HROUGHOUT the ages our ever social changing structure has laid a heavy stress on the minds of people. This has especially been the case with the growing generation. History reveals that every human society has a particular pattern of living. While on this topic of society let us not drift to the edges. Why not step over the threshold of our own for example, and see what impact it has on the human mind?

In the present set up of today's world, when chaos and confusion is the order of the day and the youth, particularly of a country like ours which had been under the yoke of western domination for the past century, our society has brought multiple changes in all aspects of life.

Society in a wider sense simply means the adaptation of style or a way of living. Selection of pattern or design for a part of the duration of life. Man for his existence has to choose one whether it has one pattern today and another tomorrow and live according to its trends. It is also evident that the culture of every progressive society has a deep-root-

ed effect on the culture of developing nations. Thus we chose the way of our masters, in our case, the western society.

Since time immemorial. western society has been considered "advanced" in every walk of life. This western society has influenced us to a point of no return. Its impact is so great on the minds of our people, young and old, that they have vowed to follow it with ardent zeal and enthusiasm. It is not said in vain that the best way to send ideas round the world is to wrap it in a man/A

people's way of living and thinking is connected with each other. First there is a change of trend, or first, the mental state of a man is influenced and later on physical position changes.

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more inviting to human minds. People follow this trend proudly without any recheck presumably because of lack of knowledge, lack of education and of the curse of ignorance of their own traditions. Take for instance a very new and interesting phènomenon of our times the generation gap.

In times gone-by, so strange were the bonds of society and decorum guarding the minds of the young, that lack of parental under-

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all chances of bridging the breech are dissolved. Again, we have the exploiters from other modes like television, films, books and magazines Internet etc. All these aid in the glamourizing of our culture, with the result being that our culture has produced another culture. A hard young culture that plainly discard hard work and moral values.

Our film industry, TV is woefully lacking in a fundamental function, viz a provision for healthy

nation building. This in turn again creates some social problems. So whenever a spine tingling thriller or sex-obsessed romance is shown, our youth rush in to see, what is so prominently displayed "For Adults Only." Such films give rise to perverted ideas in the minds of the people and foster in them a false sense of values of riches, romance, love, marriage, and life in general. Stories in keeping with classical literature, or our way of life and traditions all seem a big bore to our minds and are cast aside as trips. Same is true of books and magazines going hot in the market today. Do they not pollute the minds of ouryouth, who fall prey to crime, murder and theft?

Not only this, due to the structure of our society now few women consider their home and children their sole responsibility. They have taken up professions which

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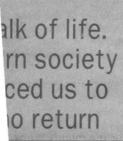
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the In some way the admiration ken for a borrowed society is jusnts, tified, as technically the Western superiority does exist. But it does not justify nisupest the blind absorption of their culture, and our failure to see ug nd that the culture we imitate ew belongs to a very different an segment of society. It is of those who give their nations es technical ıe superiority. We must bear in mind that ours is h. a society reasonably consern le vative and the present time trends are against its tradier tional values and cultural herd itage. If we have to, and want k g to, live a graceful life, we have to reshuffle ourselves and re-arrange the principles of our society keeping in our mind our glorious past, religion and ideology which is so different to what we have embraced blindly. However, in conclusion if progress and prosperity are to be attained by our community as a whole, let it not be caught sitting idle in its efforts to bring up a progressive healthy dynamic Islamic Society based on a solid foundation of social and moral values