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**Research and analytical review of the motives,  
Goals and objectives of the Orientalists**

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**Abstract**

This research paper aims to examine the Research and analytical review of The motives, Goals and objectives of the Orientalists and to describe the various aspects that arise because of research style. The style of this article will be a research statement. What has happened is that the real aim of the Orientalists is to defame Islam and Muslims by distorting Islamic teachings under the guise of research. They have used all sorts of tactics for this purpose, it is permissible to use any means for this. However, Macaulay formulated this principle for politicians. However, the European masters of pen and paper took full advantage of this principle, created doubts in the Holy Qur'an and the hadiths of the Prophet, and began to spread false ideas and false ideas under the guise of research. All this research of the Orientalists was to sow the seeds of doubt in the footsteps of Islam so that the hearts of the Muslims could be conquered and ruled by pen and paper and the economic resources of the Muslims could be seized as much as possible. Orientalists have used Sira Tayyaba as an important weapon to create suspicion among Muslims. Presented in which there was something wrong or lacking in them and weak, subject and wet and dry all kinds of traditions helped to give people a wrong impression. The key points of this research are that it will enable the readers to understand the realities of the motives and goals of the Orientalists.

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As Muslims, we can see that from the first day the satanic forces have been working against truthfulness, from Abu Jahl to Hassan bin Sabah and nowadays from Salman Rushdie to Taslima Nasreen, sometimes in the form of this perversion and sometimes in the form of Musalma Kazzab.

I see and the teachings of the divine religion began to conquer the whole world. In addition, the light of Islam began to illuminate the dark corners of the world. Now the rulers of Christianity felt threatened because Islam was preaching the virtues, which they had converted into their holy books for the sake of their worldly desires. When they realized that they could not defeat the divine teachings, they changed their plans and began to destroy the teachings of Islam and the person of the Prophet Muhammad. This long and difficult movement emerged over the centuries under the name of Orientalists, which, despite its beginnings, gave rise to the Crusades but over time, the enemies of Islam changed their plans because of their teachings and beliefs. The faith of the poor cannot be destroyed by the sword.

The followers of Islam on the battlefield have so much devotion that they were forced to die in the name of Allah and to be martyred for a permanent meeting with their heavenly Lord, now the plan is to believe in the minds and hearts of the followers of Islam It should be weakened by eradicating the deep devotion of To distort the roots and spirit and teachings of Islam in order to save the preaching of Islam in the West. Therefore, we will discuss Orientalists, Orientalists and their source. Because non-Muslims: Jews and Christians divided this world into East and West. Also geographically and religiously on cultural grounds. The enemies of Islam have succeeded in achieving their goal under the guise of research. He researched every aspect of Islam and distorted and misled the educated class to cast doubt on Islamic ideologies and themes and presented all the sources to incite hatred against Islam to the world. Orientalists find these opportunities through the honesty and straightforwardness of Muslim biographers, editors and researchers, with whom they have distinguished between adulteration and non-adulteration. Taking advantage of this honesty, the Orientalists resorted to unauthentic and false traditions for their nefarious purposes. They seem to be fulfilling their nefarious

intentions by creating doubts in the Holy Book, Sira, Sunnah and Hadith Mubarakah and Islamic beliefs.

However, Muslim scholars have also resisted all their protests and have done so as a matter of religious duty. Orientalists, on the other hand, aim to create suspicion among the highly educated sections of the Muslim community and to use the modern media to create suspicion under the guise of liberalism, secularism and so-called propaganda and to disrupt the raw minds of Muslims. Try to Modernity

In order to save our passionate young generation from the aims and objections of the Orientalists and to expose their nefarious intentions, it is very important to uproot and rectify this situation. Is presented below.

