

**THE PHENOMENON OF LIBERALISM IN MUSLIM COMMUNITY,
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The last messenger of Allah

Hazrat Muhammad

(صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم)

Whose love is the sign and assurance of our faith

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ABSTRACT

Whether the basis of Liberalism is false one or not, its effort to know the individual or the person, is incorrect? As this seeks to detach the human being from its communal certainty in other words, this thing emphasises that, a person is formed, inclined and built up without any concern to communal relations. I tried to decide that if an entire political view is based upon a false promise, its results will also be wrong. In addition to this the ontological stress of individual rights at the cost of community, leads to an inhuman descending spiral, which will be evaluated in the thesis. I have also tried to contrast Liberal and Islamic communal example by bring to lighting and arguing some of their important characteristics, in the hope to expose aspects of Islamic law and reveal that in real truth that the Islamic system is based on a practical example, which has generated constructive and has a greater ability to achieve an interrelated community. In the first section of chapter 01, theoretical basis of Liberalism are discussed. What the western philosophers say about Liberalism. The characteristics of Liberalism are also elaborated. The second section of the chapter explains what the impacts of Liberalism on western community are. The second chapter in section I, explains the Islamic thought about liberalism. In section II, Islamic shariah view, short comings of faith in it and moral evils of liberalism. In section III, explanation of some doubts is given. In the third chapter, in section I, comparison between Liberal and Islamic communal and justice models or examples are discussed. In section II, its impact on Muslim community especially on Pakistani community, and in section III, the challenges and how to meet them and the possible suggestions are discussed.