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ARTICLE ON TURKISH AND KEMALIST HISTORY

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“So Ataturk Was Jewish! right?”

An awkward moment when you know that a person is a good human being and find a poster stating that he was a *bad* person. Similar thing happened yesterday; I came across a bunch of sites which were promoting the idea that Mustafa Kemal was Jewish or “Doenmeh”, means Secret Jews. This came as a shock to me as I was not ready for such information. But then I revisited every site and found a pattern. A pattern that was followed in every one of those different sites and was the soul of those articles. A pattern of “How to Lie by Quoting a Lie, Effectively”.

These sites quote a bunch of random people saying:

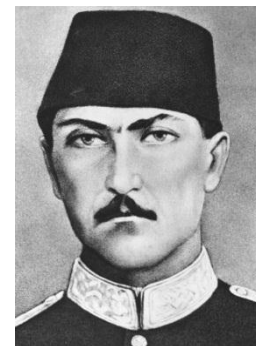
- Mustafa Kemal’s father was a doenmeh.
- Kemal’s father pretended to accept Mustafa Kemal’s admission in Islamic School on her mother’s wish.
- Mustafa Kemal was a doenmeh himself.
- Mustafa Kemal over threw Abdul Hamid II throne.
- Mustafa Kemal abolished Khilafat on his own will.
- Mustafa Kemal destroyed the Islamic image in Turkey.
- Turkish Adhan and Prayer issue.
- Transformed Islamic Turkey into nude and secular Turkey.



To a larger extent, these baseless claims are not completely true and cannot be accepted other than if labeled “Conspiracy Theories”. As far as Doenmeh issue is concerned, there are many scholars and historians who accept the idea that Mustafa was a true and devout Muslim. His father Ali Reza Effendi, though being a liberal thinking person, was a Muslim too. Remember, thinking out of the box does not make you non-believer. So how come these sites not mention those historians who say Ataturk was a genuine devout Muslim but mention those people who say that he was a Secret Jew? Fact of matter is these sites are meant to misguide the viewer and make them think with biased minds using religion as a weapon and a mind control device. That’s why the word “Jew, Jewish” is used more frequently than ever on such sites as they know that Muslims will get angry or have bad feelings for a person if they mention him with an addition of the word “Jewish” in his name.

Mustafa Kemal’s father was a doenmeh

A hypocritical point presented in such site is that Mustafa’s father was a doenmeh. I used the word “hypocritical” for a reason. Similar site quote the basic beliefs of doenmeh that they never marry in Muslim family. Means they never marry a Muslim woman.



These sites also mention Mustafa's mother's wish for Mustafa being a Hafiz (learner of Quran) or an Islamic Preacher and learning Islam in a religious school. What more a Muslim mother can wish for her child other than wishing for him to be an Islamic Preacher? Does this not show her love for Islam and her being a Muslim? This is indeed a truth that she was a good Muslim.

Now to be more clear, if Doenmeh never marry a Muslim woman and Mustafa's mother was a Muslim (as mentioned above) then why did Ali Reza Effendi (who they call Doenmeh) married Zubeyda Hanim (Mustafa's mother)?

They fail to support their own statement in their same article.

This hypocritical point of discussion that Reza Effendi was Doenmeh or Jewish on such sites is a total failure of use of words.



Fact is that with addition of the word "Jew or Agent" in anyone's name and mentioning him as a secret society member, people may be angered and used as the fake information proxies but truth can never be hidden.

Mustafa's father pretended to accept Mustafa's admission in Islamic School on her mother's wish

Zubayda Hanim, Kemal's mother, was a good Muslim. She wished for Mustafa being a Hafiz e Quran or Preacher of Islam. She belonged to a noble Muslim family. Things went intense when she and her husband could not agree on Kemal's field of studies. Ali Reza Effendi agreed to admit Kemal in Islamic School. People think and promote the idea that Ali Reza pretended to be patient and let go his desire of admitting Kemal in modern school but only ALLAH knows what is hidden in one's heart. I, the site owner or any other human being cannot know what people have in their hearts. Moreover, if they say that Ali Reza Effendi admitted Mustafa in Secular Modern schools then they should know that those secular and modern schools were created on the orders of Khalifa Mehmud and Khalifa Abdul Majeed in Tanzimat reforms in starting of 18th century. So If Ali Reza Effendi was a doenmeh as he liked secular schools, were those 2 caliphs (Mehmud and Abdul Majid) also doenmeh that they planted secular education?

