

Question 03

- * Give an account of the life and services of Shah Waliullah. How did he save the Indian Muslims from political annihilation and religious degeneration?

1. Introduction:

In 18th century, the Mughal Empire crumbled, resulting in Muslims in Indian Sub-continent faced the political chaos, Moral decline and Religious disunity. Thereafter, Shah Waliullah emerged as a transformative leader. He called the Muslims for a return to fundamental Islamic tenets as anchored in Quran, Sunnah and Shari'ah to re-affirm the Muslims' distinct identity.

"The Eminent Scholar of the time."

(~ Sadig, Hassan Khan)

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Overview Of Circumstances Of That Time :

"Political Conditions"

- * Death of Aurangzeb
- * Decline of Mughal Empire
- * Rise of British Influence

Circumstances of That Time

"Religious Conditions"

- * Muslims were divided into Sects - Sunni and Shia
- * Religious Ignorance
- * Deviations from Shariah.

"Socio-Economic Conditions"

- * Sparked power struggles
- * Oppressive taxation
- * Resources & Economy Deprivations.

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Shah Waliullah's Services In Saving Indian Muslims :

3.1) Educational & Religious Services :

Shah Waliullah translated Quran into Persian to answer the Christian Missionaries. He also wrote about more than 50 books.

(Fath-ar-Rahman)

3.2) Resolved Sunni-Shia Disputes

He resolved the Ulema's Sectarianism and united Shia-Sunni, fostering communal bond.

(Izalat-al-Khifa)

3.3) Political Pragmatism :

In 1761, Shah Abdali (King of Afghanistan) defeated the Marathas at the Battle of Panipat, at the behest of Shah.

Wali-ullah.

(Izalat-al-Khifa)

3.4) Call For Jihad:

Shah Waliullah's notion later inspired the later Jihad movements. For instance, Syed Ahmed Barelvi.

(Al-Budur-Al-Bazigha)

3.5) Bridging Tradition and Modernization:

He emphasized to built balance between Tradition and Contemporary challenges.

(Hujjat-ullah-al-Baligha)

3.6) Promoted The Islamic Law:

Shah Waliullah Call Muslims to strictly adhere with Shariah to uphold Justice & Social order.

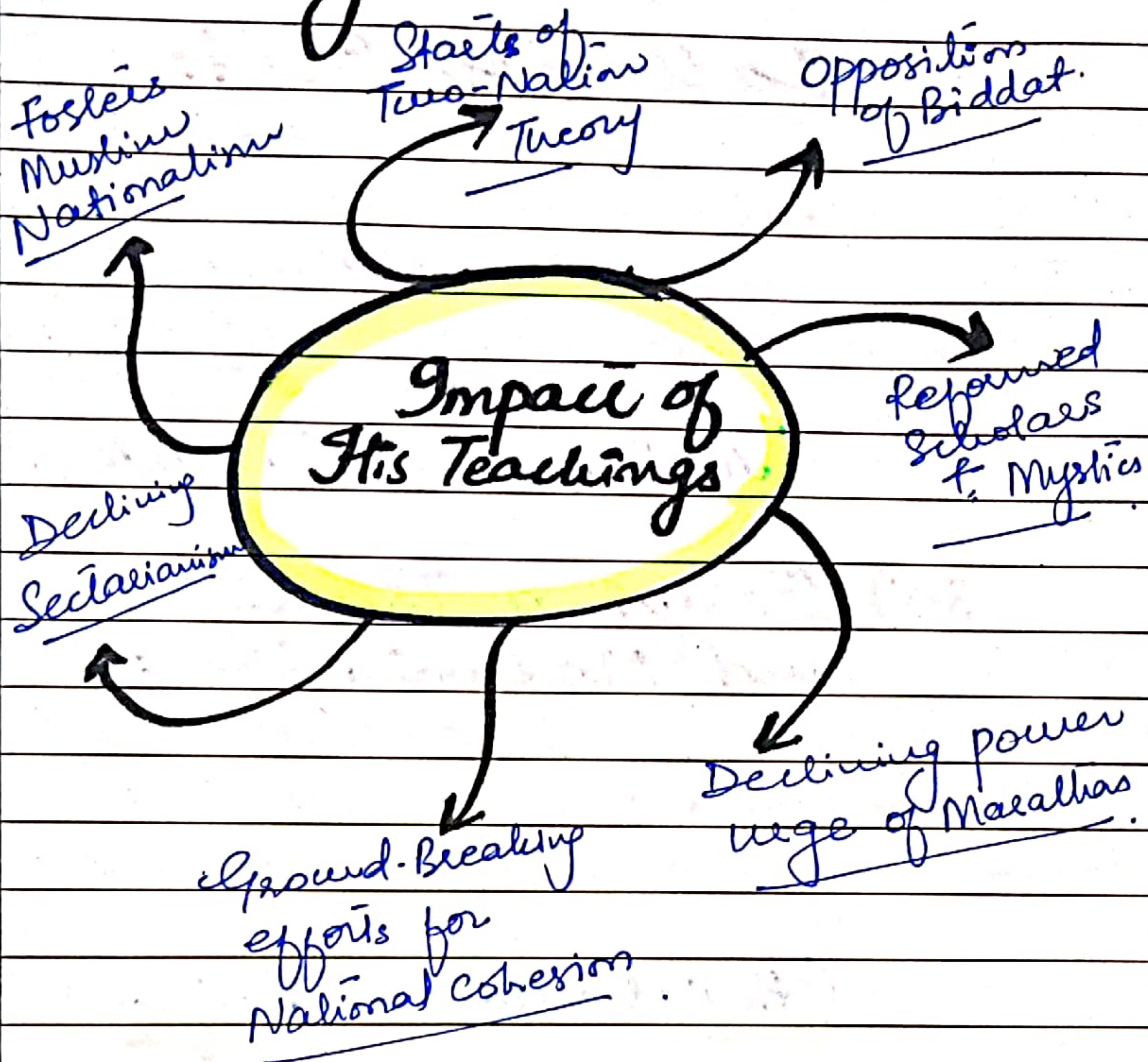
(Izzalat-al-Khifa)

3.7) Moral & Spiritual Services:

He fosters in Muslims to deepen their relation with Allah & earn his Mercy.

(Al-Tafhim-al-Ulahiyyah)

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Analysis:

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Conclusion:

In a Nutshell, the above discussion shows that Shah Waliullah's ~~with~~ steadfast and nuanced response to challenges of that time, preserved & solidified the Muslims' identity.

"The teacher and the guide in all Sciences and matters, Shah Wali-ullah -al-Dehlawi."

(Shah Abdul Aziz, His Son)