THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST

***The first chapter’s function on the novel’s economy***

The first chapter’s function on the novel’s economy is to introduce the two main characters, Changez and his interlocutor, and to begin the novel’s narration.

The chapter begins with the novel’s time set in the present, in Pakistan, precisely in Lahore where the protagonist lives. While he is walking in Anarkali old bazar in Lahore, Changez meets an American and the two characters begin a chat where Changex tells his story to the mysterious man.

As second function, this chapter has the intent of begin the narration of facts that happened in the past. This facts are set in different places but in this chapter the narrator tells his story to begin from his college period in America.

This chapter begins with an instant involvement in the story as the narrator begins already with his voice and with a chat with a man meted in his city. This shrewdness has the function of capture immediately the reader’s attention and has the function of begin the reader’s expectations.