

An Account of 19th Century Pashto Lexicons, Lineages and Literary History

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Abstract:

This research paper takes the position and significance of 19th century orientalist ventures in the domain of compiling Pashto language dictionaries, tracing down the discourse within people on their lineage and race and the glimpses of literary history told by the learning brigades of European colonialism. As 19th century is marked as one of the most volatile period for the sub-continent viz a viz Afghans and Afghanistan, a cross cutting conflict remained there for decades amongst the Afghans and British India, amid this turmoil, what kind of scholarship has been evolved is the basic question of research probed and answered by the author. The paper open discourse on the authenticity of the absent authorities and also take the scholastic significance of scholarship and opinions created by the orientalist. Albeit these writings of 19th century helps out the contemporary scholars and researchers to define the features of literary history, Pashto language alignment with sisters languages and language family and also shed light on the lineage and race questions.

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