



ONE Pearl from the Precious String

# Islamisation-Herald

Welcome to issue 3 no. 2, May 2025 of the *Islamisation-Herald*, with focus on the 'WHAT' aspects of Islamisation, based on that which had been laid out by *al-Marhūm* Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr. M. Kamal Hassan.<sup>1</sup> Issue 2 no. 2, April 2025 emphasises on the broad implications of Islamisation of Human Knowledge (IOHK), as

“ The **proper** way for the servants of Allah (SWT), the *vicegerents*, the *believers*, the *Islamic scholars* to **use** their **God-given intellect** ('*aql*) in **pursuit of wellbeing in this world and wellbeing in the Hereafter.**<sup>2</sup> ”

The issue in your hand pursues to a more comprehensive meaning relevant to the IIUM context, namely:

“ I.O.H.K. is an **alternative intellectual paradigm** for • **pursuing** • **teaching** • **developing** • **organizing** • **disseminating** • **utilising** • **critiqueing** and • **evaluating** **contemporary human knowledge** (as contrasted with Divinely revealed knowledge), **in accordance with the worldview, fundamental principles, ethical values and norms of Islam.**

This paradigm is to **engage** the different branches of **contemporary human knowledge** as represented by the **secularism-grounded behavioral sciences, social sciences and humanities** as well as the **philosophical or ethical aspects** of the **modern natural, physical and applied sciences** – insofar as those aspects are imbued with or constructed upon worldviews, philosophies, underlying assumptions, theories or principles which are **contrary or repugnant** to the **Islamic equivalents.**<sup>3</sup> ”

**Why is the above necessary?** Unlike the secular-agnostic, naturalistic ways that have precipitated into multi-faceted grave crises of humanity and the environment,

The study of the sciences above without acknowledging God as **The Creator, Owner, Controller & Sustainer** of all is the **greatest intellectual crime & injustice** (***ẓulm***) (Q. 52:35).

**Instead, the Qur'an:**

- \* Projects the '***Aqīdah of Tawhīd*** as the **foundation** for the study of all sciences: behavioral, social, humanities, natural, physical & applied (Q. 96: 1-8).
- \* Provides the **MOST vital knowledge** regarding **reality, truth, false-**

hood, & **human relations** with Allah, the self, fellow humanbeings, other creatures & nature (Q. 2:2-5).

- \* Reveals the **TRUE purpose** & **MEANING** of existence (Q. 51:56; 10:14; 35:39).
- \* Reveals the **fundamental truth** & **fact** that the whole Cosmos is **created** by The One True God (Q. 2: 117; 6: 101).
- \* Promulgates the **revolutionary spirit of inquiry** & **praxis** (instead of speculation) in the quest for knowledge & wisdom (Q. 3:23, 137, 190; 14:19; 16:36; 27:69, 45:24; 49:6).
- \* Brought about **tremendous, unprecedented positive cultural & intellectual transformations** in history.
- \* Provides a **Holistic Epistemology integrating reason with Revelation** (Q. 13:19; 96:6-7).
- \* Promotes the **spirit** & **desipline** of **Ulu'l-Albab** in knowledge acquisition (Q. 2:179; 3:7; 5:100; 12:111; 38:29).
- \* Reveals the **characteristics** of the **True Scholars**. "... *Those truly fear Allah among His Servants, [are those] who have knowledge ...*" (Q. 35:28).
- \* Presents clear **Cosmology**, that
  - Everything in the Cosmos **is created** by the Will, Power & Wisdom of The Creator, **Allah** (S.W.T.); **belongs** & **submits** to **Him**, **proclaim His Glory** & **Praise**

- All creatures **manifest His Āyat** (Signs, Proofs) "*Soon will We show them our Signs in the (furthest) regions (of the earth), and in their own souls, until it becomes manifest to them that this is the Truth....*" (Q. 35:28).

- \* Makes it **obligatory** for all, particularly **SCHOLARS** to practice **GRATITUDE** to Allah S.W.T. (Q. 76:3)
- \* Provides the **principles** for the study sciences: Everything is
  - created by The One True God, The Originator, Who **creates from nothing** (exnihilo).
  - temporal & mundane, **not** divine.
  - orderly, balanced & functions according to **His Laws**.
  - created with **purpose**, as well as
  - Nature is created to be **subservient** & **malleable** to the needs of human beings.
- \* Emphasises the crucial roles of **Mu'minūn** in constructing a **virtuous civilisation**.
- \* Enjoins that the laws, secrets, wonders & benefits of nature, human behaviours, human societies & history be **discovered, known** & **benefitted** by humanity through rational & empirical methods, within the **framework** of **Tawhīd**, true **īmān**, **taqwā**, **sharī'ah** & **akhlāq** of **Islam**.<sup>4</sup>

Outside these parametres, human actions will result in **Fasād** (mischief, corruption, destruction) (Q. 2:11; 7:56, 85, 127; 11:116; 12:73; 28:77; 30:41; 47:22).

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<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> M. Kamal Hassan, "Islamicisation / Islamisation of Human Knowledge in IIUM Context", IIUM Ta'aruf and Intellectual Discourse (TIDE) #43, January 27th, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Based on M. Kamal Hassan (2018), *Natural Science from the Worldview of the Qur'an: An Introduction*, Vol. 1, Kuala Lumpur: ITBM, pp. 21-69.

