

people. He had realized that the lives and properties of the countrymen were not safe. He also realized the decay in religious and social life of Muslims. Shah Waliullah, being an eminent thinker and distinguished scholar of India, was much worried about the deteriorating condition of Muslim Community.

Therefore, he started his reformative movement, known as Shah Waliullah Movement to bring reforms in Muslim society and to re-interpret Islam in the light of new age. It was the first attempt to stop the demoralization of the Muslims of India.

After thorough examination of the prevailing conditions, he came to the conclusion that the only effective means to bring reforms in the Muslim society was to turn to the Holy Quran and Sunnah (tradition of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)) and to seek guidance from these two basic sources of Islam and Islamic Sharia. For the same purpose he took up the work of the translation of the Holy Quran in Persian as well as that of a well known collection of Hadith (Muwatta Imam Malik) in Persian.

Apart from this significant contribution, Shah Waliullah had also presented his social, economic and political ideas in the light of the Quran and Hadith. The most important aspect of Shah Waliullah's reformative movement was that he addressed to the different sections of the society including common masses, Ulema and contemporary rulers through his lectures, books and letters. In this way, he did his best to bring reforms in different aspects of Muslim's life. The main thrust of his thought was seeking guidance from the Quran and Sunnah. Secondly, he also made a successful attempt to give a rational approach to Islamic belief and practices of the