### **Motives and Reasons**

Orientalism can be divided according its motives and reasons in many categories as:

- Natural Motives
- Historical Motives
- Religious Motives(Missionaries & Evangelization)
- Imperialistic Motives
- Academic Motives Political Motives
- Trade/ Economic Motives

### **Natural Motives**

Curiosity is natural phenomena, and all peoples are curious about other nations' religions, thoughts, society / socialism, and economy. Therefore, this natural curiosity motivated Western scholars to know about East/Orient, its civilization and arts. 1

### **Historical Motives**

East and West have mutual relationship among them from ancient times. Therefore, they have dialogues and expeditions repeatedly so this literary and armed conflict became a great reason to know more and more about East/Orient. 2

### **Religious Motives (Missionaries & Evangelization)**

There is no doubt that the Jews and other disbelievers have been resorting to bitterness and violence in defacing the original Islamic teachings. In the Holy Quran Allah clearly specifies that followers of Judaism and Christianity be in no case, in favour of any type of eminence of Islam and Islamic cause:

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ<sup>3</sup>

The teachings of the holy Qur'an, clearly, mention that the Orientalists' activities came in to being under the hostile sentiments against Islam. Here, one should not be confused in the determination of the line of actions adopted by Orientalists, in general, and their main objects.<sup>4</sup> Dr. Mustafa Sabai, one of the eminent occidentalists, remarks about their activities and objects:

It is mentionable in their religious incentive that Orientalism's main purpose is the propagation of Christianity on one hand and presentation of Islam on the other in such a manner that Christianity may prove itself superior. Moreover, they want to attract the educated persons and the new generations towards themselves. Therefore, the Orientalism and propagation of Christianity are the two faces of the same coin.<sup>5</sup> As at once Islam in the light of the holy Qur'an and Sunnah challenged to defeat all the super powers of the world and conquered Syria, Palestine, Spain, Cecily and other mentionable parts of the world and laid the foundation stone of Islamic empire. Therefore, Orientalists fascinated and motivated by the splendid picture of Islam, and tried to make the Western governments acquainted with the Islamic teachings and its splendid heritage so that the Westerners may, easily get upper hand over the Easterners.

### **Academic Motives**

A group of Orientalists really wanted to quench thirst for knowledge fascinated to Eastern/ Oriental Studies and have great pain to preserve precious assets of manuscripts. Although they are sincere about their researches but sometimes they might be fell a victim to prejudice and

biasedness. Reasons for these misunderstandings are unawareness of Arabic language and the original first-hand sources of information or common myths and misconceptions prevailing about Islam in the West. Some examples are; Germanus Gyula (1884-1979) Maurice Bucaille (1920-1998) etc. <sup>6</sup> For this purpose during Medieval Period(5-15th century) books of Muslim scholars about astronomy, geography, history, chemistry, mathematics, philosophy and other assets of knowledge edited, published and even translated in European languages to enlightened/illuminated the European darkness of ignorance.

### **Imperialistic Motives**

During nineteenth century, approximately the Islamic world became the part of Western Imperialism. To retain their supremacy over the natives Imperialists planned to know about Eastern studies, arts, history and languages to know the psychology of natives to rule in a better way and use their services properly. German Orientalist Carl Heinrich Becker (1876-1933) served in 1885-86 served German Imperialism in Africa. Orientalist Christiaan Snouk Hurgronje (1857-1936) in disguise of Abdulghafar served for Holland in Makkah during 1885 and afterwards worked in Indonesia. <sup>7</sup>Along with political imperialism predominance of western thoughts still playing an important role even now days. Dr Abdul Mataal compiled a book about this named as "الاستشراق وجه للاستعمار الفكري".<sup>8</sup>

### **Objectives and Goals**

- Distort the teachings of Islam
- Islamo Phobia
- Preaching of Christianity
- Protestant Reformation
- Political Aims
- Economic Aims

### **Distort the teachings of Islam**

As Islam a universal religion and quickly spreading all over the world as divine religion and its divine book holy Qur'an unveils the fact that Judaism and Christianity has tempering in their holy books according their

wordly desiers. German Orientalist Roudolf Rudi Parte (1901- 1983) says contemporary Orientalistic struggle aims at to verifys Islam a fake religion and propence its followers to Christianity.<sup>9</sup> R. Paret says":more that during middle ages most of the Christian scholars studied Islam to distort Islam and its Prophet because they have a mindsetthat every religion against Christianity is an evil.<sup>10</sup>

