

THE INSPIRATION OF ALLAMA IQBAL *SHIKWA SESSIONS*

If you missed the First Nine Sessions of a splendid course study of Allama Iqbal, you still have once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the **FINAL TWO SESSIONS** of the Intensive Course on Allama Iqbal, the poet, thinker, philosopher, humanist and reformer.

A Rare Opportunity to do so in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Seminar Presentations (Tentative schedule)

June 18: *Shikwa*
June 25: *Jawab-e-Shikwa*

Professor: *Ahsan Syed, "Adeeb-e-Kamil" (M.A.), Aligarh Muslim Univ.*
Location: *MCA, 3003, Scott Blvd, Santa Clara, California.*
Time: *Saturdays: 11am to 1:25pm - Registration at 10:45am*
Pre-requisite: *Knowledge of Urdu & appreciation of Urdu Poetry.*
Fee: **FREE**

ALLAMA IQBAL (THE LEGACY):

*Iqbal, Muhammad (māḥmād ikhbāl'), 1877–1938, Indian Muslim poet, philosopher, and political leader. He studied at Government College, Lahore, Cambridge, and the Univ. of Munich, and then he taught philosophy at Government College and practiced law. He was elected (1927) to the Punjab provincial legislature and served (1930) as president of the Muslim League. A staunch advocate of Indian nationalism, he became a supporter of an independent homeland for India's Muslims. He is regarded by many as the spiritual founder of Pakistan, and the anniversary of his death (Apr. 21) is a national holiday. Iqbal was the foremost Muslim thinker of his period, and in his many volumes of poetry (written in Urdu and Persian) and essays, he urged a regeneration of Islam through the love of God and the active development of the self. He was a firm believer in freedom and the creative force that freedom can exert on men. He was knighted in 1922. His works include *The Secrets of the Self* (1915, tr. 1940), and *Javid-nama* (1934, tr. 1966).*

***AHSAN SYED:** *Mr. Ahsan Syed was born and raised in Hyderabad, India (Son of Late Dr. Syed Abul Fazl, Professor of Arabic, Osmania University). He received his engineering degree from Osmania University and also "Adeeb-e-Kamil" (M.A.) from Aligarh Muslim University. Mr. Ahsan came to the US in 1967 and completed M.S in Structural Engineering from Mississippi State University. He worked in Pittsburgh, PA and Cleveland until 1982, worked in Saudi Arabia for 5 years before finally moving to the Bay Area in 1987. He has served on the boards of MSA, MCA and IMRC and has a deep passion, among other things, for Urdu language. He taught Urdu at Canada College and at the MCA. He is currently working in San Francisco.*