Mustafa Kemal was a doenmeh himself

Also they quote a baseless lie that Mustafa Kemal was a doenmeh himself. How can a person be a "Secret Jew" when he distributes copies of the Noble Quran in public? It was Kemal who cared for the beliefs of people and for the ease of those who were unable to learn and understand Arabic, translated Quran in Turkish language. This allowed non-Arab Turks study and understand the real meaning and light of Quran.



Does a doenmeh keep specially made pocket size copy of Quran e Majeed with him everywhere he goes? Does a doenmeh have a copy of Sahih Bukhari with him translated in Turkish by Ulema? Does a Jew have Huffaz around him and love to listen to the recitation of verses of Quran? Does he?

Quoting Islamic scholar Adnan Oktar:

“...Ataturk’s piety was of the kind that could not be equaled by many people. He, for instance, had an exegesis [tafsir] of the Quran prepared, the exegesis of Elmali, which is very important. He had the Turkish translation of Bukhari prepared, the Sahih Bukhari, the most important of the sahih [authentic] collections of hadith, and had it printed, bringing it back to attention. He had the Ministry of Religious Affairs [Diyanet] founded, that is, the most important organization in the state structure. And so he had founded a system in which the religion would be experienced in a sincere and honest fashion. He abolished hypocrisy. He created the system of secularism to close down the way to hypocrisy. And he paved the way for us to experience a sincere form of Islam to the core. In any event, how he ended the occupation, how he broke the enemy occupation is a miracle, a marvel people still do not understand. I mean, he rebuilt a state, a nation which had been completely dismembered, Allah used him as an instrument for this, mashaAllah. May Allah be pleased with him. And our dear Gazi [Ataturk] was a lover of the Quran. He was a man who every night listened to the recitation of the Quran and enjoyed this very much. He was a man who researched the meaning of the Quran and also enjoyed its recitation. It is not very well-known, but he had special people around him who memorized the Qur’an (hafiz) Ataturk had special people (hafiz) around him and he had them read the Qur’an and people around him used to listen with him and he was a person who got a lot of enjoyment and got enlightened by it. That is why when people get to know Ataturk they love him more, become even more aware of his value. But you need to relate him with the addition of these true parts...”



Mustafa Kemal over threw Abdul Hamid II throne

They also propagate false information that Mustafa Kemal is responsible for the abolishment of Abdul



Hamid II government and over throwing his throne. In fact, the fall of Abdul Hamid was determined way before Kemal was even born or Abdul Hamid II was even appointed as caliph. In the dawn of 18th century, the caliphs of Ottoman Empire introduced a series of reformist laws called “Tanzimat”. Sultan Mehmed and Sultan Abdul Majeed in their own times determined that their national poverty and status can be improve with laws based on French Revolution. They implemented the reform laws which were based on French Models and named them Tanzimat. Secular schools, Secular laws, Ottoman nationalism, secular education, new western style military, western style courts and abolishment of Shariah laws were some parts of these implementations.

As a result of Crimean War, different countries including Ottoman Empire started taking care of the minorities in their countries. Christians of Ottoman Empire got full rights and enjoyed those times with financial supports from church and government both. They studied science and modern technology in Secular schools of Ottoman Empire which were created by Sultan Mehmed and Sultan Abdul Majeed. Then came the time of appointing of Abdul Hamid II as Caliph in 1876. Muslims were left to suffer the dark side of society and they wanted Caliph to make a constitution that would keep an eye on Sultan's powers so that people would not get offended with his orders. As a result, the Muslim population and Armies rebelled against caliph. Country wide protests forced Caliph Abdul Hamid II and he implemented a constitution which was over Sultan himself and Sultan was not allowed to pass any law other than those allowed in constitution.



