

## **Hindu & Indian History- Islamic Invasion**

### **Preamble:**

Hindu civilization and culture, which had flourished not only in the area occupied by present day India but also across much of south Asia, South East Asia, and Central Asia, descended into the depths of despair with the onset of the Islamic conquests, which began in the seventh century A.D.

### **Views of Scholars on the Islamic Invasion of Ancient India:**

Will Durant, the well-known American historian, concludes that the Islamic conquest of India is probably the bloodiest story in history, in his book entitled "The Story of Civilization: Our Oriental Heritage"

"There is no official estimate of the total death toll of Hindus at the hands of Islam. At first glance at important testimonies by Muslim chroniclers suggest that, over 13 centuries and a territory as vast as the Subcontinent, Muslim Holy Warriors easily killed more Hindus than the 6 million of the Holocaust."

### **(Source: Dr. Koenraad Elst-Was There an Islamic "Genocide" of Hindus?)**

"It is clear that India at the time when Muslim invaders turned towards it (8 to 11th century) was the earth's richest region for its wealth in precious and semi-precious stones, gold and silver, religion and culture, and its fine arts and letters. Tenth century Hindustan was also too far advanced than its contemporaries in the East and the West for its achievements in the realms of speculative philosophy and scientific theorizing, mathematics and knowledge of nature's workings. Hindus of the early medieval period were unquestionably superior in more things than the Chinese, the Persians (including the Sassanians), the Romans and the Byzantines of the immediate preceding centuries. The followers of Siva and Vishnu on this subcontinent had created for themselves a society more mentally evolved-joyous and prosperous too-than had been realized by the Jews, Christians, and Muslim monotheists of the time. Medieval India, until the Islamic invaders destroyed it, was history's most richly imaginative culture and one of the five most advanced civilizations of all times."

### **(Source: Rizwan Salim, Hindustan Times Newspaper, December 27, 1987)**

"Let it be said right away: the massacres perpetrated by Muslims in India are unparalleled in history, bigger than the holocaust of the Jews by the Nazis; or the massacre of the Armenians by the Turks; more extensive even than the slaughter of the South American native populations by the invading Spanish and Portuguese."

### **(Source: Francois Gautier, Rewriting Indian History, political analyst for Le Figaro, one of France's largest circulation newspapers)**

## **A Few Examples of Hindu Genocide**

1. “The mountain range Hindu Koh, "Indian mountain", was renamed Hindu Kush, "Hindu-killer", when one cold night in the reign of Timur Lenk (1398-99), a hundred thousand Hindu slaves died there while on transport to Central Asia.”

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2. “Fifty thousand Hindus were massacred in just one of Mahmud Ghaznavi’s attacks at Somnath; he invaded India more than 17 times. Thousands of Hindu men and women were sent to the Islamic Afghani slave markets. The highly cultured and civilized daughters of the noble Hindu families were sold to the illiterate, un-cultured and barbaric Afghanis for equivalent of just one Frank (Pound/Dollar) each.”

**(Source: Islam and Women by Dr. Younus Shaikh- President of the Rationalist organization of Pakistan)**

3. “Encyclopedia Britannica mentions that Mughal emperor Akbar ordered the massacre of about 30,000 captured Rajput Hindus on February 24, 1568 AD, after the battle for Chitod, a number confirmed by Abul Fazl, Akbar's court historian. Afghan historian Khondamir notes that during one of the many repeated invasions on the city of Herat in western Afghanistan, which used to be part of the Hindu Shahiya kingdoms '1,500,000 residents perished.”

**(Source: Where’s India’s Holocaust Museum? by Francois Gautier, Rediff.com)**

**For detailed and comprehensive information on the Islamic conquest of India please refer to the following websites and books:**

**Websites:**

[\*\*The Hindu Holocaust Memorial Museum\*\*](#)

[\*\*A Tribute to Hinduism\*\*](#)

**Books:**

The Story of Civilization: Our Oriental Heritage, by Will Durant, well-known American historian.

The Sword of the Prophet: A Politically-Incorrect Guide to Islam, by Dr. Serge Trifkovic, PhD from the University of Southampton in England and pursued postdoctoral research at the Hoover Institution at Stanford.

Hindu Temples: What Happened to Them : (A Preliminary Survey), by Arun Shourie, the former Minister for Disinvestment and Information Technology India.

History of India, by A V Williams Jackson, American Historian.

