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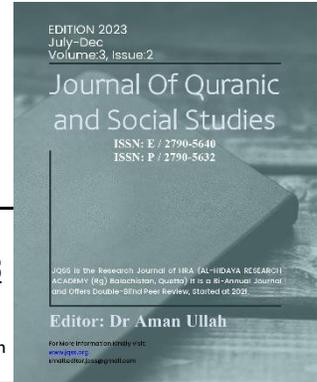
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### Abstract

The concept of leadership exists in each and every nation .The leader is the mirror of the nation ,he can make or mar his nation through his good –will and ill-will .The Allama Iqbal concept of ideal leader “Mard-e-momin “is unique and carries the pivotal importance in the domain of Muslim philosophy .Allama Iqbal,s ideal leader is called as perfect man , Mard –e-Kamil is Holy Prophet (PBHP ) .He embodies all best qualities . He is practical manifestation of ideal leader and perfect man .Allama Iqbal has developed deep love and reverence for Holy Prophet .The Holy Prophet life like a mirror . He is a perfect model for entire Muslim umma .If somebody going to analyze the life of Holy Prophet from any aspect ,he will found Him an ideal person in every walk of life . Holy Prophet was ideal as a teacher ,as a commander and as a trader . He is an ideal husband and father .He established the foundation of city-state of Madina ,which is the first welfare of entire world . The charter of Madina is the first written constitution of entire world ,which incorporates the essential elements of good governance . He is an exemplary rule and give patronage to all people of various communities . The qualitative and descriptive method will be adopted in this research work .The method of content-analysis will be adopted in data analysis part .The leadership theory will be applied on this research paper to assess the qualities of great and an ideal leader .What qualities are essential for an ideal leader ?The research work will be analyzed according to the ideal leadership model .The data collection will take place through various books , journals ,magazines , newspapers and internet websites etc.In the end ,the fact will be analysed and results will be extracted .The Allama Iqbal concept of Mard-e-momin carries pivotal importance that this leader is a beacon of light for the contemporary leaders . What message Allama Iqbal wants to convey to the modern Islamic leaders that how they can change their behavior by serving their nation and adopt the best qualities by following the model of Holy Prophet ?

**Keywords:** Mard-e-Momin, Holy Prophet, Ideal leader, Allama Iqbal, Nation

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### **Introduction:**

The concept of leadership is found in each and every nation .The concept of perfect man or Mard-e-momin and Marde-Mussalman is based on Allama Iqbal abstraction of “khudi “or the philosophical “self “.The Mard-e-momin is a caliph of God and obedient slave of God .The perfect man submerged his own will into God's will. .A superman spins morality for others, but feels himself beyond good and evil.The ideal leader of Allama Iqbal embodies all the best qualities .He is the practical manifestation of the ideal leader in the entire world .He was a symbol of courage ,bravery and patience . He adopted the lofty ideals of morality .He was vicegerent of God upon earth .

### **Objectives:**

- To critically analyse Allama Iqbal concept of Mard-e-momin and who is Allama Iqbal,s Mard-e-momin ?
- Is concept of Mard-e momin is mere visionary or it practically exists ?Or he really exists in practical life .
- To analyse the qualities of mard-e-momin (perfect man ) ?
- To prove that Mard-e-momin is an ideal leader for other contemporary leaders ,and what message he wants to give to other leaders ?

### **Research Methodology :**

The descriptive and qualitative method will be adopted in this research work .The pattern of content-analysis will be adopted in this research work.The ideal leadership theory will be applied upon this research work .

### **Data Analysis Procedure :**

#### **Data Collection:**

The data collection will takes place through books ,journals ,magazines ,newspapers and internet websites etc .

#### **Data Preparation :**

The data was prepared from various sources i.e ,books ,magazines ,internet websites and newspapers etc .The research works was divided in different segments .The data was incorporated in these segments .

#### **Data Exploration:**

The selected data was thoroughly studied and the relevant points were sorted out in order to incorporate them in research paper .The important themes and references are sorted out to augment the research work .