Abdul Hamid II firstly signed the constitution (study: *first constitutional era*) but suddenly suspended it and dissolved the parliament. This suspension of constitution and parliament which was saving people from the wrath of sultan was a shock for the nation. Nation reacted and massive protests held throughout the empire. By 20th century, protests got more powerful and got the support of armies which rebelled against Sultan's dictatorial acts.

Sultan was forced again to implement constitution at its place but his throne was left untouched. Sultan ordered his remaining but loyal soldiers to encounter the rebels but was unsuccessful. He was not willing to re-establish the constitution as he could not just let go his wish to rule people on his own will. This attempt (known as 31st March incident) of encountering the rebel forces angered rebellions and as a result they over threw the Caliph's throne.

This misleading false information that Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was at the back of this fall of government or any other thing like that is baseless. In fact, the wrong doings of caliph himself were responsible for his fall, people may accuse others as much as they want but truth is that caliph himself is responsible for his fall.

Mustafa Kemal abolished Caliphate on his own will

People on such sites misguide the viewers by telling them that Mustafa Kemal is completely responsible for the abolishment of Caliphate and he planned this abolishment from start of the Turkish independence war. The fact they hide a reality that Mustafa, even when he was in power and Turkish Grand National Assembly was under his influence, did not abolish the Caliphate.

So what was the reason that Ataturk did not touched Caliphate but suddenly he abolished it? The answer is thousands miles from Turkey in British India. When Turkey was fighting back to allied forced to gain its land back and expand its territorial boundaries, in India two brothers Muhammad Ali and

Muhammad Shaukat Ali were promoting the idea that Muslims should fight against the reformists and allied forces and save the Caliphate and restore it to its initial place i.e. government of the Empire.

The Khilafat movement (1919–1924) was a pan-Islamic, political protest campaign launched by Muslims in British India to influence the British government and to protect the Ottoman Empire during the aftermath of World War I. The movement gained force after the Treaty of Sèvres (August 1920) which imposed the partitioning of the Ottoman Empire and gave Greece a powerful position in Anatolia, to the distress of the Turks. They called for help and the movement was the result. The Ottoman empire, having sided with the Central Powers during World War I, suffered a major military defeat. The Treaty of Versailles (1919) reduced its territorial extent and diminished its political influence but the victorious European powers promised to protect the Ottoman emperor's status as the Caliph. However, under the Treaty of Sèvres (1920), territories such as Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt severed from the empire.



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, abolished the Treaty of Sèvres with the Treaty of Lausanne (1923). Meanwhile in British India, Mohammad Ali and his brother Maulana Shaukat Ali joined with other Muslim leaders such as Sheikh Shaukat Ali Siddiqui, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed Ansari, Raees-Ul-Muhajireen Barrister Jan Muhammad Junejo, Hasrat Mohani, Syed Ata Ullah Shah Bukhari, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Dr. Hakim Ajmal Khan to form the All India Khilafat Committee. The organization was based in Lucknow, India at Hathe Shaukat Ali, the compound of Landlord Shaukat Ali Siddiqui. They aimed to build political unity amongst Muslims and use their influence to protect the caliphate. In 1920, they published the Khilafat Manifesto, which called upon the British to protect the caliphate and for Indian Muslims to unite and hold the British accountable for this purpose.

Initially, the National Assembly seemed willing to allow a place for the Caliphate in the new regime, agreeing to the appointment of Mehmed's cousin Abdul Mejid II as Caliph upon Mehmed's departure. Still, for all the power he had already wielded in Turkey, Kemal did not dare to abolish the Caliphate outright.

Then an event happened which was to deal a fatal blow to the Caliphate. Leaders of the Khilafat Movement distributed pamphlets calling upon the Turkish people to preserve the Ottoman Caliphate for the sake of Islam. Under Turkey's new nationalist government, however, this was construed as foreign intervention, and any form of foreign intervention was labeled an insult to Turkish sovereignty, and worse, a threat to State security. Kemal promptly seized his chance. On his initiative, the National Assembly abolished the Caliphate on March 3, 1924.

