



Islamisation-Herald

ONE Pearl from the Precious String

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Islamisation-Herald welcomes you with our new series, Issue 1 No. 2, April 2025. With the completion of the series on ‘**WHY Islamisation?**’, the number two series focuses on the ‘**WHAT**’ aspects of Islamisation, based on that which *al-Marḥūm* Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr. M. Kamal Hassan had laid out.¹

The last of the No. 1 series concludes the rationales for Islamisation, presented in a series of eight issues. Islamisation provides the necessary alternatives to secular, agnostic or atheistic archetypes of knowledge, which, despite the remarkable scientific and technological advancements in science and technology, they have also “precipitated” in the “unparalleled spiritual crises, moral decadence, global economic and political injustices, and disastrous, unprecedented ecological problems of grave proportion”.²

WHAT IS ISLAMISATION?

Al-Marḥūm Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr. M. Kamal deliberated on “What is meant by Islamicisation/Islamisation of Human Knowledge” in a series of points, with breakout details in all of them.

The first point highlights that despite the term “Islamisation” being new, the concept is as old as Islam itself.

Secular, agnostic or atheistic paradigms of knowledge have produced remarkable advancements in science & technology which are undeniably beneficial to human society.

However, plentiful signs point to **moral decay** & **intellectual chaos** of anthropocentric & secular-humanistic civilization, in addition to the **malaise** of the **Muslim ummah**. See

- **The Age of Turbulence** Alan Greenspan (2008)
- **The Post-American World** Fareed Zakaria (2009)
- **Globalization and Its Discontents** Joseph E. Stiglitz (2002)
- **The End of the World as We Know It** Immanuel Wallerstein (1999)
- **Why Capitalism Self-Destructed** Nakatani Iwao (2008), (tr. Shihonshugi Wa Nazejikai Shita No Ka)
- **Envisioning a Sustainable Society** Lester W. Milbrath (1989)
- **Slouching Towards Gomorrah** Robert Bork (1996)
- **Chomsky On Miseducation** Noam Chomsky (2004)
- etc.

A grim reminder from a distinguished Japanese economist Nakatani, after witnessing the international financial crisis, argues that global capitalism has spawned a **monster** that must be brought **under control**. “Global capitalism and market principles ... inherently sunder the bonds and ties between individuals; they are an ‘**evil system**’ causing the **destruction** of social values.” Nariai Osamu, “Global Capitalism After the Fall”, *Japanecho* vol. 36, no. 2, April 2009; 7.

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consequences of the **moral failure** of secular modernity, secularised knowledge & secular-humanistic modern civilisation grounded upon the epistemology of **autonomous human reason** & the ontology of **naturalism & materialism**. M.Kamal Hassan, 2014.

• OUR CONCLUSION
The end of the 20th century & the last two decades of the present century has witnessed the **disastrous** consequences of the **moral failure** of secular modernity, secularised knowledge & secular-humanistic modern civilisation grounded upon the epistemology of **autonomous human reason** & the ontology of **naturalism & materialism**. M.Kamal Hassan, 2014.

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Islamisation is

“ A new expression or label for a **fundamental religious imperative** incumbent upon **Muslims** and **Mu'minūn** (Believers), ‘**Ulamā**’ (Scholars) and the **Ummah Wasaṭ** (Justly Balanced Community)³. ”

^{1, 2, 3} M. Kamal Hassan, “Islamicisation / Islamisation of Human Knowledge in IIUM Context”, IIUM Ta'aruf and Intellectual Discourse (TIDE) #43, January 27th, 2014.

This can be traced to the history of the beginning of humanity. The experience of Prophet Ādam and his wife Ḥawwā ('a.s.) as narrated in *Sūrah al-A'rāf*, verses 19 to 30 is referred to:

- “O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in the Garden, and enjoy (its good things) as you wish: **but approach not this tree, or you run into harm and transgression.**”
- “Then began **Satan** to whisper suggestions to them, bringing openly before their minds all their shame that was hidden from them (before) - he said: ‘Your Lord only forbade you this tree, lest you should become [as] angels or such beings as live for ever’. And he swore unto them, ‘**Verily, I am of those who wish you well indeed!**’.”
- “So by deceit he [Satan] brought about their fall: when they tasted of the tree, their shame became manifest to them, and they began to sew together the leaves of the garden over their bodies. And their Lord called unto them: ‘**Did I not forbid you that tree, and tell you that Satan was an avowed enemy unto you?**’.”

قَالَا رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا
لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“They said: ‘Our Lord! We have **wronged our own souls**: If You forgive us not and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be lost’.” (Q. al-A ‘rāf, 7: 23)

- “(Allah) said: ‘Get ye down. With enmity between yourselves. On earth will be your dwelling-place and your means of livelihood - for a time’. He said: ‘Therein shall you live, and therein shall you die; but from it shall you be taken out (at last)’.”

- “O you Children of Adam! We have bestowed raiment upon you to cover your shame, as well as to be an adornment to you. **But the raiment of righteousness, that is the best.** Such are among the Signs of Allah, that they may receive admonition!”

- “O you Children of Adam! **Let not Satan seduce you, in the same manner as He got your parents out of the Garden, stripping them of their raiment, to expose their shame: for he and his tribe watch you from a position where you cannot see them: We made the evil ones friends (only) to those without faith.**”

- “Say: ‘My Lord has commanded justice; and that you set your whole selves (to Him) at every time and place of prayer, and call upon Him, making your devotion sincere as in His Sight: such as He created you in the beginning, so shall ye return’. Some He has guided: Others have (by their choice) deserved the loss of their way; in that they took the evil ones, in preference to Allah, for their friends and protectors, and think that they receive guidance.”

(Q. al-A ‘rāf, 7: 19-30)

So it is... *Rasūlu’LLāh* (s.‘a.w.) once drew in the sand a straight line and diverging lines going forth from the straight one. When asked what these lines meant, he explained that the straight line represented *al-Ṣirāt al-Mustaqīm*, and those diverging from it were **diverse wayward ways**.

As exemplified by the story of Prophet Ādam ('a.s.) above, we have the duty to bring ourselves, and the people around us, together with the various systems, institutions and functionings that have veered away from *al-Ṣirāt al-Mustaqīm*, back to the Straight Path, which will bring us to Allah (S.W.T.), where we came from.

This – in essence – is **Islamisation**.



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