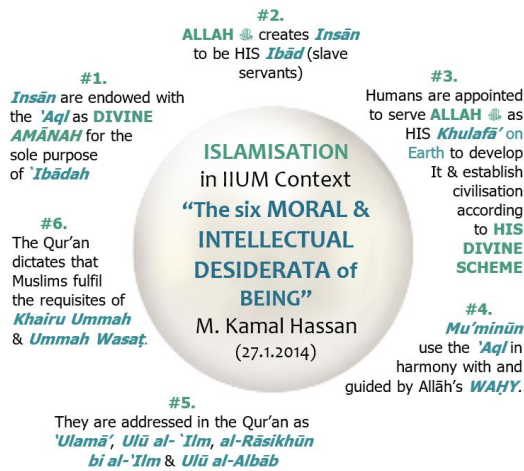


Islamisation-Herald

ONE Pearl from the Precious String

Welcome to the second issue of *Islamisation-Herald*, CENTRIS's special publication dedicated on bringing to fore Islamisation discourse, one important point per issue—*ONE pearl* at a time.

The last issue underscores the rationales for Islamisation as the six "Moral and Intellectual Desiderata of Being".



1st Pearl. WHY Islamisation? A.1. The six moral desiderata.

The present issue highlights another group of rationales for Islamisation, which *al-Marḥūm* Professor Dr. M. Kamal Hassan classified as "A.2. The Necessity and Urgency of Fulfilling the Mission of IOHK¹ According to IIUM's Constitution". "A.2.1 The philosophical/metaphysical basis of the Mission" lists six principles:

1. The Principle of *IQRĀ'*
2. The Principle of *TAWḤĪD*
3. The principle of *AMĀNAH*
4. The principle of *KHILĀFAH*
5. The principle of *IBĀDAH*²
6. The principle of *TAZKIYAH AL-NAFS*.

¹ IOHK. Islamisation/Islamicisation of Human Knowledge or Human Acquired Knowledge.

² Memorandum and Articles of Association, 2002: 1-2.



أَفْرَأُ بِأَسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ
 خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ۚ أَفْرَأُ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ
 الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ
 عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ
 كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَيْطَغِيَ ۚ أَنْ رَأَاهُ اسْتَعْجَىٰ
 إِنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ

“**READ!** In The Name of your Lord and Cherisher, Who created. **READ!** And your Lord is Most Bountiful. **HE Who Taught** (the use of) *qalam*. **Taught man** that which **he knew not**. Nay, but man **does transgress all bounds**, in that **he looks upon himself as self-sufficient**. **Verily, to your Lord is the return (of all)**”
 (Q. *al-'Alaq*, 96: 1-8).

The primary objects of the IIUM requires that the University is guided by the philosophies and principles which include but are not limited to:

- i. The meaning and spirit of Q. *al-'Alaq*, 96: 1-5 [extending to verse 8].
- ii. Knowledge shall be propagated in the spirit of *TAWḤĪD*, leading towards the recognition of ALLAH ﷻ as the Absolute Creator and Master of mankind.

- iii. The recognition above represents the **APEX** in the hierarchy of knowledge.
- iv. Knowledge is an **AMĀNAH** (a trust) from **ALLAH** ﷻ and its development **must conform** with the purposes behind ALLAH's creation of the universe.
- v. Knowledge should be utilised by man as the '**ABD** (slave-servant) and **KHALIFAH** (vicegerent) of **ALLAH** ﷻ on earth, in accordance with **HIS Will**.
- vi. The quest for knowledge is regarded as '**IBĀDAH** (an act of worship).
- vii. The University shall be **International** and **Islamic** in character.

Statements i – vii crystallise as the IIUM's VISION, enshrined in the Constitution of the University:

“Inspired by the **Worldview of Tawhīd** and the **Islamic Philosophy of the Unity of Knowledge** as well as its concept of **holistic education**, the University aims at becoming a **leading international centre of educational excellence** which seeks to **restore the dynamic and progressive role of the Ummah** in **ALL branches of knowledge**.³”

It is thus clear that **Islamisation of the Self (IOS)** through **Tazkiyah al-Nafs** (self purification) is a *sine qua non* (an absolutely necessary prerequisite) for IOHK, Islamisation/Islamicisation of Human Knowledge.



³ The IIUM's Philosophy of Knowledge as enshrined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of IIUM (the Constitution of IIUM), 2002: 1-3.