A Bibliographical Study on the Works of Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi

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ABSTRAK

Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi (1903-79) adalah seorang ahli fikir Islam yang ulung dan reformis agama abad kedua puluh. Dia seorang yang berpandangan modenis tetapi dalam batasan nilai Syariah. Dia seorang penulis yang berbakat dan prolifik. Dia dianggap sebagai salah seorang penulis Muslim yang paling luas pembacaannya. Tulisannya meliputi lebih ratusan buah buku, ratusan risalah dan artikel, ucapan dan temuramah yang tidak terkira banyaknya. Dia memiliki gaya penulisan yang unik yang menggambarkan kedalaman dan keluasan ilmunya. Bukunya telah diterjemah ke dalam bahasa utama dunia. Subjek tulisannya meliputi disiplin yang luas seperti tafsir, hadith, agama, undang-undang, falsafah, sejarah, politik, ekonomi, sosiologi, sastera, sains, akhlak, pendidikan, dan kesemuanya mendapat perhatian beliau yang sewajarnya. Kajian ini adalah satu usaha mengemukakan semua karya Mawdudi bersesuaian dengan subjek dan disusuli oleh suatu spenjelasan ringkas di mana perlu.

ABSTRACT

Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi (1903-79) was an outstanding Islamic thinker and socio-political and religious reformer of the twentieth century. He held a modernist outlook but within the confine of Shari'ah values. He was a gifted and prolific writer. He had been considered as one of the most widely read Muslim writers. His writings extended to over hundred books, hundreds of pamphlets and innumerable articles, speeches and interviews. He had a unique style of writing, which fully reflected his deep and vast knowledge. His books have been translated into the major languages of the world. The subjects covered by his writings include a wide range of disciplines such as tafsir, Hadith, religion, law, philosophy, history, politics, economics, sociology, science, literature, ethics and education, and all have received a due share of his attention. This study is an effort to present all available works of Mawdudi in accordance with the subject matters followed by a brief introduction wherein it is necessary.

INTRODUCTION

The Muslim world had witnessed the emergence of several intellectuals and religio-political movements in various Islamic territories in the 20th century. During the twentieth century, Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi (1903-79), founder of the *Jama'at-i-Islami*, occupied a key position in the movements for Islamic resurgence in South Asia.

Sayyıd Mawdudi was popularly known as a man of action. The body of intellectual ideas contained in Islam prompted him to encourage a programme of action for a "return to Islam", to the pure sources of Shari'ah. This idea was the direct product of his classical thinking, which claims the necessity of referring to the prophetic era. For Sayyid Mawdudi, the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his immediate successors to the caliphate (Khilafah-i-Rashida) approximated the ideal embodiment and epitome of the Islamic way of life. The structure of state and society that developed during that formative phase provide the paradigm or ideal to be followed. Consequently, he preached a return to the Qur'an and the Sunnah, sidestepping but not denouncing Figh, and stressed the importance of independent thinking (ijtihad) in jurisprudence. In attempting to revive Islam he gave exposition of doctrines in easily accessible language. Savvid Mawdudi reflected on the major socioeconomic and political constructions in the Muslim world, and offered Islam, only Islam, as the alternative to the malaise of Muslim societies. His extensive writings, marked by a graceful appealing style, coupled with sound reasoning and clear arguments, helped thousands of educated Muslims to affirm their Islamic belief in a positive and constructive way.

Sayyid Mawdudi passed the formative period of his youth under the direct care and supervision of his father. Being disgusted with the traditional *Madrasah* (religious school) and modern school system of education, his father preferred to teach him personally giving guidance and special care. Besides this, his father arranged private tutors for him who also taught him at home. He took a keen interest in learning and had memorised all "30 verses of the Qur'an and its meaning" by the age of five. He inherited this religious devotion from his mother, who was deeply religious, reciting the Qur'an aloud every morning and fasting regularly. (Weekly 'Ain 1968. (Lahore) October 17).

Sayyid Mawdudi was greatly impressed by his father who wanted to make him a *Maulvi* (Religious Scholar), and hence, his education was directed accordingly. He was introduced to Urdu, Persian, Arabic, *Fiqh* and *Hadith*, and was not allowed access to English or to other disciplines of knowledge, as his father was particular about the right training. He took pains to see that Mawdudi cultivated the right habits and that there was nothing improper in his conduct. With this end in view he did not admit

Mawdudi to any school for years, but made private arrangements for his education at home. (Hasan, M. 1984, 1–13-4).

