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The following are some of the major conclusions of the study:

1. Since 1993, in the International Relations field, Huntington's theory of clash of civilisation has attracted more attention than any other theory trying to explain the emerging Post Cold War world order.

2. Huntington's theory of clash of civilisation has attracted not only many followers but also large number of critics.

3. Samuel Huntington's theory of clash of civilizations has had a tremendous impact in the academic as well as political and international relations circles.

4. Samuel Huntington's theory of clash of civilizations does not hold good in case of happenings or conflicts within the Asian context and has failed the test to appropriately explain the protracted - Iran-Iraq war, Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Korean conflict in civilisational terms.

5. Samuel Huntington's theory of clash of civilizations does not give an appropriate and adequate explanation of the present world order or conflict in it. Rather by attributing the conflicts in the world to civilisational differences, Huntington not only gives a simplistic explanation but actually escapes from doing an in-depth scientific analysis.

6. Huntington's thesis does not stand up to most of the scholarly criticisms made from various perspectives especially, political and hence is considered to be a motivated construct or enterprise with an underlying agenda serving the interests of the West and the Western countries.

7. The argument that a paradigm is an explanation of a reality or a situation is only partly true because it has the potential of being an agenda setting exercise with clear political underpinnings.
8. There are many possible alternatives to Huntington's thesis to explain the world order and conflict in the world and some of these alternative theories are as good or even better explanations about the world order and conflict in the world than that given by Huntington.

9. An explanation of conflict from an evolutionary, realist, gnosic and power perspective, such as the one proposed in this study and termed as *Survival Through Domination* or *Knowledge-for-Power System Theory* explains conflict much better than the one offered by Huntington.

10. In conclusion it can be asserted that the two main hypotheses of this study "Samuel Huntington's theory of clash of civilizations is not sufficient to explain the present international situation and some of the recent major world events. The conflicts being witnessed in the world at present and in the recent past cannot be appropriately explained using Samuel Huntington's theory of clash of civilizations." and "Samuel Huntington's theory of clash of civilizations is a very simplistic theory trying to explain a complex and subtle world phenomena. Samuel Huntington's theory is fundamentally flawed in its basic premise, the categorization of civilizations and civilisational differences as cause of conflicts." have been upheld by the study.