PREFACE

In this thesis, an analysis is made to highlight the views of Iqbal on Islam. The traditional Islam is theistic. In theism, the God is personnel, the World is real and the relation between Man and God is that of the creator and the created. And Man can attain spiritual freedom by doing one’s own duty and through, the service of humanity. But the Sufists misinterpreted the Islamic ideas as pantheistic. The pantheist believes in man’s seeking union with God, self-negation, world-negation etc. For them, Salvation is possible only through the complete surrender to the Divine Will. This work aimed to explain the concepts of World, Man and God in Iqbal and how they differ from Sufism and also to bring out his interpretation of the spirit of Islam as basically theistic.

The entire study is divided in to five chapters. The ‘Introduction’, presents Iqbal’s biography and also his importance as a great thinker.

Second chapter is an analysis of the growth of Islamic Philosophy especially Sufism. It also shows how the Sufistic views differ from the original Islamic views.
The third chapter deals with the Iqbalian notion of World, Man and God and how they are related to each other.

The fourth chapter, discusses, the Islamic views of World, Man and God and their relations. It also explains the spirit of Islam as basically theistic.

The conclusion gives an over all view of the whole work.