Having acquired his early education at home, at the age of eleven he began his school life at Madrasah Furqaniyah Mashraqiyyah and passed the Maulvi examination (equivalent to matric) in 1916 obtaining sixth position in order of merit and excelling in a wide variety of subjects including Figh, Hadith and Mantig. Thereafter he was admitted to Darul 'Ulum College, Hyderabad, for "Maulovi 'Alim" course (graduate studies) which was disrupted by the death of his father as a result of paralysis (Moten. A. R. 1988. 8). His education was short and systematic but very profound. At the time his father's death he was capable of serious studies in Arabic, Persian and English and his mastery over Urdu prose was remarkable. His knowledge of the three Muslim languages (Arabic, Persian and Urdu) paved the way for him to have serious insight into the Islamic literature available and shaped his thought for the supremacy of Islam. Though privately pursued, his study of English language gave him sufficient competence to be able to read English books and even to translate them into Urdu or use them for selecting materials for his articles (Qureshi, I. H. 1974 24).

Sayyid Mawdudi, during his time with the weekly newspaper *Taj* as an editor in 1919, became convinced that he should pursue his education in English more seriously. In Delhi he studied English with a tutor for some five months, after which he felt confident enough to continue his study of that language on his own. For two years he continued reading books, journals and magazines on a variety of disciplines and studied subjects like history, philosophy, political science, economics, religion, natural sciences and social studies in English with the help of a dictionary without difficulty. His efforts also taught him about Western thoughts, and he remained an autodidact throughout his life (Nasr. S. V. R. 1996: 16).

After a break from his studies for few years, he joined as an editor of Muslim, the official newspaper of the Jami'at-i-'Ulama'-i-Hind. Here he came into contact with the towering religious figures of the organisation like Maulana Mufti Kifayatullah, Mawlana Ahmad Sa'id who have encouraged him to resume his studies in 1921. This time, it was in Arabic, Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh, Mantiq and Philosophy that he sought to get competence. Sayyid Mawdudi studied Arabic and the Dars-i-Nizami (a syllabus for the education of the 'ulema') including fiqh, adab (literature), mantiq, and kalam (theology) with the eminent religious scholar Mawlana 'Abdussalam Niyazi (d.1966) ('Abd A. R. 1971. 61). However, he did not complete the Dars-i-Nizami with Niyazi (Nida' April 17. 1990: 28-34).

Once again in Delhi, Sayyid Mawdudi resumed his study of the *Dars-i-Nizami*. This time with two Deobandi '*ulema*' at the Fatihpuri Mosque's Seminary" in old Delhi (Shahpuri, A. 1989, 1–197-9). At the

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Fatihpuri seminary he studied *Hadith*, *fiqh*, *adab*, and Sufism with Mawlana Ishfaqur Rahman Khandihlawi, and the *Tafsir-i-Baizawi*, *balaghat* (rhetoric), '*ilmul Ma*'ani (interpretative sciences), and *fiqh* with Mawlana Muhammad Sharifullah. Sayyid Mawdudi received his *tjazah* (certificates to teach religious sciences) from the seminary in 1926. He thus became a Deobandi 'alim and a member of the society associated with the school. In one *tjazah*, Mawlana Khandihlawi has included Sayyid Mawdudi in the chain of illustrious scholars of Islam extending back from the Deobandi 'ulema' of the Fatihpuri seminary to Khalil Ahmad Ambahtawi to Mawlana Muhammad Mazhar Nanutawi, to Shah 'Abdul 'Aziz and Shah Waliullah of Delhi, and finally, to Imam Malik Ibn Anas (716-95) (Nasr. S. V R. 1996: 18).

Although Sayyıd Mawdudi never acknowledged his affiliation with the Deobandi's, yet, he observed many Deobandi ideas and shared many of their concerns, especially about the intrusion of colonial culture into the lives of Muslims. Like the Deobandis, he sought to emulate "the practice of an authentic text or an idealised historical period", promote religious law and teach it at the popular level, condemn popular religious rites and customs such as the celebration of sufi festivals, and generally create a normative order in which Muslims could live by the teachings of their faith independent of the ruling order (Metchell, B. D. 1982: 252-58). He also never publicised his Deobandi training or his ties with them. It was not until after his death that his ijazahs were discovered and references to them began to appear in the Jama'at-i-Islami's literature. In later years, Sayyıd Mawdudi explained that during his stay in Delhi he had concluded that the division into traditional and modern education among Muslims and the absence of any links between the two was not merely unproductive but actually dangerous (Mawdudi. S. A. A. 1970: 19). He remarked:

I do not have the prerogative to belong to the class of 'ulema' I am a man of the middle cadre, who has imbibed something from both the systems of education, the new and the old; and has gathered my knowledge by traversing both paths. By virtue of my Inner Light, I conclude that neither the old school nor the new is totally in the right (Abul, A. 1971 73).

