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Question

Give an account of the life and Services of Shah Waliullah. How did he the muslims of India from political annihilation and religious degeneration.?

Shah Waliullah: Introduction:

- Born on 1703, Feb in a respectable family of Delhi (Scholars)
- ^{His} Complete name was Qutbodin Ahmad.
- He was called Shah Waliullah because of his ~~p~~ nature (Piety)
- His father Abdul Raheem was well known for his knowledge and greater understanding of Islam. He was also the founder of "Madrasa-e-Raheemia."
- His father teach Shah Waliullah Quran and Hadith. And his Scholarly grooming was initiated from his home
- When he was 17-18 years, his father felt ill and Shah Waliullah took the charge of his madrisa.
- He then established various branches

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in different cities and then invited Shia scholars too for giving teaching of their mistakes. Although his father only gave Hanafi teachings.
He died at the age of 59 in 1762

Services of Shah Waliullah.

Bridged the gap b/w Ulema and Sufi's

(Link b/w religious Scholars and Sufi's)

1: Shah Waliullah tried to reconcile the the controversy between Ulema and Sufi's about wahdat-ul-wujud and Shahud.

2: He analyzed the evil and wrong concept of Sufism and suggested Ulema to guide them in matters where guidance

3: (needed).

Also gave this message that Spirituality is a part of religion of taken in its true form.

4: By giving (Islamic Interpretation to the Sufi - doctrine), he bridged the gap b/w Ulema and Sufism.

He also harmonized differences among various sects of Islam

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as well.

Attempt by giving
subheadings: not points

Religious Services:

1: He translated the Holy Quran in Persian so that the people of the land can understand and live life according to Islam.

2: He advised the importance of Ijtihad rather than blindly following preaching. (It was practiced during the life time of the Prophet).

3: He went to Makkah and Madina in 1730. There he ^{saw} ~~was~~ Prophet in his dream who ordered advised him to go back to Subcontinent and continue his reform.

At this time, ^{not} only Mughal Empire was declining but Hindus and Sikh were coming into power.

4: He then returned back in 1732 and tried to re-establish ~~the~~ muslim economy and politics by his reform.

Economic Services

Background: **1:** Akber ended Jizya (collected from non-muslim for their

2: Mughal Emperor Spent luxurious life, un-necessarily.

3: Mughal emperor started among people (mostly hindu and Sikh) distribution of wealth.

4: Muslims became working class and has less land than Hindu and Sikh ^{had} no taxation but on muslims more taxation.

5: Shah Waliullah Suggested that to end this land owning culture, the right of production ~~is~~ vested with the one who initially got the land and not the one who owns it.

6: Distribution of resources should be on the basis of level of productivity of members and not favouritism (Like Emperor used to give it to Sikh and non-muslim) ^{ending} favouritism.

7: Good wages ^{should be} given to labour laborers.
 "right of laborers"

8: Emperors should be given not indulge in too luxurious lives "message of

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Treat all with equality so that people
will support the ruler and ending revolt.

“Message of Equality”

Low taxes: Since Muslims did not have
good wages, taxation should not be
imposed beyond their capacity.

Political Services

1:

Political Letters:

He wrote letters to Mughal Emperors
to wake them up from ignorance and
boldly criticized their luxurious life style.
And advice them to come back their
real responsibilities.

2: Letter to Ahmad Shah Abdali

Shah Waliullah requested Ahmad
Shah Abdali to defend India and
defeat Marhattas. The victory of 3rd
battle of Panipat turned the
power of Marhatta and opened way
for the revival of Islam in sub-
continent.

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Shah

Discuss the 2nd part of the
answer in detail as well by giving
multiple subheadings

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Waliullah was among those personalities whose services protected the identity of the muslims. He tried to solve the social, religious political problems of the muslims.

Short answer. Add more arguments