[Unlike Pakistan, in Africa] government support for education in the Muslim schools for example, is by no means automatic. Higher standards have to be reached before they can qualify for official recognition and financial support. This can only be achieved if there is an overriding will to modernise the whole approach of Islamic teaching and attitude to our way of life. .

[For Pakistan] to hold its own in modern world, to come to terms with the highest and the latest developments in science and technology, a radically new approach will be needed. If Islam aspires, as I believe she must, to recapture the glories of the past, she must be ready to adapt -- I do not say abandon her own traditions -- to the entirely different circumstances of today. If we fail to do this, not only shall we fail to progress ourselves, but the younger generation will become disillusioned and fall prey to alien and materialistic creeds, which have nothing whatever in common with Islam.

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