

Precis

Life and Work of Nizar Hassan

Nizar Hassan was born and brought up in Mashad. After graduation, he turned to cinema. In his work "Independence", he has criticized the Israeli concept of independence. He informed the author about his latest film "My Grandfather's Path" through an email. The author states that one should choose one's enemy wisely, for at the end one becomes like them. Those who are angry at the actions of Israel can turn like them in the future. One should save oneself from such trap. Palestinian literature saved author from such trap. Nizar Hassan's new documentary is one of these masterpieces and takes into account Palestinians perspective. Al Jazeera Arabic has produced it in three parts but the author

recommends to watch it completely at once.

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Required words: 100

Words in Precis: 124

Comprehension

Q1: Why does the doctrine of power set by neo-imperial America deny space to counselling?

Ans: The doctrine of power set by neo-imperial America denies space to counselling because the declaration of war against Iraq resulted in division among countries in the United Nations. Instead of engaging in debate, the American government declared war and expressed its resentment.

Q2: What is the essence of 'moral equivalence' whereas war has no moral justification?

Ans: The essence of 'moral equivalence' is that America considers its security superior to other nations. It does not care about others' judgement. War cannot be justified but America claims a special moral position to legitimize its actions.

Q3: Why do the countries occupied and under the tutelage of hyperpower have no peace?

Ans: The countries occupied and under the tutelage of hyperpower have no peace because of the civilian casualties and the chaos it brought. Moreover, in the case of Afghanistan under America rule, the country witnessed numerous difficulties including reconstruction and inability to bring relief aid to the rural areas.

Q4: Arguably ~~the~~ Europe and hyperpower US are at cross purposes over the concept of war. Are they? Why?

The argument that Europe and hyperpower US are at cross purposes over the concept of war is true in two cases. Firstly, European countries prefer counselling while America starts war when its security is threatened. Moreover, Europe takes into account moral equivalence while America does not.

Q5: What Tony Blair's meant by 'wise counsel', and did it prevail?

Ans: By 'wise counsel' Tony Blair meant taking into account the concerns of other countries while waging a war. It did not prevail because the American government declared war rather than to engage in debate.

Translation

Against the welcoming and subservient attitude before the pro-imperialist British government, that was nurtured by British rulers and adopted by Indians, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and his esteemed and intelligent son tried to adopt an attitude that was equal in footing to the Britishers. Not only Muslims, but also the whole Indian nation was aware of the 1867 Agra Darbar's incident. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan distanced himself from this darbar because Indians were given lower ranks as compared to Britishers there. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was going to receive an award in this darbar. Later on, the Commissioner of Meerat, Williams, was assigned with the duty of giving an award to Sir Syed

Ahmad Khan at Aligarh Railway
Station.