#### **Data Reduction:**

The data reduction stage plays a significant role in coding of the data . In this study , the Neuman,s model for data coding :

Sorting and classifying .

Open coding .

Axial Coding .  
Selection Coding .  
Interpreting and Elaborating .

### **Data Interpretation:**

In this stage the data were interpreted under themes . The different themes were elaborated according to the research requirement.

### **The Significance Of Research Work :**

The concept of ideal leader carries the pivotal importance ,because the concept is a pragmatic concept in the entire world . Every nation has its own leader . The leader is the captain of the ship which leads nation towards right direction . The Mard-e-momin of Allama Iqbal is the ambassador of Allah to convey Allah,s message towards muslim ummah . He is the custodian of shariah ,and explains the followers to follow Islamic shariah . The Allah will gratify with those who follow the sunnah of Holy Prophet . Holy Prophet is the paragon of all noble and best qualities . He is up righteous most trustworthy person . He is honest ,loyal ,confident ,far-sightedness and a great commander .

The concept of Mard-momin is very important in a sense that if there is any real leader which fulfills the criteria of perfect and true leader ,that is Holy Prophet . He is very high character in this world . The western world has written a book name “100 great people of the world “ ,and the name of Holy Prophet is on the top of the list . Holy Prophet is founder of first city-state of Madina ,which is first and true welfare state of the world . The first written constitution of this world is the charter of Medina ,which incorporates such type of stipulations which are essential for governance . It is the guarantor of rights of all citizens of the state . It has also protected rights of minorities .

The concept of Mard-e-momin of Allama Iqbal is a beacon of light for the contemporary leaders . Today,s leader is deficient in embodying all best qualities . The leaders are corrupt and indulged in malpractices . Holy Prophet is a model for all leaders to adopt those qualities which he possessed .

### **Research Questions:**

- 1-Which personality fulfills the criteria of Allama Iqbal,s concept of Mard-e-momin?
- 2-Is such type of Mard-e-momin is also presented by another philosopher ?
- 3-Which qualities were possessed by mard-e momin of Allama Iqbal ?
- 4-How the life of Holy Prophet is a model for entire Muslim Ummah ?
- 5-How Allama Iqbal concept of Mard-e momin is an ideal for contemporary leaders ,that how they follow His practices in their governance ?

### **Review Of Literature:**

The perfect man of Allama Iqbal is called as Mard –e- Momin or Mard-e- Kamil and Sheikh Kamil in Muslim philosophy .Maulana Rumi was the first Muslim thinker who portrayed a picture of a perfect man .The other philosophers also presented the theories of an ideal leader .i.e .Ibn-i- Muskwah etc .

“M. M. Sharif writes, "the idea of the Perfect Man is an old one in Muslim Philosophy. It had its roots in Plato's conception of the philosopher king and Islamic idea of a prophet, but it found its highest development in the speculations of Ibn-e-Arabi,Al-Jilili and Rumi.”(1)

“R.A. Nicholson has written about the secrets of self that perfect has highly developed ego . He has perfect ego ,and He is representative of Allah upon earth .The major mission is to serve the humanity .There is complete discord and harmony between thoughts and actions .”(2)

“The perfect man is highly developed personality and possess complete freedom .The true and real freedom belongs to him .Allama Iqbal said in Gulshan –e-Raz-e- Jadid  
The eternity is superior,  
which a borrowed soul,  
Wins for herself by love  
frenzy,  
The being of mountains  
and deserts and cities is nothing,  
The universe is mortal, the  
ego immortal and nothing else matters.”(3)

The ideal leader of Allama Iqbal was blend of love and high intellect .His spirit is sublime and touches the apogee of exaltedness . The major purpose of perfect man is to serve the humanity and he possess the extreme love for his nation.Allama Iqbal wants the prosperity of Muslim Ummah to take Holy Prophet as a role model for themselves and to tread upon the path of glory and progress . .Allama Iqbal wanted to convey the message to the youth and as well as to the contemporary leaders to transform their character in order to embellish the nation in the right direction .

