

THE VISION OF AN UNKNOWN INDIAN MUSLIM

MY JOURNEY TO INTERFAITH SPIRITUALITY

The story of a life long quest for truth through ceaseless questioning, spiritual prayer and intellectual honesty.



In this book I have recounted important facets of the story of my mental and spiritual growth. It is also the story of how, a relatively, dogmatic model of Islam developed into the paradigm that I now accept.

My intellectual journey has taken me from an honest acceptance that Muslims alone will win salvation to an equally honest acceptance of the beauty and validity of inter-faith spirituality.

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More importantly, my reasons for accepting so are derived not merely from my study of philosophy, but also, and very much so, from the study of the Quran in the perspective of history. My paradigm of Quranic Islam may be termed as 'Spirit-centered Humanism' to distinguish it from 'Neutral or Scientific Humanism'. And I submit that this interpretation of Islam, which I have come to accept after years of thought and reflection, fully satisfies the most rigorous intellectual criteria.

I had the good fortune of coming into close contact with Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and other tall figures of modern India. It is my hope that my experiences will provide food for thought and valuable guidance to present and upcoming generations of patriotic Indians.

My work is not an autobiography in the traditional sense: rather it is the story of my personal evolution and transition from

simple Islamic liberalism to interfaith spirituality, with firm roots in the Quran and Theopathic Sufism.



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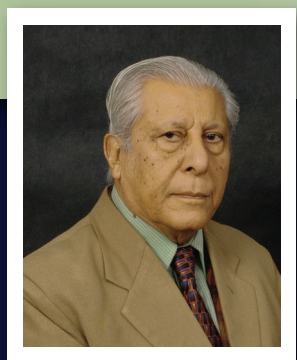
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Jamal Khwaja has written seven major books. Anyone interested in the intersection of Islam and Modernity will find Khwaja to be a reliable guide. His work is magisterial in scope. It is full of passion but remains balanced in perspective. Readers of his work will be in turn, informed, inspired, and intellectually liberated.

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