A desire for writings was harboured in Sayyid Mawdudi in his early life, which paved the way for him to develop a journalistic career in his later years. At the age of eleven, he translated Qasim Amin's Al-Mar'at al-Jadidah (Modern women) from Arabic into Urdu (Nasr, S.V.R. 1996: 13), and at the age of twelve he wrote an essay on the "Life of the Prophet" (Moten, A. R. 1988. 9). He started his career as a journalist at the age of seventeen. Although at the beginning, he worked for a few weeks with Madina, a newspaper of Bijnore (U.P). His journalistic life in

fact started with the weekly Taj, Jabalpore, Madhya Prodesh, India, where jointly edited with his elder brother Abul Khair Mawdudi. Subsequently when Taj was converted into a daily, Sayyid Mawdudi was appointed as its editor. But he had to leave this paper on account of an editorial comment, which was objected to by the Government. Late in 1920, Sayyid Mawdudi came to Delhi and first assumed the editorship of the newspaper, the weekly Muslim (1921-23). In 1924 he worked with Mawlana Muhammad 'Ali Johar (d. 1931), the chief of the Khilafat Movement in assisting in the editing of the newspaper Hamdard (Gilani. S. A. 1984–41), and later he became the chief editor of the daily al-Jami'at (1925-28). The weekly Muslim and the daily al-Jami'at, both of which were organs of the Jami'at-i-'Ulama'-i-Hind, an organisation of Muslim religious scholars of the day. Under his editorship, al-Jami'at became the leading newspaper of the Muslims of India at that time (Hasan. M. 1984, 1–25-6).

He also made his mark on academic life by writing his first major book al-Jihad fi al-Islam. This is a masterly treatise on the Islamic law of war and peace. It was first serialised in al-Jami'at in 1927 and was formally published in 1930. It was highly acclaimed by both the famous poet-philosopher Muhammad Iqbal (d.1938) and Mawlana Muhammad 'Ali Johar. Though written during his twenties, it remains one of his major and most highly regarded works and has been translated into many prominent languages of the world (Ahmad. K. et al. 1979: 361).

In the same period (1920-28), Sayyid Mawdudi also translated four different books into Urdu, including *al-Mas'alat al-Mashriqiyyah* (The Eastern Question) of Mustafa Kamil of Egypt from Arabic and the rest from English (Sarwat. S. 1979: 3-4).

After his resignation from al-Jami'at in 1928, Sayyid Mawdudi moved to Hyderabad and devoted himself to research and writing. It was in this connection that he started his own scholarly monthly journal the Tarjuman al-Qur'an (interpreter of the Holy Qur'an), dedicated for the cause of Islamic renaissance in 1933. The journal since then has remained the main vehicle for the dissemination of Sayyid Mawdudi's ideas and has played a great role in stirring the new awakening among the educated Muslim elites of the Indo-Pakistan subcontinent. The paper has also been the greatest source of guidance and inspiration for the devoted workers and sympathisers of the Islamic movement (Mawdudi. S. A. A. 1990: 405).

Sayyid Mawdudi was a prolific writer. He had a unique style of writing, which fully reflected his deep and vast knowledge. His writings were mainly in Urdu. He wrote on almost all the topics and his admirers and critics alike considered his writings as the last word and authority on the subject. His writings extended to over one hundred books, hundreds of pamphlets and innumerable articles, speeches and interviews (Hasan,

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M. 1986: 494). He had been considered as one of the best known modern Muslim writers and activists and his books, in their original Urdu and in translation are probably more widely read in all countries than any other contemporary Muslim writers (Jameelah, M. 1989. 4). Subjects covered by his writings included disciplines such as *tafsir*, *Hadith*, religion, law, philosophy, history, politics, economics, sociology, science, literature, ethics, and education and all have received due share of his attention. He discussed a wide variety of problems. Hence, he had been considered one of the great expounders of the Islamisation of knowledge in the modern era.