Dr. Naheed Zia Khan ,dean of faculty of Arts and Social Sciences shed light on Iqbal,s philosophy of “ Khudi “.She has mentioned that Iqbal concept of Ideal leader is unique ,and it is the practical manifestation of the concept of ideal leadership .The personality of Holy Prophet is perfect and complete in each and every aspect .

### **Main Body :**

Allama Iqbal concept of Mard-momin is unique in the entire world . Allama Iqbal Mard-e momin is called as an ideal leader , Mard-e-Khuda , Sheikh –e – Kamil ,Bande-Haq , Qalandar . This Mard-e-momin is Holy Prophet ,who is practical manifestation of an ideal leader .According to poet ;

“Husan-e Yousuf ,dam Essa , Yad –e- Bezarari , Anchay Koban hamay darand ,Tu تنها dari “. (4)

“According to the poet,s interpretation Holy Prophet all the best qualities ,which the other previous embodied . He was having as an elegant beauty like Prophet Joseph ,and He performed miracles like Prophet Moses and Like Jesus Christ he alived the dead people at the ordain of Allah . Holy Prophet is a perfect personality . He was ympathetic to poor people .He led an austere life.He was highly well-mannered and did very dealings with the common public dealings.”(5)

### **The Concept Of Perfect Man Before Allama Iqbal,S Mard-E-Momin:**

The concept of Mard-e momin is very old .The western philosopher Plato has explained the concept of an ideal ruler “ philosopher king “.Philosopher king was an extraordinary visionary man of Plato embodied all best qualities of a perfect man . He was highly qualified ,honest ,just ,wise ,far-sightedness and possess all leadership qualities .The philosopher king is an ideal ruler of the ideal state .How philosopher king was produced . According to Plato ,it was the process of ideal scheme of education be condition ,which is the screening process for the selection criteria of philosopher king .” The Platonic philosopher king is also guide of the public ,and he provides the moral guidance to the public .The philosopher king is close to truth and God .He wields the power with good governance. “(6)

His concept is not chauvinistic ,but he envisaged an idea of philosopher queen ,that female can also be selected as a philosopher queen . The concept of philosopher king is mere imaginative.In real life there was no such perfect and ideal person .In the mature age ,Plato himself was nugatory of ideal person like philosopher king .There are imperfections exists in each and every person .

### **Maulana Roomi Concept Of Perfect Man :**

The perfect man of Maulana Roomi is the caliph or representative of Allah .He is the shadow of God upon earth and the lion of truth .There are various aspects of his personality.

He is well-mannered, noble character and possess high ethics. He possess special spiritual knowledge. He is symbol of patience , courage ,bravery , gentleness and justice etc .

### **Nietzschean “superman :**

The Nietzsche's superman is the major source of inspiration for Allama Iqbal .The ideal leader of “ Marde-momin “ is a male chauvinistic concept .The superman embodies lot of extraordinary qualities . He is impure from selfishness .He provides the new life to all individuals of world ,when the world is grope in to astray .Nietzscheian superman was like a rope ,which tighten the wild animal with an angel .The purpose of the superman is to promote moral ,spiritual and ideological uplift . Nietzscheian “superman” is beyond good and evil.

The principle definition of Nietzsche's superman is that one can preach and enact anything upon others and one is not bound to it for one's own self – because, one is above others, an *ubermensch*, beyond good and evil, the superman. The definition of marde-momin however entails just the opposite, principally, that one is bound by the same requirements and constraints as one inflicts upon another (which in this case is being a perfectman, a momin, a slave of Allah, and not of empire or fellow man).”(7)

“ The both concepts of Nietzsche ultimate evil man (the superman ) and Allama Iqbal ultimate good man (Mard-e-momin ) .The major source of inspiration for Nietzsche is platonian philosopher king .The superior intellect is transformed from virtuous philosopher king from Nietzsche,s superman .The superman is very extraordinary and much enlightened person among all human beings ,and provides the guide to the other people in right direction .The superman determines the standards of morality for public and tell the difference between good and evil .The superman has the right to play and treat with other people .

