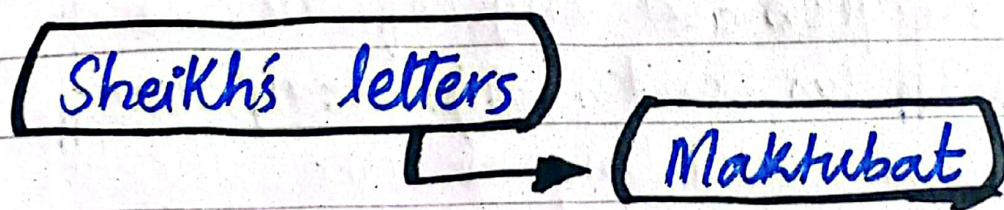
According to him, God and his creation are entirely different.

~ Mujadid Alf Sani

Mujadid alf Sani in his term of wahdat-ul-shahood has elaborated that God and his creation are two entirely different things. It's subjective, one can think only but not objective.

5) Sheikh's letters to his different friends called Maktubat:

- Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has wrote letters to his different friends called Maktubat. In these letters, Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has distinguished the concept of wajood and Shahood.
- He also elaborated the Sharia and Sunnah in the letters.



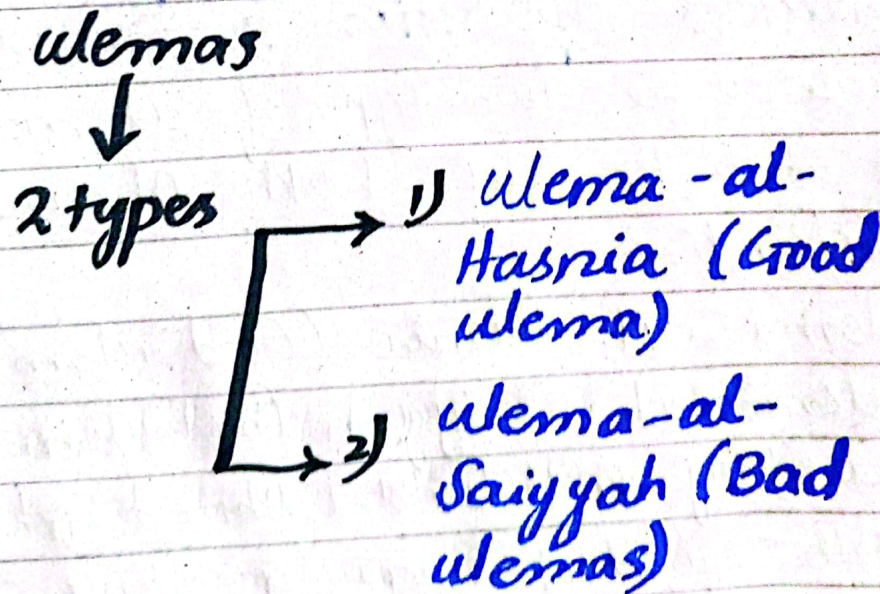
6) Sheikh's opposition to Bidaat:

- There were two types of Ulemas at the time of Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi.
- 1) Ulema - al- Hasnia (Good Ulemas)
 - 2) Ulema - al - Saiyyah (bad Ulemas).
- According to Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi both Ulemas were spreading fast

knowledge of Islam. Therefore, he called them that there is no peace i found in them.

There is no peace, which I found in both of the Ulemas that is neither in Good Ulema nor in Bad Ulema.

~ Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi



7) Concept of Government given by Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi,

According to Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi, King is the one who has responsibility to conduct good and forbid bad.

According to him, King is the one who is free from all the Adulterations.

~Mujadid alif Sani

8) Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has restricted muslims of united hood with Hindus:

If the muslims, want to live as a Nationhood then they must quiet Shirk and Bidaat and stay away from Hindus.

~Mujadid alif Sani

9) Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has sensed the differences among Hindus and Muslims so he gave Two Nations Theory:

Mujadid Alf Sani was the man who has sensed the differences among Hindus and Muslims. Therefore, he told to Muslims not to participate in any of the activities of Hindus and stay away from them. According to him Hindus and Muslims are two different Nations.

10) Philosophical work of Mujadid Alf Sani for the way of Islam:

Mujadid Alf Sani had wrote different books to spread Islam and to preach Muslims the way of Islam.

Some of his masterpiece works were:

- ① Istabat-ul- Nabuwat
- ① Risala-e- Nabuwat
- ① Tauheed-al- shahood
- ① Islamic philosophy
- ① Need and Importance of prophethood.

→ **Conclusion:** Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi was a great reformer of the subcontinent. he had abolished Gambling and liquor that is haram in Islam. he preached thousands of prisoners the way of Islam in Jahangir's ^{prison} after which they embraced Islam. Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi has given the concept of wahdat-ul- shahood. he celebrated the differences among Hindus and Muslims. he gave two Nation theory. he also gave the books that was working as a guideline for entire Hummunity.