His magnum opus *Tafhim al-Qur'an*, is an epitome of his elegant literary style, his scholarship and the clarity and brilliance of his thought. One of the characteristics of his writings is that he is able to bring out the relevance of Islam to the problems and concerns of man in the contemporary age. This was largely because he combined his Islamic scholarship with an awareness and knowledge of the intellectual trends and practical problems of man in the modern age. Although a large number of his works have been translated into most of the languages of the world, yet there remain a lot more to be done.

The published works of Sayyıd Mawdudi cover a wide range of topics. It is difficult to give the exact number of his works, but as the time passes the list keeps growing. The biographers of Sayyıd Mawdudi differ on the number of his works. According to the report presented by Mawlana Khalil Hamidi in the all Pakistan Convention of Jama'at-i-Islami held in Lahore from 29-31 March 1974, showed that more than fifty books of Sayyıd Mawdudi had been translated and published in Arabic from Cairo, Beirut, Damascus, and Jeddah. Twenty-two books were translated into Turkish, including Purdah and Caliphate and Monarchy, by that time. For translations see the above Report, published in weekly Asia Lahore on April 14, 1974 as well (Sawlat, S. 1979:156).

The list given in *Islamic Perspectives* as "A Bibliography of Writings By and About Mawlana Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi, compiled by Qadi Zulqadar Siddiqi, S. M. Aslam and M. M. Ahsan" appears 138 published works of Sayyid Mawdudi (Ahmad, K. et al. 1979: 3-10).

Sarwat Sawlat enlisted 61 works in total, and 35 English translations of the Sayyid Mawdudis works with the acknowledgment that it was not a complete one. (Sawlat, S. 1979: 150-7). Sayyid As'ad Gilani has mentioned hispublished works as being only 67 (Gilani, S. A. 1984: 386-390). While Muhammad 'Ammarah has enlisted 70 works of Sayyid Mawdudi in his book Abul A'la Mawdudi wa al-Sahwat al-Islamiyyah. He has also given a short report on the translation works of Mawlana Mawdudi that shows that his books have been translated into eighteen languages by 1977 ('Ammarah, M. 1987–66-70).

In fact, Sayyıd Mawdudi's writings are not limited to one or two subjects. His field of study and discussion is vast. It covers all aspects of human life including national and international issues; all came under his purview. It is not possible to understand correctly his reasoning and point of view on a given subject by mere quoting some phrases of his writings. It needs a complete book to understand and appreciate his ideas properly. Therefore this study aims to facilitate those who want to comprehend fully the views of Sayyid Mawdudi on any particular subject (must read all his books related to that subject). The subject wise publications of Sayyid Mawdudi's works in this study will be of a great help to the readers and researchers in this regard. The following list is, of course, not a complete one and there are many books to be published. However, this study tried to make it as complete as possible.

THE QUR'AN

1 Tafhim al-Qur'an. (The Meaning of the Qur'an) (Urdu) in six volumes. It was written and published between 1949-72. At first, Tafhim was published in four volumes in 1966, then in five volumes in 1971 and in six volumes in 1972 through the monthly magazine Tarjuman al-Qur'an.

The Tafhim al-Qur'an is an epoch making Urdu translation and commentary of the Holy Qur'an by Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi. It is a mine of information for Islamic laws, history, religions, pre-Islamic Arabia, the life of the Prophet and many modern and social problems. It is considered the best Urdu translation of the Qur'an, and a literary masterpiece, as Sayyid Mawdudi has tried to create the same force and beauty in Urdu, which is the characteristic of original Arabic text. Now it has been translated into many languages of the world.

- 2. Towards Understanding the Qur'an, edited and translated by Za'far Ishaq Ansarı. It has been published by Islamic Foundation, London in 1988.
- 3. Qur'an ke Char Bunyadi Istlahen: Ilah, Rab, 'Ibadat, Din. (Four Basic Concepts of the Qur'an: Ilah, Rab, 'Ibadat, Din.), Reprinted in Lahore: Islamic Publications, 1988. The English translation has been serialised in the *Criterion*, from January 1976 (vol. 11, No. 1)-February 1977 (vol. 12, No. 2). It also has been rendered into many languages of the world.
- 4. Qur'an Fahmi ke Bunyadi Usul. (The Basic Principles of Understanding the Qur'an), Lahore, n.d. Also included in Tafhim al-Qur'an, Vol. 1, and included in the Meaning of the Qur'an. Vol. 1
- 5 Qur'an awr Paygambar. (Qur'an and the Prophet): Rampur, 1954 (Hindi).