It seems that the Khilafat movement was responsible for the abolishment of Caliphate because the reformists were not ready to abolish the Caliphate before the distribution of pamphlets against new Turkish government and in favor of Caliphate on full scale by Indian Khilafat Movement. This movement which was against new Turkish government and in favor of Caliph was considered a foreign interference in state's politics and threat to the state security and as a result Caliphate was abolished.

Mustafa Kemal destroyed the Islamic image in Turkey

Yet another false claim from these fake information proxies.

This claim is not more than a joke because before Ataturk came into power, the Caliphate has done much wrong to destroy Islamic image. The Sevres treaty proved that Caliph was for sale and he sold Ottoman lands for the sake of his life and government. It confirmed the “for sale” nature of the then Ottoman leaders. Before Ataturk, non-Muslim were forcefully converted to Islam and even though Ottoman government abolished Shariah laws and preferred French laws in the name of “Tanzimat”, the violence among people regarding religious concepts was more than ever. In Ataturk times, there was sectarian and religious harmony among the people of republic.



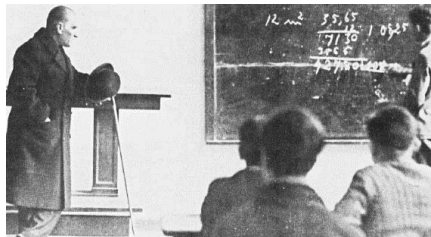
Before Ataturk, Islam was considered to be backward and lagging behind religion but Ataturk proved that Islam is more open minded than any other religion.

Before Ataturk, Islam was thought to be backward regarding the education of women. Ataturk proved it wrong by not only stating but practicing his following statements:

“Our religion has never demanded that women lag behind men. What God commands to men and women is to acquire the science and knowledge together. Men and women have to seek science and knowledge, and go wherever they could find them.”

“The reason for the lack of success of our society lies in the indifference towards our women. Man comes into the world to live as long as his destiny allows him. To live is to act. So, if an organ of a society acts while the other lies idle, then it means that society is paralyzed. A society must accept all the conditions and necessities on which its success in life depends. So, if science and technology are necessary for our society, our men and women must equally master them. As you know, division of labor is necessary in social life as it is in all the other fields. In general division of labor, women should not only carry out their duties, but they should also take part in efforts for the prosperity and welfare of the society.”

Before Ataturk, in late Ottoman period, Islam was considered responsible for the less technological



advancement of Muslims. But Ataturk advanced the same Muslim nation which was lagging behind and lost a war due to low technology. Ataturk advanced the same Muslim nation in agriculture, tourism, education, transportation, defense, printing, foreign relations and list goes on.

How can one say that before Ataturk Islamic image was good but Ataturk destroyed Islamic image?

It is totally opposite! Ataturk proved that Islamic nation is very tolerant to non-Muslims and accepts technology, modern education, civilization, science and literature which were not done reasonably in Ottoman times except Tanzimat times when Europe saw the right side of Empire but that bright side was again converted to a dark side by Caliph Abdul Hamid II.

Turkish Adhan and Prayer issue:

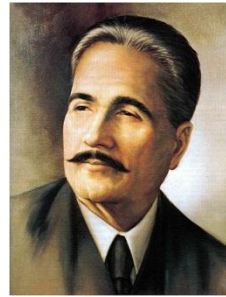
One point they raise is that Ataturk banned Adhan, Namaz (prayer), Mosques and killed Muslims. I will write about then one by one so you can read easily.

1) **Ban on Adhan and Namaz:**

There is no official record that reject people's right of prayer. Ataturk passed no law that forced people NOT to pray or NOT to say Adhan except for in the law to offer prayer in Turkish language with extremely similar meaning as in Arabic. Remember, Islam is universal religion and ultimate truth. One language or nation cannot be the heir of Islam and Islam is not limited to a language or region. Islam is religion of humanity and it is human nature. One who put the idea that "the use of Turkish language in prayer is rejection of Islam" is actually questioning the universal truthfulness of the truest religion.