### **Allama Iqbal Perfect Man :**

While the concept of “ Mard-e-momin “ reflects a perfect personality which embodies each and every best quality . Mard –e –momin possess high morale .He keeps absolute control upon his Nafs ,ambitions and wishes . His soul is pure .Mard-e momin also strict follower of Shariah .Mard-e momin interprets the commands of Allah and His Shariah . He also give piece of advice to other followers to abide by Allah,s commands .Mard –e –Momin is highly devoted and dedicated to His Allah .He does not love Allah for sake of paradise bounties .He does not fear Allah from the scourge of fire of Hell .

Allama Iqbal has written in his book “ Gulshan-e – Raz” . He says that mard-e-momin is fully aware regarding temporary nature of this world .He says that hereafter is everlasting and durable .The materialistic world is subject to destroy .

The life of hereafter is factual reality .So ,the individual should give priority to the life of hereafter upon this temporary world .”(8)

Allama Iqbal had explained the various qualities of Mard-momin .The perfect man leads a very austere life like a “ Dervish “He does not leads a alone life .He is a practical man and earns pious earnings .Although his dress was very simple . He possess enormous treasure of knowledge .He was neither greedy and nor leads an ostentation or indulge in luxurious living .He leads a perfect social life .He keeps perfect manners and well- behaves the other fellow men .

Translation : “Allama Iqbal write in his book “ Bal-e Jibril “ : If somebody wants to see true leader upon this earth ,he is Holy Prophet .The entire world is imperfect and only personality of Holy Prophet is perfect .”(9)

Mard –e Momin is the symbol of love and wisdom .He is fully possessing the passion of human welfare .He considers the top most religion to serve the humanity .Allama Iqbal also conveyed the message to the contemporary leaders of the world that they also follow the Sunnah of Holy Prophet .The leader is the captain of the ship that leads entire nation towards the right direction .The leader should possess the element of “ self“ (Khudi ) . It is the self-actualization that is the path of success .This self-actualization leads Allah,s realization and access .

The passion of “ self“ leads towards at high pedestal and esteem .The “self“ is a very dynamic passion .It gives an impetus to the human life .It will enable the individuals to tread upon the path of progress .The human soul is self . Allah gives the person the passion of self“ khudi“ .The man is appointed as a caliph O abide by the commandment of Allah .

The Mard-e momin of Allama Iqbal is true soldier , falcon and a person full of spirit and hope . According to poet Allama Iqbal :

Muhabat mujahay un jawano se han ,  
I love those young people ,  
Sitaron pay jo Daltay han kamand ,  
Who explore the world of universe .”(10)

Every nation has a leader . The entire nation is united unanimously under the umbrella of leader .The nation can only achieve the lofty ideals who have the charismatic leader .In Mard-e –momin concept ,there is a concept of ideal leader .

According to poet :Urdu

“Narm dam Ghufatagoo , Gharam dam Justajo ,  
Razam ho ya bazm ho pak ,dil o Pakbaz .”(11)

The Muslim leader should have the knowledge of Quran and hadith .The Holy book of Quran is a source of guidance for the mankind .The life of Holy Prophet is like a mirror for entire Muslim ummah . He has perfect character and noble qualities .

Allama Iqbal writes in his book “Armaghan-e- Hijaz“:

“Na Quran pesh khud Ayeena Avez ,  
Daghargoon Ghashta ! az Khawash baghrez ,  
Tarazoo-e- beena kirdar khud ra ,  
Qayamat hayee pesh ra bar anghez .”(12)

Allama Iqbal always wanted to give piece of advice to the contemporary muslim leaders to adopt the qualities of simplicity and austerity .They should adopt the principle of honesty in their lives .

“Ya Faqar ghayoor ,jis nay paya ,  
Betaigh o sanan Fard-e- Hijazi .”(13)

Allama Iqbal is fully aware that contemporary leader is indulge in corruption and mal-practices .They give priority to the vested interests upon national interest.They are exploiters of the masses and national exchequer.They had looted the wealth of the nation .

