

(M. A. Jinnah, Presidential Address, Muslim League annual session, Lahore, 24 marzo 1940)

- *(Hinduism and Islam) are not religions in the strict sense of the word, but are in fact, different and distinct social orders, and it is a dream that (they) can ever evolve a common nationality...*
- *"The Hindus and the Muslims belong to two different religions, philosophies, social customs, and literature. They neither inter-marry, nor inter-dine together, and indeed they belong to two different civilizations which are based mainly on conflicting ideas and conceptions. Their aspects on life are different.*

- It is quite clear that *Hindus and Muslims derive their inspirations from different sources of history*. They have different epics, their heroes are different, and they have different episodes. Very often the hero of one is foe of the other, and likewise, their victories and defeats overlap.
- *To yoke together two such nations under a single state, one as a numerical minority and the other as a majority, must lead to growing discontent and the final destruction* of any fabric that may be so built for the government of such a state."

- «*No constitutional plan would be workable or acceptable* to the Muslims unless *geographical contiguous units are demarcated* into regions which should be so constituted with such territorial readjustments as may be necessary...
- That the areas in which the Muslims are numerically in majority as in the North-Western and Eastern zones of India should be grouped to constitute *independent states* in which *the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign*»