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- 6. Qur'an o-Hadith. (Qur'an and Hadith), n. d.
- 7 Tarjuma-'ı Qur'an Majid Ma' Muktasar Hawashı. (Translation of the Glorious Qur'an with brief notes): Lahore, 1976.
- 8. Introduction to the Study of the Qur'an. Dehi: Maktaba Jama'at-i-Islami Hind, 1971

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- 9 Tafhim al-Ahadith. (Towards Understanding the Ahadith, vol. I, ed. and compiled by 'Abdul Wakil 'Alawi, 'Idarah-ı Ma'arıf-ı Lahore. 1993. This is a collection of Ahadith that are used by Sayyıd Abul A'la Mawdudi in his writings on various topics, collected and edited by 'Abdul Wakil 'Alawi.
- 10. Sunnat ki A'ını Haythıyat. (Constitutional Status of the Prophetic Traditions): Lahore, 1963.
- 11 Sunnat-o Bid'at ki Kashmakash. (The Struggle Between Tradition and Innovation): Lahore, Idarah-i Tarjuman al-Qur'an 1950.
- 12. Sirat kı Pak. (The Sirah of the Prophet), serialised in the Tarjuman al-Qur'an, June, 1973, vol. 79, No. 4ff. two vols. of this works are published in 1978.
- 13. Sirat-ı Khatm al-Rusul. (Biography of the Last Prophet): Karachi, n. d.
- 14 Sirat ka Paygham. (The Message of the Prophet's Sırah), published in Tarjuman al-Qur'an, Lahore, 1976, vol. 84, No. 6: Eng. tr. serialized in the Criterion, May, 1976, (vol. 11, No. 5)-June, 1976, (vol. 11, No. 6).
- 15 Nubuwat-ı Muhammadi ka 'Aqli Thubut: Lahore, n. d. Eng. tr. The Prophet of Islam: Lahore, 1967 It is also included in Tafhimat.
- 16. *Khatm-i-Nubuwat*. (The Finality of the Prophethood): Lahore, 1963. In this book he has established that Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) is the last of the prophets and that there is to be no prophet after him.

THE RELIGION

17 Al-Jihat fi al-Islam. (Jihad in Islam). A'zamgarh, India, 1930. Two pages of this book 89-91, have been translated into English by Charles J. Adams as "The Necessity of Divine Government for the Elimination of Oppression and Injustice", in *Muslim Self-Statement in India and Pakistan*, ed. by 'Aziz Ahmad and G. E. Von Grunebaum. Wiesbaden, 1970 Pp.156-157

Sayyıd Mawdudi has unfolded in this book the concept of Jihad in

a masterly and marvelous way. Jihad is not aggressive war; it is a striving towards the establishment of a just order, the promotion of virtue and the suppression of evil.

- 18. *Din-i Haq:* Lahore, 1952. Eng. tr. *The Religion of Truth*: Lahore, 1967. Also translated into English as the *True Conduct of Life*: Delhi, 1962. It has been rendered into many languages.
- 19 Fada'il-ı-Qur'an. (Excellence of the Qur'an), Compiled by Hafizur Rahman Ahsan. Lahore, 1977
- 20. *Haqıqat-ı Hajj:* Lahore, 1946. Eng. tr. Pilgrımage ın Islam, Lahore, 1976. Also published as a part of *Khutbat*.
- 21 Haqıqat-ı Iman. Lahore, n. d. Eng. tr. included in The Essence of Islam. Lahore, 1976. Also published as part of Khutbat.
- 22. Haqıqat-ı Islam: Lahore, 1946. Eng. tr. included in *The Essence of Islam*: Lahore, 1976. Also published as part of *Khutbat*.
- 23. Haqıqat-ı Jihad. Lahore, 1946. Eng. tr. War ın the Way of Islam, Lahore, 1976. Also published as part of Khutbat.
- 24. Haqıqat-ı Sawm-o-Salat. Lahore, n. d. Eng. tr. Worship in Islam, Lahore, 1976. Also published as part of Khutbat.
- 25 Haqıqat-ı Zakat. (The Significance of Zakat): Lahore, 1963. Eng. tr. Charity in Islam, Lahore, 1976. Also published as part of Khutbat.
- 26. *Kitab al-Sawm*. (The Book of Fasting), Compiled by Hafizur Rahman Ahsan. Lahore, 1973.
- 27 Khutbat. (Lectures): Lahore, 1957 Eng. tr. Fundamentals of Islam, Lahore, 1957

It is considered a most readable and important book of the author on religion and has been translated into many languages.

