



ONE Pearl from the Precious String

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Issue 4 no. 2, May 2025 of the *Islamisation-Herald* greets you on the eve of the sacred month of *Dhū al-Ḥijjah* 1446 *Hijrah* with focus on the ‘WHAT’ aspects of Islamisation, as laid out by *al-Marḥūm* Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr. M. Kamal Hassan.¹ The previous issue focuses on the more comprehensive meaning of Islamisation of Human Knowledge (IOHK), in the context of the IIUM. The discussions include reasons that necessitate this endeavour, drawn from lessons gathered from the Qur’an.

“ 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 onstructed upon worldviews, philosophies, underlying assumptions, theories or principles which are **contrary** or **repugnant** to the **Islamic equivalents**.² ”

The current issue in your hand continues with the condition necessary for the above to take place, which is another aspect of the “WHAT” to Islamisation of Human Knowledge (IOHK).

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The process of **intellectual reform** of **IOHK** **requires** the **inculcation** of **Islam’s spiritual** and **moral values** in the **mind**, **personality** and **conduct** of the **Muslim academic** or **administrator** and **scholar** as expected in an **Islamic** university.

This leads to the long-term goals of IOHK, which are:

* The **liberation** of the Muslim *Ummah* from its **internal crises**, **backwardness**, **malaise** and **predicaments**, to **realise** the goals of the **Khairu Ummah** and **Ummah Waṣat** (Q. 3:110; Q. 2:143).

* The **realization** of a **universal, balanced** and **holistic civilization** based upon the **integration** of Divine Revelation and **human reason**, and the **unity** of the **spiritual** and the **material** needs of human life which upholds the principle of achieving “**goodness** in this **world**” (*ḥasanah fī al-dunyā*) and “**goodness** in the **Hereafter**” (*ḥasanah fī al-ākhirah*).

It is one of the **religious duties** of an **Islamic** university to work towards achieving the **ultimate goals**.³ ”

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ
عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾

“It is He Who has sent His Messenger with Guidance and the Religion of Truth, that he may proclaim it over all religion, however hateful this may be to those who ascribe divinity to aught but God.”

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا هَلْ أَذِلُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ تِجَارَةٍ تُنْجِيكُمْ مِّنْ
عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿١٠١﴾

“O ye who believe! Shall I lead you to a bargain that will save you from a grievous Penalty?”

تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنفُسِكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

“That ye believe in Allah and His Messenger, and that ye strive (your utmost) in the Cause of Allah, with your property and your persons: That will be best for you, if ye but knew!”

يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيُدْخِلْكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرَىٰ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا
الْأَنْهَارُ وَمَسَاكِنَ طَيِّبَةً فِي جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ
الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٠٣﴾

“He will forgive you your sins, and admit you to Gardens beneath which Rivers flow, and to beautiful mansions in Gardens of Eternity: that is indeed the Supreme Achievement.”

وَأُخْرَىٰ تُحِبُّونَهَا نَصْرٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيبٌ وَبَشِيرُ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

“And another (favour will He bestow,) which ye do love - **help from Allah and a speedy victory**. So give the Glad Tidings to the Believers.”

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا أَنْصَارَ اللَّهِ كَمَا قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ
مَرْيَمَ لِلْحَوَارِيِّينَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ
نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ فَأَمَّا تَطَافُةٌ مِّنْ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ
وَكَفَرَتْ طَافُةٌ فَأَبَيْنَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا عَلَىٰ عُدُوِّهِمْ
فَأَصْبَحُوا ظَاهِرِينَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

“O ye who believe! Be ye helpers of Allah.

As said Jesus the son of Mary to the Disciples, ‘Who will be my helpers in Allah’s cause?’ Said the disciples, ‘We are Allah’s helpers!’ Then a portion of the Children of Israel believed, and a portion disbelieved. But We gave power to those who believed, against their enemies, and they became the ones that shall prevail.” (Q. *al-Saff*, 61:9-14)



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