### **Islamo Phobia**

A great danger which West have to face that Islam and its universal peaceful teachings are fascinating a great number of population towards its divine message. So basic and main purpose of Orientalism to create hatred against Islam and Muslims among Europeans with the help of their research. <sup>11</sup> Ex P.M of England W. E Gladstone (1809-1898) said in 1882it is impossible for Europe to prostrate East whenever they have been holding Qur'an. Even in the presence of Qur'an, it is not right to feel Europe in peace. <sup>12</sup>

A French governor appointed in Aljzair stated that it is compulsory for us to scratch Qur'an from them and if we must avulse Arabic from their languages then we can take revenge from them in real sense.<sup>13</sup> Contemporary American Orientalist Bernard Lousse who is considered a faithful/ loyal Orientalist of American politics considers Muslim world a great safety risk for West and its civilization. <sup>14</sup>

### **Preaching of Christianity**

Preaching Christianity is the motto of missionaries. Most of the orientalists have missionary background. Main aim of Orientalism is to scepcticise Islam and its beliefs to convert Muslims to Christianity. Sir Abdulrahman Medany said that all the setters of Academic syllabus, course, and teaching methodology of European Universities are prejudiced Orientalists or Evangelists. <sup>15</sup>

German Orientalist Johann Fuck (1894-1974) has written that Orientalism is not an educational movement; it aims at of Islam and preach Christianity. <sup>16</sup>

### **Protestant Reformation**

Under the influence of philosophy of Avicenna (980- 1037) a great number of reformists born in westerners, who concentrated to Muslim knowledge and art to reform their religion. Christian world disliked such reformers. That is why Martin Luther (1483-1546) was being blamed that he wanted to Christianity into Deen e Muhammad.<sup>17</sup>

### **Political Aims**

During 18th and 19th century with the renaissance of west, war of rule started and power transferred to them and thirst for rule increased that colonialism system started. For this purpose, western Imperialists send their agent Orientalists to know about the nature and situation of targeted area. In 1825 famous English Orientalist E.W Lane (1801-1876) reached Egypt in and stayed there 10 year. Back to London in 1836 he published a book named "اخلاق وعادات المصريين المعاصره." its many editions published from England, Germany, and America so, may the West got every possible information about East before attack.<sup>18</sup>

Many Muslim scholars mentioned in their books about many Orientalists who served as agents of Western Imperialism e.g. Dr Yahya Murad has written a particular chapter named " علاقة الاستشراق بالاستعمار والتبشير " in his book "ردود على شبهات المستشرقين" as Relation of Orientalism to Western Imperialism, Evangelism and Zionism.<sup>19</sup>

### **CATEGORIES OF ORIENTALISTS:**

The European Scholars who have dealt with the holy Qur'an, the Prophet of Islam and its culture, can be classified in to different categories. They are as follows:<sup>20</sup>

1- The Scholars, who remaining unaware of Arabic language and the original first hand sources of information, have engaged themselves in Islamic Studies. Then it will be, obviously, admitted that almost all their endeavours in the concerned fields will not be above doubts, due to using only secondary sources. Their works are, generally, based on conjectures.

2- The scholars who have efficiency in Arabic language, literature, Islamic philosophy and history but their scholarship is not up the mark in the field of religious and Sirah literature. Although they have not written or compiled any exclusive book but there are articles and incidental arguments in which they say whatever they want about Islam and the Qur'an. Sakhauf Germany and Noldeky of France are for instance, scholars of the same nature, who have justified themselves to be the eminent scholars in the field of language and literature but failed in taking a just approach to Islamic issues either, due to being unaware of the facts or, being guided by the prejudicial tendencies of their hearts.

