Islamisation-Herald

ONE Pearl from the Precious String

We greet you warmly with Islamisation-Herald Issue 4 No. 1, where we highlight Islamisation wisdom, *ONE* pearl at a time. Series No. 1 focuses on **WHY Islamisation?**' as outlined by IIUM's 3rd Rector, al-Marhūm Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dr. M. Kamal Hassan.¹

Issue 3 No. 1 deliberates on the connexions between IIUM's Vision and her First Mission, and OUR place within.

VISION Inspired by the Worldview of (A) The IIUM's Vision (B) With this premise, Tawḥīd & the Islamic takes inspiration from the IIUM shoulders Philosophy of the Unity of Tawhīd & Islamic the responsibility to Knowledge as well as its · lead as an Worldview holistic concept of international centre with its epistemology education, the University aims of the Unity of of educational at becoming a leading international centre of excellence to Knowledge and education that is reinstate the Ummah to holistic. educational excellence its divinely intended comprehensive & well-balanced. which seeks to restore the dynamism & progressiveness in ALL dynamic & progressive role knowledge endeavours. Ummah in all branches of knowledge. (C) The task is both (D) These are partly special and greatly why reformation of needed as many are still entrapped by the spell & influences of Muslim minds in the MISSION #1 ways of thinking, To undertake the diseases of special and greatly are **urgent & pressing** the heart, e.g. envy, ill-intention, insincerity, self-centredness, selfishness, lacking self-accountability to remove the shackles as described. needed task of reforming the contemporary Muslim Another shackle is that mentality and integrating of secularism, which has been plaguing the seein-accountability
& sense urgency in
striving fi sabili*/Llah (in
the way of Allah) & a
diminishing spirit of
of ukhuwwah Islamiyah. Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences schism between in a positive manner religion & the conduct (E) This reformation is achieved through integration of

Islamic Revealed Knowledge and the Sciences in studies, understanding & practices. It is a subset of the integration of internalisation of the teachings of the Qur'an & Sunnah with contemporary human acquired knowledge in the disciplines, know-how & skills, to bring all and align the latter to the straight path of Tawhid.

WHY Islamisation? The 3rd Pearl.

"A.2 The Necessity and Urgency of Fulfilling the Mission of IOHK According to IIUM's Constitution". "A.2.1 The philosophical/metaphysical basis of the Mission".

The issue at hand now continues with the points of A.2.1 The Philosophical or Metaphysical Basis of the highlighting the Second Mission of IIUM as Enshrined in the Constitution.

"Towards actualizing the University's Vision, IIUM endeavours:"

MISSION #2

To produce **better quality** intellectuals, professionals and by integrating scholars faith (Imān). quality of knowledge ('I/m') and good character (Akhlāq) serve agents as of comprehensive and **balanced** progress as well as sustainable development in Malaysia and in the Muslim world.²,

As **the foundation** of the University, the Worldview of Tawhīd extends to the notion of the Unity of Knowledge in Islam. Since all knowledge comes from The One Source, Allah , different disciplines converge collective *hujjah* **testifying** to The Oneness of The God-Creator.

In other words, The Reality of The Creator manifests and reflects upon realities of the created, the latter being the domain that the humankind examines and

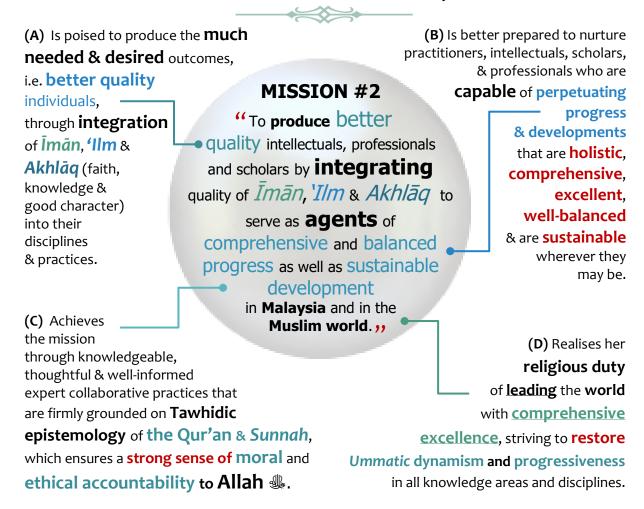
¹M. Kamal Hassan, "Lecture on Islamicisation/Islamisation of Human Knowledge", organized by CPD, IIUM, Ta'aruf and Intellectual Discourse (TIDE) 43, delivered on January 27, 2014.

² Memorandum of Association of the IIUM, 2002: 2-3.

studies in nature, in humanity and in history. Studies of the Words or Signs of Allah in His creatures **must then be guided by** and **in tandem with** studies of The Creator's Words in the Our'an.

This necessitates that education at the IIUM is comprehensive and holistic - integrating Revelation with reason and Revealed Knowledge with human sciences.

These are so that the University



ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّذِىٓ أَنزَلَ ٱلْكِتَابَ بِٱلْحُقِّ وَٱلْمِيزَانَ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ ٱلسَّاعَةَ قَرِيبٌ

"It is Allah Who has sent down the Book in Truth, and the Balance (by which to weigh conduct). And what will make you realise that perhaps the Hour is close at hand?"

(Q. al-Shūrā, 42:17)

كُنتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِٱلْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَن ٱلْمُنكَر وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِٱللَّهِ...

"You are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah..." (Q. Āl 'Imrān, 3: 110)

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