

ZIYAUDDIN BARANI(PART-3)

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HIS VIEWS ON HISTORY (इतिहास पर उनके वचार)

- ▶ He regard history as the most useful science and describes its utility
- ▶ Historian should record the merits and demerits of a king
- ▶ If politically not feasible, figurative language should be implied
- ▶ Accuracy and balance should be maintained at all costs.

HIS VIEWS ON HISTORY (इतिहास पर उनके वचार)

- ▶ Owing to the great benefits of history he had planned to write a comprehensive account in Persian from Adam up to the time of the then present king
- ▶ Prof. BN. Luniya notices a number of defects in the historical writings of Barani. These includes
(1) Description of events, which were not to his liking, in brief, and over-play of the things which he liked

CONCLUSION (निष्कर्ष)

- (2) His narration lacks chronological order . His account of the reign of Mohammad bin Tughluq is an evidence of it
- (3) His works lack order and arrangement
- (4) His vision was coloured and he interpreted the various measures and policies in terms of his religion
- (5) He deals with the personality and character of the Sultans and other Amirs in detail and does not provide detailed accounts of the wars, battles and life of the people

CONCLUSION (निष्कर्ष)

(6) He makes contradictory statements which makes a proper assessment difficult

In spite of the above shortcomings, Barani's works have great historical value. Though he had prejudices, drawbacks, weaknesses and obstructions, his account of the Delhi Sultans is reliable. Compared with others he is more authentic especially for the Khalji period.



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