2) **Turkish language in prayer:**

Allama Muhammad Iqbal, a famous Islamic scholar, historian and national poet of Pakistan, wrote in his work named "**Reconstruction of religious thought in Islam**":
"If the aim of religion is the spiritualization of the heart, then it must penetrate the soul of man, and it can best penetrate the inner man, only if its spiritualizing ideas are clothed in his mother tongue. Most people in India will condemn this displacement of Arabic by Turkish. We find that when Muhammad Ibn Tömart - the Mahdi of Muslim Spain - who was Berber by nationality, came to power, and established the pontifical rule of the MuwaÁÁidën, he ordered for the sake of the illiterate Berbers, that the Qur'an should be translated and read in the Berber language; that the call to prayer should be given in Berber; and that all the functionaries of the Church must know the Berber language."



"The land where the call to prayer resounds in Turkish; where those who pray understand the meaning of their religion; the land where the Qur'an is learnt in Turkish; where every man, big or small, knows full well the command of God; O! Son of Turkey! That land is thy fatherland!"

* (Allama Iqbal's statement 'On the Introduction of Turkish Prayers by Ghazi Mustafa Kemal Pasha' published in the *Weekly Light* (Lahore), 16 February 1932, reproduced in Rahim Bakhsh Shaheen (ed.), *Memontos of Iqbal*, pp. 59-60.)

*(Cf. *ibid.*, p. 113; also Uriel Heyd, *Foundation of Turkish Nationalism: The Life and Teachings of Ziya Gökalp*, pp. 102-03)

*(On Ibn Tömart's innovation of introducing the call to prayer in the Berber language, cf. Ibn Abâ Zar', *Raud al-Qirtas*, Fr. trans. A. Beaumier, *Histoire des souverains du Magreb*, p. 250; I. Goldziher, 'Materialien zur Kenntniss der Almohadenbewegung in Nordafrika', *ZDMG*, XLI (1887), 71, and D. B. Macdonald, *Development of Muslim Theology*, p. 249.)

Now the fact is clear that language of prayer have changed in history way before Ataturk did so. These changes were made in order to make illiterate people understand the true message of Quran and Prayer. To spread the meaning of Adhan in native language in order to attract the illiterate people towards Islam and make them understand the importance and real meaning of the prayer and Quran.

Ijtihad is one of the most important concepts in Islam. It is the practice of reforming from one's self to the whole nation in accordance with the need of time. No nation can survive without changing itself with changing times. The attempt of language change in prayer was a need of time as most Turks were

unable to understand what they were saying while praying or reciting Quran. The meaning of Quran was becoming less and less effective on Turks because of the illiteracy of Turks regarding Arabic language. Opening Arabic schools were not going to help in such drastic situation. This called for Ijtihad and solution was to order the Turkish translation of Quran, Prayer, Adhan and Sahih.

You can find a massive amount of websites condemning the Language of Prayer reform by Ataturk but you will find no one condemning the same reform implemented by Berbers. Reason is just one, "Pro-Arabism". These people love Arabs more than they love Islam. They feel like they have nothing to do with Berber Language of prayer reform but have everything to do with Ataturk language of prayer reform.

Mustafa Kemal Transformed Islamic Turkey into nude Turkey and introduced secularism in Islamic society to destroyed it:

This is yet another attempt to spread false word and misguide the viewer. History tells a different story.



Let's first come to their false claim that "Ataturk made Turkey nude by abolishing Islamic dress code". Is there anything known as "Islamic Dress"? No there is not. People refer to this term as if Islam introduced some dress that was to worn by every Muslim. This term (Islamic dress) only means the dress that fulfills Islamic requirement. It has nothing to do with Arabic, Eastern or Western regions. There is no official record which can be produced to justify their above mentioned claim. Ataturk did not order women to be nude or anything like that. Even though the law of western dress code was passed but one has to keep in mind sound and clear that **"Western dress code is not all about shorts and bikini"**. There are dresses

worn in west which if worn by Muslims fulfill completely the Shariah requirements for dress. For example, for men the western suit was implemented which completely fulfills the Shariah requirements. For women it was not necessary to wear western dress. They were free to wear any good dress both Arabic and Western. With just the ban on Veil (Niqab, hiding the face), Turkish women were allowed to wear any dress they want. So now it was on the choice of women what to wear and what not to. Some women chose to wear western but descent dress and some chose to wear Arabic dress. This can be understood more clearly by following example:



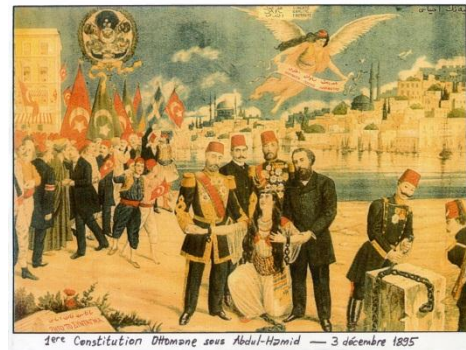
"If some country's administration implement a law that Women are free to choose their profession. Most women choose to be models in media. Does this means that administration forced those women to be models or does this mean that it depended on women choice? For a sensible thinker, this should be considered the women choice and not a fault of government because government did not force them to join media but women chose to join media themselves."

Having this cleared, let's come to the point where they say "Ataturk introduced secularism in Islamic society to destroy it". This is yet another misconception spread by such "misunderstanding hubs". Ataturk was not the one who introduced secularism in Turkish Islamic society. The first people who planted secularism in Turkish society were none other than their own caliphs in the name of "Tanzimat". Strange, when people listen to the name of Tanzimat they say "Tanzimat was a mistake and caliph cannot be blamed for that, but what Ataturk did was so wrong and for that Ataturk is Kafir!".

Is this not hypocrisy? Indeed it is.

The Tanzimat:

In 1839, When Ottoman Empire was facing harsh conditions regarding its territorial boundaries. The Ottoman government sought out a way out of worst condition an empire could ever see. They decided to reorganize the empire by introducing new laws and implementing them by hook or by crook. This re-organization was named Tanzimat and it ended in 1876. The *Tanzimât* reform era was characterized by various attempts to modernize the Ottoman Empire, to secure its territorial integrity against nationalist movements and aggressive powers. The reforms attempted to integrate non-Muslims and non-Turks more thoroughly into Ottoman society by enhancing their civil liberties and granting them equality throughout the Empire.



During the reigns of Mahmud II and Abdülmecid I the Tanzimat was originated and implemented. They recognized that the old religious and military institutions no longer met the needs of the empire in the modern world. Many of the reforms were attempts to adopt successful European practices. Changes included universal conscription; educational, institutional and legal reforms; and systematic attempts at eliminating corruption and decriminalizing homosexuality.

For this purpose, Islamic law was put aside in favor of secular law.

By getting rid of the millet system, the Ottoman Empire hoped to be able to control all of its citizens. They thought that the Great Powers would accept this as long as reforms were ongoing, leaving them to act as enforcers of these goals. The ambitious project was launched to combat the slow decline of the empire that had seen its borders shrink, and was growing weaker in comparison to the European powers.

Tanzimât reforms began under Sultan Mahmud II. On November 3, 1839, Sultan Abdülmecid issued an organic statute for the general government of the empire named **Hatt-ı Şerif** (*the Imperial Edict*) of *Gülhane* (*the imperial garden where it was first proclaimed*). It is also called as **Tanzimât** (نظيمات) **Fermânı** and was followed by a series of edicts enacting the imperial statute of 1839. In this very important document, the Sultan stated that he wished "to bring the benefits of a good administration to the provinces of the Ottoman Empire through new institutions", and that these institutions would principally refer to:

1. Guarantees to ensure the Ottoman subjects perfect security for their lives, honour, and property (1839, see *Rescript of the Rose Chamber* below for details);

