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## ***ABSTRACT***

### **Soul Force and Reality in the Philosophical Insights of Rabindranath Tagore and Muhammad Iqbal**

**Rabindranath Tagore in one of his philosophical work “*Sadhana*”, conveys, “The human soul is on its journey from the law to love, from discipline to liberation, from the moral plane to the spiritual.”**

The injunctions to know the soul/self have kept the spiritual seekers preoccupied from early times till today. And have come to an understanding that the soul/self is deeper than perceptions, thoughts and feelings. Indian culture has influenced a large part of Asia's thought and art and affected other parts of the world as well. People of different race, languages, and cultures met on Indian soil; though had occasional clashes, they have settled as members of a common civilization whose primary characteristics are faith in an unseen reality, of which all life is a manifestation.

India and Pakistan the two South Asian nations share historic, cultural, ethnic, geographic, and economic links, but their relationship has been weighed down by resentment and distrust due to various socio-political reasons. Amidst these unrest, the research paper attempts to look into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century two illustrious figures Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) and Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938) whose fame did not confine in their homeland alone but spread across the world. Their philosophical thoughts in contemporary times was on the one hand a result of social and political circumstances and on the other hand cultivate ‘a style of thinking’ regarding conduct, behavior and the way of life.

In this era of moral and spiritual crisis, both Tagore and Iqbal are very humanistic in their outlook. They have showcased an unflinching faith in the ultimacy of spiritual pursuit and ideals. In fact, the humanism that these thinkers adopt is more comprehensive than scientific humanism. Thus as humans one has to bring out the essential inner most nature of oneself amidst all the aspirations, urges and passions that lays restrictions on them. The only absolute in the world, Karl Marx says, ‘is change’. It is time to keep moving ahead!