

ORIENTALISM & ORIENTALIST

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ABSTRACT

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Orient means East, direction from where the sun rises. Oriental is adjective of orient and its opposite is occidental. Word orient is used for those who live in East (Asia) (Tufail, 1983)

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According to Arabic grammar orientalism is available in Chapter, 'Istifal' and characteristics of persons and their researchs are quite evident. This word already indicates that orientalist have obtained knowledge with much of their hard work and struggle. (Tufail, 1983)

In Arabic orientalism means to adopt eastern mode of living and an orientalist means one who takes up Eastern style of living. (Ashrafud-Din, 1972)

Under dictionary almost gives the same significance. An orientalist is the one who knows European, American and oriental language perfectly. (Feruzud Din, 1974)

We do obtain some information from the afore-going discussion Type/ quality of a orientalist can be grasped to large extent but its two only comes' to limelight when one attains full acquaintance with orientalism and orientalist, it reveals as to what extent, it

nourishes rancour and ill-will against Islam and the Prophet. This ill-will missionaries have been nursing. After sometime in order to grind their own axe, missionaries started probing deep into the weaknesses of Muslims and establishing the superiority and holiness of the churches went on struggling and eventually appeared under the grab of religious thinkers/ leaders (Ecliciastic dignitaries).

In the Second stage orientalism entered the state of movement and assumed the shape of a discipline. Debates and discussions were broached and attempts were made to falsify the teachings of Islam and a campaign was started to slash down the importance and place and dignity of Islam on the basis of aspersion that Islamic teachings could not go hand in hand with the changes of time. (Tufail, 1983)

Anyhow, orientalism is not a constructive attitude and discipline, it is rather effective tradition. (Saeed, 1978)

BEGINNING AND EVOLUTION OF ORIENTALISM:

In 17th and 18th century orientalism assumed a great importance, because this era proved an era of evolution. So far as 17th century is concerned, according to Maulana Shibli Naumani this century B.C. is the beginning of new era for Europe. (Nomani, 1975)

Actually freedom movement started in Europe at this time. This century is the rise of the Istumar, gradually Islam went in the vicious clutches of Istumar under the