- 28. Islami 'Ibadat par ek Tahqıqı Nazar. (An Analytical Study of Worship in Islam): Rampur, 1955 Eng. tr. serialised in the *Criterion*, Karachi, December 1973, (vol. 8, No. 12)-September-October 1976, (vol. 9, No. 9-10).
- 29 Islami Tahdhib awr us ke Usul-o-Mabadi. (The Foundations of Islamic Culture): Lahore, 1955 Eng. tr. serialised in the Criterion, Karachi, May-June, 1971, (vol. 6, No. 3)-October 1973 (vol. 8, No. 10).
- 30. Islamı ka Nizam-ı-Hayat: Lahore, 1948. Eng. tr. Islamıc Way of Life: Lahore, 1950. It has been translated into many languages.
- 31 Islamı ka Akhlaqı Nuqta-'ı-Nazar. Lahore, 1955 Eng. tr. Ethical Viewpoint of Islam: Lahore, 1966. Rendered in many languages.
- 32. *Islami awr Jahiliyat:* Lahore, 1942. Eng. tr. *Islam and Ignorance*, Lahore, 1976. It has been rendered into many languages.
- 33 Islami Nizam-i-Zindagi awr us ke Bunyadi Tasawwurat. (Islamic Way of Life and Its Fundamental Concepts): Lahore, 1962. This is a collection of articles on the following topics like: 1 Unity of God,

Prophethood and Life after Death; 2. Road to Peace and Salvation; 3 Islam and Ignorance; 4 The Religion of Truth; 5 Evidence of Truth; 6. Ethical Viewpoint of Islam; 7 The Moral Foundations of the Islamic Movement; 8. Construction and Destruction; 9 Jihad in Islam; 10. Past, Present and Future of the Muslim World; 11 Islamic Way of Life (Radio Speeches). All these articles have also published separately in booklet form in Urdu and English.

- 34 Islamı 'Asr-Hadir men. Lahore, n. d. Eng. tr. Islam Today' Karachı, 1968.
- 35 'Ithbat-ı-Qurbanı ba Ayat-ı-Qu'ranı. (A Qur'anıc Vindication on Anımal Sacrifice): Amrıtsar, 1937
- 36. 'Id-1-Qurban. (The Festival of Sacrifice): Lahore, n. d.
- 37 Jihad fi Sabilillah. ([The Concept of] Jihad in the Way of God): Lahore, 1962.
- 38. Let Us Be Muslims. Translated and edited by Khurram Jah Murad. Leicester: Islamic Foundation, 1985
- 39 Mi'raj ki Rat. (The Night of Mi'raj), Lahore, n. d. Also included in Nashri Taqriren.
- 40. Murtad ki Saza Islami Qanun men. (The Punishment of Apostasy in Islamic Law): Lahore, 1953
- 41 Nishan-ı-Rah. (Milestones): Lahore, n. d.
- 42. Resalah Diniyat. (A Treatise on Islamic Theology). Hyderabad, Deccan, 1932. It was translated into English first in 1940 under the title Towards Understanding Islam, from Lahore It offered simple, understandable and unsophisticated rational interpretation of the basic concepts and principles of Islam. It proved very popular and became a required text for many higher secondary and University students' at home and abroad. It is a most readable book of Sayyid Mawdudi and has been translated into many languages. It is also available now as translated and edited by Khurshid Ahmad, reprinted from Indianapolis: Islamic Teaching Centre, 1977
- 43. Rasa'il wa-Masa'il (4 vols). (Queries and Responses) Lahore, 1951-1965 These have been translated into English as Selected Speeches and Writings of Mawlana Mawdudi, two vols., by Zakir Aijaz. Karachi, International Islamic Publications, 1982.
- 44 Shahadat-1-Haq. Rampur, 1957 Eng. tr. The Evidence of Truth, Lahore, 1976.
- 45. Salamat ka Rastah. Lahore, 1940. Eng. tr. The Road to Peace and Salvation: Lahore, 1966. It has also been rendered into many languages.
- 46. Tawhid o-Resalat awr Zindagi Ba'd Mawt ka 'Aqli Thubut. Lahore, 1962. Eng. tr. Vitals of Faith, Lahore, 1976.
- 47 Zindagi Ba'd-i-Mawt: Lahore, 1954. Eng. tr. Life After Death: Delhi, 1967 It has been translated into many languages.