“According to the Professor Baswani that the perfect man of Allama Iqbal is symbol of patience .He gives the teachings of goodness and to refrain from evil deeds .”(14)

The perfect man deeply love with Allah .He surrender his will in front of will of Allah .He is infallible .The perfect man is man of sayings of words and action He does not adopts double standards in his dealings .He is up righteous person and fair in his dealings .Mard –e-momin is an extraordinary man .His life is model for whole Muslim ummah .There is no such a person that can be compared with this perfect man .He is only person who possess all the qualities .

“Her Lahza hay Momin ki nai shan ,nai aan ,  
Ghuftar hay ,kirdar hat ,allah ki Burhan .”(15)

A companion asked from Hazrat Aeysha about the character of Holy Prophet .She replied that He is moving Quran .The perfect is the leader of this world and hereafter .This universe is created for Holy Prophet and this universe is gift for Holy Prophet .

“Ya Raz kisi ko Maloom hay kay Momin ,  
Qari nazar ata hay ,haqiqat man hay quran “.(16)

### **Allama Iqbal Message For Contemporary Leaders :**

Allama Iqbal has conveyed the message to the contemporary leaders to follow the practices of the perfect man .The leader play key role in producing solidarity among the nation .The leader unites the nation under the single umbrella through his mission and lofty ideals .The perfect man is an ideal leader of the world .The different philosopher envisaged the picture of a visionary and imaginative leader ,but the mard-e –momin is the real picture of visionary figures .He was a just ruler ,pious man ,custodian of Islamic shariah ,welfare-oriented person ,generous ,beneficent ,,great character ,uprighteous ,honest ,far-sightedness and an extraordinary personality .Today,s leader is devoid of these qualities .The today,s leader is greedy and busy in the accumulation of wealth .They are indulged in massive

corruption and there is no check and balance .They are no fear of Allah in their hearts . They are thinking only about this world ,not about hereafter .The modern leaders are hypocrites and there is divergence between their theory and practice .The Holy prophet,s companions are also a role model for entire world .These right guided caliphs follow the sunnah of Holy Prophet and their names are written in golden words .They also glad tidings of paradise by Holy Prophet in their lives .

### **Results :**

1. Allama Iqbal concept of mard-e –momin carries the pivotal importance in the domain of muslim philosophy .He has idealized such a personality who is favourite of Allah . Even he is kept at high pedestal among all prophets .He is real and ideal leader of the world . The whole muslim and western world unanimously agree that he is great man .He is infallible .
2. The concept of Allama Iqbal is very important ,because the other philosophers . The ideal leader of Nitzshe and Plato are mere ideal and imaginative ,but the ideal leader of Allama Iqbal exists in reality .In this entire world ,he is the sole example can be quoted for an ideal leader ,which exists in realty .
3. Allama Iqbal has expressed this concept by fully proving his love and devotion for Holy Prophet .It is called as “ Fana Fil Rasool “.This love is the part of our faith .The gratitude of Allah lies in the obedience of Holy Prophet .
4. Allama Iqbal has conveyed message to the contemporary leaders to follow the sunnah and practice of Holy Prophet and to be hold accountable in from of muslim ummah and Allah .The man is the representative of Allah and the major task is assigned to him to implement Islamic shariah .Holy Prophet is a role model for the leaders that how they have to improve the governance .He adopted every progressive steps for Muslim ummah.

### **Conclusion:**

Allama Iqbal is great poet and philosopher .His concept of Mard-e – momin carries pivotal importance in muslim philosophy .The Mard-e –momin is the personality of Holy Prophet .He is light of Allah .He is beloved of Allah .He is put at a very high pedestal among all the prophets .He is conferred such a exalted position that no prophet has attained such a reverence and honour by Allah .Holy Prophet is the real and ideal leader of entire world ,who possess all best qualities . He was entitled as “Sadiq” (uprighteous ) and Ameen “trustworthy“He observed lot of patience in all matters .He is the source of blessing for all Muslim ummah .In Holy Quran it is written that we have sent you as a blessing for this

world and hereafter .”He is an ideal personality . His manners and public dealings are exemplary .He was extremely generous . He was charitable . He was such a king who had not built castle nor lead a luxurious life .Even there was no bread for so many days .

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