3- The Orientalists who have sound knowledge of Arabic language on one hand and presented a comprehensive studying the form of valuable books on the other. "Musnad" of Imam Ahmed bin Hambal edited by Margoliouth indeed depicts his just approach as well as commendable scholarship in the field of research and innovation. However, 'Life of Muhammad' written by the same scholar is also a proof of his antagonistic and injurious treatment of Sirah of the Prophet. An eminent Islamic scholar –Maulana Shibli says that if any book can be cited in history of the world for involvement of imputation, malicious accusation, misinterpretation and bigotry, this book written by Margoliouth on Sirah would be a better illustration.<sup>21</sup>

### **Contemporary Orientalists and Western Imperialism**

This movement of Orientalism is also continued today in full swing with a slight difference that during British Imperialism British Orientalists were leading it, whereas today during the age of American Imperialism American Orientalism is international representative of the Orientalists from all over the world. Sir H. A. R Gibb (1895-1971) is an eminent representative Orientalist among American Imperialism who initially was a professor at School of Oriental and African Studies in London University and later on founded 'Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies' in Harvard University and served as its director also. Gibb served for Royal Regiment of Artillery of British Army during First World War. Travel of this Orientalist from Military Adventures to Academia is a very interesting story. A well-known student of Gibb is Bernard Lewis who born in 1916.

He also served for British Royal Armoured Corps and Intelligence Corps and afterwards became chairperson of ' School of Oriental and African Studies' and later on joined Preston University. From many decades American governments has been set their foreign policies about Middle East and Muslim World according his advice. In order to admire his services about research he was awarded many titles as ' The Doyen Middle Eastern Studies ' , 'Father of Islamic Studies ' , "Sage for the Age" , "The West's most distinguished scholar on the Middle East", "The most influential postwar historian of Islam and the Middle East" , " He was the pioneer member of the organization ' Middle East Studies Association of North America' founded in 1966 but due to some differences he founded a new organization in 2007 named as 'Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa' and became its chairman.<sup>22</sup>

### **Orientalist's Methodology**

Historically Orientalists have played a perpetual and continuous role in distorting the image of Islam. Since the dawn of Islam, they have never tried to unveil the realities and the aspects of Islam, hence could not conceive the central message of the religion. The grave disadvantage of Orientalist's methodology is that, they place their goals before the implementation of research in the study of Islam.

Allama Muhammad Asad comments about Orientalists methodology in the study of Islam and Sirah of Muhammad ﷺ. Just like courts of popes Orientalists deal research about Islam and teachings where all the judgements have been pre planned and the prosecutors also aware about that and so called pleading was just a showoff to satisfy the public.<sup>23</sup>

This is a historical fact that prejudice is a hall mark of Orientalists methodology. They always had shown hostility and biasness in the study of Sirah. First of all this hostile methodology introduced by a Christian Scholar John of Damascus. Ziauddin Sardar comments about the behavior of John of Damascus,

“He declared Islam to be a pagan cult, the Ka'aba an idol and the Prophet Muhammad Irreligious and licentious man. He claimed Muhammad cobbled together his doctrine from the old and New Testaments through

the instruction of an Arabian monk. The Writing and accusation of John of Damascus became the classical source of all Christian writings on Islam."<sup>24</sup> Another reason of crooked aspect of Orientalists methodology in the study of Islam is that they use different research principles from the Muslim methodologies. The Orientalists does not care any type of moral values in the reporting of historical realities.

Always judge Islamic teachings based on their own principles is the most important theme of Orientalistic methodology. Most of their studies has based on exaggeration and fragile transmissions. Allama Shibli Numani has pointed out that the draw backs of Orientalistic methodology is " The European does not care whether the reporter is a man of truth it is given to lies; he care little for his neither possible nor necessary; he merely sees whether the incidents reported by a narrators are in accord with the circumstances and trends of events."<sup>25</sup>

Distrust over Islamic History, is another main aspect of Orientalists methodology.

### **Affects & Consequences**

At present the Orientalists have opened another confrontation against Islam and it is their effort to prove the Islamic education as immoral and irrational and to inculcate that Islamic canons are in contravention and conflict to human rights and impracticable and contradictory to human nature whereas the fact is utterly contrary to it.<sup>26</sup> Shah Wali Allah asserts:

وقد يظن ان الاحكام الشرعيه غير متضمنه لشيئ من المصالح --- و هذا ظن فاسد تكذبه السنه واجماع القرون المشهود لها بالخير"<sup>27</sup>

Sometimes this notion is expressed that the commandment of 'Shariah' does not contain the nature of human, whereas this notion is absolutely wrong while the Quran o Sunnah and Ijmaa of the scholars of starting period has falsified it. At this time this confrontation needs immediate attention of the Muslims erudites.

