

ONE Pearl from the Precious String

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Islamisation-Herald Issue 5 no. 2, June 2025 reaches you towards the end of 1446 Hijrah with another aspect of the ‘WHAT’ of Islamisation, as detailed by *al-Marḥūm* Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr. M. Kamal Hassan.¹ Issue 4 no. 2 highlights Islamisation of Human Knowledge (IOHK) as a reform requiring the inculcation of Islam’s spiritual, and moral values of every member of the IIUM community, which facilitates the long term ultimate goals of:

“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.²”

Issue 5 no. 2 looks into the broader implications of IOHK. It is imperative to realise that IOHK necessitates reformation at **TWO fronts**:



1. The **reform** of the **curriculum** of the **Islamic university**, and

2. The **refinement** of the **character** and **work ethics** of

the **students, scholars** and **administration staff** of the university.

This aspect and dimension of ‘**Islamisation of the self**’ is unfortunately **NOT**

given the attention it deserves in the contemporary “IOK” project. arisen wherein the eloquent

articulation of “IOHK” is **NOT**

spiritual and **moral qualities**

scholars, as **prescribed** by the Qur’an and **exemplified** by

the **great ‘Ulama’** of the past.

much of the literature or discourse on Consequently situations have and impressive intellectual

matched with the **requisite**

befitting the character of Islamic



Whereas the great Islamic scholars of the **past are well-known** for **integrating profound scholarship** with **excellent moral and spiritual attributes** such as **piety, humility, aversion to self glorification, egotism, self-centred egoism** or **conceit, disregard for human adulation or flattery**, and **constant vigilance against worldly temptations** and **other diseases of the heart**.³



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لِمَ تَقُولُونَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ ۚ كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٢٢٥﴾

“O ye who believe! Why say ye that which ye do not? Most loathsome is it in the sight of God that you say what you do not do!” (Q. al-Shu‘arā’, 26:225-226).

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَشْتَرُونَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ وَأَيْمَانِهِمْ ثَمًّا قَلِيلًا أُولَٰئِكَ لَا خَلْقَ لَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ وَلَا يُكَلِّمُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَيْهِمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَلَا يُزَكِّيهِمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٢٦﴾

“As for those who sell the faith they owe to Allah and their own plighted word for a small price, they shall have no portion in the Hereafter: Nor will Allah speak to them or look at them on the Day of Judgment, nor will He cleans them (of sin): They shall have a grievous penalty.” (Q. Āl ‘Imrān, 3: 77).

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ غَيْبِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٣٨﴾

“Verily Allah knows (all) the hidden things of the heavens and the earth: verily He has full knowledge of all that is in (men's) hearts” (Q. Fāṭir, 35: 38).

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَتَكُونَ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ يَعْقِلُونَ بِهَا أَوْ ءَاذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَا تَعْمَى الْأَبْصَارُ وَلَكِنْ تَعْمَى الْقُلُوبُ الَّتِي فِي الصُّدُورِ ﴿٤٦﴾

“Do they not travel through the land, so that their hearts (and minds) may thus learn wisdom and their ears may thus learn to hear? Truly it is not their eyes that are blind, but their hearts which are in their breasts” (Q. al-Hajj, 22: 46).



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