THE HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY

- 48. Dakan kı Siyası Tarıkh. (The Political History of [Hyderabad] Deccan) Hyderabad, Deccan, 1944 Also published under the title: Dawlat-ı Asıfiyah awr Hukumat-ı-Barıtanıyah: Siyası Taʻalluqat kı Tarikh par ek Nazar. (A Glance of the History of the Political Relations Between the Asıfiyah Dynasty and the British Government): Delhi, n. d.
- 49 Tajdid-o-??-Din. It was first published in 1940 and had been translated into English as A Short History of the Revivalist Movement in Islam by Al-Ash'ari from Islamic publications Limited, Lahore in 1963 It aims at reviving a new feeling among the Muslims of the Indo-Pakistan sub continent for religious reawakening and reconstruction.
- 50. "'Abu Hanıfah and 'Abu Yusuf" in *A History of Muslim Philosophy*, ed. M. M. Sharıf, Wiesbaden, 1963, vol. 1, pp. 673-703.
- 51 Salajigah. 2 vols. (The Seljuqs): Lahore, 1954.
- 52. Musalmanon ka Madi-o-Hal awr Mustaqbil ke liye La'iha-i-'Amal. (The Past and Present of the Muslims, and a Programme for the Future), Karachi, 1951 Also Published as Islam. A Historical Perspective, translated by Ashraf Abu Turab. Leicester: Islamic Foundation, 1974
- 53. "Saw baras pahle ka Hindustan" (India of one hundred years ago), in Muhammad Yusuf Buhtah, ed., *Mawlana Mawdudi apnı awr dusraon kı nazar men*. (Mawlana Mawdudi: in his own and others' views). Lahore: Idarah-i-Ma'arı-i-Islamı. 1984, 149-261
- 54. Samarna men Yunani Mazalim. (Greek Atrocities in Smyrna [Izmir]: Delhi, 1919
- 55 Turki men 'Isa'iyyon ki Halat. (The Condition of Christians in Turkey), Delhi, 1922.
- 56. *Islam ka Sarchashma-ı-Quwwat*. (The Mainspring of Islam): Lahore, 1969 First published in *al-Jamı'at*, July-August 1925
- 57 Kilafat-o-Mulukiyat. (Caliphate and Monarchy): Delhi, 1967 In this book Sayyid Mawdudi has shown how Islam lost its vigour when the caliphate gave away to monarchy This is considered a very tought provoking book on the subject.
- 58. Ghilaf-ı-Ka'bah, us kı Shar'ı Haythıyat, us kı Tarikh. (The Cover of the Ka'bah, Its Legal Position, Its History): Lahore, n. d.
- 59 Saniha-'ı-Masjid-ı-Aqsa. (The Masjid-ı-Aqsa Tragedy), London, n. d.
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He classified 'adab as 'unlawful' 'lawful', and Islamic literature. Unlawful literature is such 'adab, which prompts wrong values. Lawful literature is that which promotes higher ideas, noble sentiments, and moral values. All the writings of Sayyid Mawdudi fall within the category of lawful 'adab

According to Sayyid Mawdudi, Islamic 'adab is of two types, one is that literature which through rational argument seeks to establish that Islam is the most perfect religion. The other comprises the literature, which inspires the Muslims to action. Such 'adab includes poetry, fiction,

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CONCLUSION

Undoubtedly Sayyid Abul A'la Mawdudi occupied a very high position as a writer and scholar. His thought provoking writings have carried his name to all nooks and corners of the world; and his name is remembered in every part of the Muslim world with respect. His writings are very consistent and systematic, marked by a graceful appealing style, coupled with sound reasoning and clear arguments, which helped thousands of educated Muslims to affirm their Islamic belief in a positive and constructive way. There is a nice cohesion between his writings and ideas. He never changed his concepts. This consistency of his ideas has produced a system of thought, every part of which is linked. In the word of Wilfred Cantwell Smith:

The most significant constituent of Mawdudi's position has been the gradual and

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continual elaboration of an impressive system of ideas. Mawdudi would appear to be much the most systematic thinker of modern Islam. (Smith, W. C. 1961–236).

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