The most vital weapon of Orientalists with which they wanted to affect the Muslims is related to ' Sirah'. They have not done analysis correctly of the events of 'Sirah'.

"Through their investigations the real essence of 'Sirah' has been injured and distorted and they have denied the veracities deliberately or indeliberately and accommodated the fallacies and intend to give wrong impression to the masses about the prophet of Islam and they got help from fragile traditions in order to present the life and 'Sirah' in wrong way. ' Before the compilation of Sirah of Holy prophet maintain certain ideas and when seerah writing is started then self-fabricated utterances ambiguous and unauthentic traditions rather they present these ambiguities as their arguments.' "There is no doubt that some orientalists are the followers of justice but they are next to nothing or those have got near to Islam and then they embraced Islam but a majority of orientalists is entrapped in blind prejudice. Their main object is nothing but humiliation of Islam and prophet of Islam".<sup>28</sup>

The orientalists have eliminated the endowments of Islamic Society and Islam such as systems of education, training, and jurisprudence, which are distinctive qualities of Islam. This remained their utmost efforts to prove the 'Shariah of Islam' as useless and condemned and create doubts and suspicion in its primary and secondary resources. So that the Muslims may not give attention to them. The nefarious aim of the orientalists is that they fabricate factitious events about various segments of the Muslims for examples, leaders victors and scholars for degrading and distorting and rendering their status and pedestal to lower station of life and on these basis they put blame on them owing to these fake events which have got no concern with Islam and the Muslims.

There is in view of the orientalists that to make the sense of 'Jihad' null and void for the Muslims by giving wrong definition of 'Jihad' and to preach them the motto of luxuries and comfort so that the metals and strength of Muslims to compete with the antagonists may be shattered and as a result of this the dominions and dynasties of Muslims be shattered into pieces. The fact is this that "a permanent group made the aim of their life of the publication and security of Arabic literature. These appreciable activities of the orientalists do deserve our gratitude, but it is evident that these literatures were not their own. Therefore, the sympathy and love, which the Muslims have with these things, cannot be theirs. Thus, their

investigations and criticism are creating both benefit and disadvantages too. To compensate, it is the obligation of the Muslims. Because there exists such a group who is launching baseless assaults upon Islamic civilization and culture from their Christian's and Western point of view. The Holy Qur'an, 'Hadees and Mysticism', 'Sirah and Riyaal', interpretation and creeds are all within their grip, it can't be said how much damage can be done to Islam through this type of literature and will go to the detriment of Islam. If this venom goes on spreading likewise and if it is not countermanded then it is not known that to what far it will permeate into the minds of the Muslims".<sup>29</sup>

### **Conclusion**

The real aim of the orientalists is to vilify and defame Islam and the Muslims being under the garb of investigations. For this purpose they have used every sort of method and keeping in view the Machivellian motto that "ends justify means. Although Machivellian derived this rule for the politicians but European writers made the best use of this rule and created doubts and suspicious in Holy Quran and Hadees and started spreading morbid and false thoughts under the cover of investigations.

The whole purpose of the investigations of the orientalists is to sow the seeds of doubts and misgiving among the followers of Islam so that after capturing the hearts of the Muslims victory might be gained over them by means of their writings and after occupying the social and economic resources render the Islamic world as weaker one and in this regard they are becoming successful. The orientalists have used 'Seerat e Taiba' as an important weapon in order to create doubts, suspicions in the ranks of the Muslims. During Seerat writing they were highlighted only that aspect which they considered that there were some shortcomings or drawbacks and to give wrong impression to the people helped with unauthentic and weak traditions.

The orientalists looked upon the fact from their own angle under a well-planned action. They have communicated thoughts by fabricating legends and stories after casting aspersion from different angles. Owing to this, those people who are much attached with Islam are now looking impressed and suspicious.

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