2. The reorganization of the finance system according to the French model (1840)
3. The reorganization of the Civil and Criminal Code according to the French model (1840)
4. The so-called "Hatt-ı Hümayun of 1856 (called *Islahat* meaning improvement) promising "full legal equality for citizens of all religions" (1856)
5. The abolition of the capitulation (Jizya) tax on non-Muslims, with a regular method of establishing and collecting taxes (1856)
6. The Land Code (*Arazi Kanunnamesi* (1857) [which led to the creation of Israel in future]
7. The decriminalization of homosexuality (1858)
8. The so-called "Nationality Law of 1869" creating a common Ottoman citizenship irrespective of religious or ethnic divisions (1869)

The Rescript of Rose Chamber 1839:

The Rescript of the Rose Chamber was the first major reform in the Tanzimat reforms under the government of sultan Abdulmecid and a crucial event in the movement towards secularization. It guaranteed the life and property for all subjects, including non-Muslims. This put an end to the kul system, which allowed the ruler's servants to be executed or have their property confiscated at his desire. The reforms eliminated the *millet* system in the Ottoman Empire. The millet system created religiously based communities that operated autonomously, so people were organized into societies.

The Rescript of the Rose Chamber also represented a move towards Westernization. It mirrored the liberal ideals of the French Revolution, which glorified humanity and individual rights. The Rescript was imagined as the savior of the Ottoman Empire by imposing modernizing and nationalizing forces. This move towards western ideals was also an effort to keep Europe out of the Ottoman Empire. By conforming to their standards, the Ottoman Empire hoped to appease Europe enough to keep them out of Ottoman affairs and avoid European control.

Equality of Religions:

As a result, "European and Ottoman officials engaged in a contest to win the loyalty of the local inhabitants — the French by claiming to protect the Maronites; the British, the Druze; and the Ottomans by proclaiming the sultan's benevolence toward all his religiously equal subjects."

The important part of above mentioned is the Ottomans by proclaiming the sultan's benevolence toward all his "religiously equal subjects". And "secularism" means the equality of religions in politics and no preference is given to one religion or religious group and all the religious groups are equal in government's view.

So now I think it is clear that secularism was NOT introduced by Ataturk but was introduced by Islamic Caliphs in 18th century way before Ataturk. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was just a student who studied in that secular school which was created by Ottoman caliphs inspired by "French Revolution". This inspired schooling influenced student's minds and created extremely reformist minds of 20th century. To confirm this thought, think what model Ataturk was focusing on while reforming Turkey? The answer is French revolution model. Ataturk told this in many places that Turkish revolution is inspiration of French revolution which Turks learned about in their secular schools made by caliphs who were also inspired by French revolution.

Do we still have to think that Ataturk was the first one who introduced secularism in Turkish Islamic society? To me, this is opposite. Ataturk re-established a good, broad, opened, thoughtful, inspiring image of Islam after its destruction by Caliphs.

Before Ataturk, Caliphs legalized Homosexuality, abolished Shariah laws, adopted French criminal code, adopted French trade code end list goes on. What more could be done to destroy Islamic image?

How did Ataturk manage to destroy strong enemy forces?

The answer is simple, western forces after occupying the Turkish lands ran out of troops. They were not able to maintain security in Middle East. This gave a chance to Turks of getting freed from enemy forces. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk visited every city, town and village gathering troops of former soldiers and nationalists from public. Turk troops started forming in many different cities and after planned strategy and under the leadership of a genius i.e. Ataturk, they won their freedom and snatched their lands back from Greeks, Britain, and their allies.



Ataturk was not irreligious

How do we know it? Just read his words:

“In my view, even irreligious types are believers. It is impossible for a person to be irreligious. Nobody can be irreligious. (Ataturk, 02. 02. 1923, Izmir, Speech on the Future of Turkey.)”

“Religion is human beings’ nourishment. An irreligious man is like an empty house. He distresses people. We must always believe in something. This last of the faiths is of course the most perfect. Islam is superior to all faiths... (Ataturk and Religious Education, Ahmet Gürbas, Department of Religious Affairs Press, p. 2)”

“The Turkish nation must be more devout. It must be devout in all simplicity. I believe this in the same way I believe in my faith...” (Ataturk’s Words and Statements, Vol. 3, p. 69-70, 29.10.1923, statement to the French author Maurice Pernot)”

Ataturk was a Muslim

Why do we think that he was a Muslim? Just read his words:

“The Muslims of the whole world must follow the path shown by Muhammad (saas), the last prophet of Allah, and fully obey all his commands. All Muslims must take the Prophet Muhammad (saas) as a role model and act like him; they must obey all the commandments of Islam. Because only in this way can people be happy and regenerated. (Ataturk in Urdu Publications, Ankara University Faculty of Languages, History and Geography, 1979, p. 70-71)”

“One can only display one’s respect for the Prophet Muhammad (saas), who carried out a great revolution, by maintaining his ideas and essential values.”(Semsettin Günaltay, Ülkü Magazine, No. 100, p.)”

Ataturk always carried a copy of the Qur’an with him and enjoyed listening to the Qur’an. He was sometimes greatly influenced by the commentaries he read as he worked and would ask,

“O My Lord... Those who do not believe in the Qur’an are unbelievers. How can they show us the way? We must ensure that the entire world reads this. My soul rejoices as I read it.”

Ataturk frequently expressed his love of and admiration for our Prophet (saas), and described his moral values, powerful faith and leadership as exemplary.

“Those who doubt that he is a true prophet should look at this map and read the epic of Badr. The victory that the Prophet Muhammad (saas) won with a handful of devout Muslims against the vast and wealthy horde of the Qur’aysh is not the work of a mortal man. That battle is the most explicit proof of his prophethood. (Ataturk and Religious Education, Department of Religious Affairs Press, p. 2)”

“He (Prophet (s.a.w.w.)) was the first and greatest servant of Allah. Millions of people today follow in his path. Your name and mine will vanish, but he is immortal to the end.”(Dr. Utkan Kocatürk, Ataturk’s Views and Ideas, Ataturk and Religious Education, A. Gürtas, p. 26)”

“Muhammad Moustafa first gained the love, respect and trust of his people without being a prophet ... He worked for twenty years, amid countless dangers and facing endless troubles and difficulties, and after succeeding in his task as prophet of building Islam... he attained the loftiest abode in paradise. (1922 (Ataturk's S.D. I, p. 262-263))”

Ataturk also said that the Holy Qur’an must be adopted as a guide in all spheres of life. In 1923, he entered a class on moral values that was being taught at the Dar’ul Hilafat al-Aliya Madrassa in Konya and asked a student by the name of Hamdi Zade Hamdi to expound on the verse “Allah commands you to return to their owners the things you hold on trust and, when you judge between people, to judge with justice. How excellent is what Allah exhorts you to do! Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing” (Surat an-Nisa, 58) and clarify the moral principles therein.

Once the student had done this, Ataturk expressed his feelings and ideas by telling the teacher and students “I REGARD THIS VERSE AS THE SOLE PROOF OF OUR SUCCESS.” (Ataturk in All Respects, Altiner, Ankara, 1962, p. 487, related from Mahmut Yagmur)

During the worst days of the War of Independence, Kerim Pasha expounded on the verse of the Qur’an reading “THE HAND OF Allah IS UPON THEM” and said that, as the verse says, they would overcome all difficulties with His help. Ataturk then replied:

“Beloved, The hand of ALLAH is upon them all... the nation will obey ALLAH’s commands, as you say, what we obtain as a nation is good and auspicious. I ask you not to withhold your prayers. The effort comes from us, but all help and ease comes from ALLAH, who is eternal.” (Collected works of Ataturk, vol. 4, p. 137. Ataturk also included this in his Speeches.)

“O My Nation! Allah is the One. His glory is sublime. May Allah’s peace, grace and goodness be upon you. The principles He laid down are the verses in the Glorious Qur’an. Our religion that granted the spirit of knowledge is the last religion. It is the most perfect religion because unless our religion had complied with reason, the truth and wisdom, there would have to be some discrepancies between divine and natural laws. It is Almighty Allah Who makes all divine laws.” (Ataturk’S and D, v. 2, p. 93)”

So Ataturk Was Jewish! Right?