

ONE Pearl from the Precious String

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We greet you with *Salām*, spreading peace in this turbulent era. *Islamisation-Herald* resumes its No. 3 series with Issue 5, October 2025 | *Rabi' al-Akhir* 1447, with further details of the 'HOW' of IOHK, as laid down by Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Kamal Hassan, *Allāh yarḥamuhu*.¹

The last issue delves into a few important aspects of HOW, namely, to

“Prioritise Ummatic reform, welfare and wellbeing; peaceful co-existence with “others” and ethical accountability for the sustainability of the Allah-given natural environment and ecosystem.”

Here is another insight on the 'HOW' of IOHK:

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“Develop the integrated personality types of *Ūlū al-Albāb* – the God-fearing ‘*Ulamā*’ (scholars) and the true believers who are committed to the civilisational vision and mission of Islam; who project the peaceful and compassionate image of *Raḥmatan li'l-‘Ālamīn*, and portray the ethical and humane behaviour of true *Khulafā*’ and servants of Allah ﷺ.”

Ūlū al-Albāb – the God-fearing ‘*Ulamā*’ (scholars) and the true believers

As stressed in Issue 4 No 3, reforming the *Ummah* must begin and sustained with IOS, pending upon self-purification, spiritual discipline and engaging the self constantly with “*iqra*”, “*fikr*” and “*dhikr*”. These in turn, nurtures *Ūlū al-Albāb* (the people of refined wisdom and understanding), referred to sixteen times in the Qur’an.

أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَلِيْتُ عَائَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا يَخْضَرُ الْأَجْرَةَ وَيَرْجُو رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٣٩﴾

“Is one who worships devoutly during the hour of the night prostrating himself or standing (in prayer), who takes heed of the Hereafter, and who places his hope in the Mercy of his Lord - (like one who does not)? Say, ‘Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know?’ It is those who are endued with understanding that receive admonition” (Q. al-Zumar, 39:9).

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَسَلَكَهُ يَنْبِيعٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ
ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُ بِهِ زَرْعًا مُخْتَلِفًا أَلْوَنُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيَجُ فَنَرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ
يَجْعَلُهُ حُطَامًا إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرًا لِأُولَى الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٠٠﴾

“Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky, and leads it through springs in the earth? Then He causes to grow, therewith, produce of various colours: then it withers; you will see it grow yellow; then He makes it dry up and crumble away. Truly, in this, is a Message of remembrance to **people of understanding**” (Q. al-Zumar, 39:21).

These are people of true knowledge, with deep-seated *taqwā* (God-weariness), *khashyah* (fear of God’s displeasure) and *ihsān* (the highest level of *taqwā* and excellence).

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أَلْوَنُهَا وَمِنَ الْجِبَالِ جُدَدٌ بَيَضٌ وَحُمْرٌ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَنُهَا وَغَرَابِيبُ
سُودٌ ﴿١٠١﴾ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَنُهُ كَذَلِكَ
إِنَّمَا يُخَشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ غَفُورٌ ﴿١٠٢﴾

“Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky? With it We then bring out produce of various colours. And in the mountains are tracts white and red, of various shades of colour, and black intense in hue. And so, amongst mankind and crawling creatures and cattle, are they of various colours. Those [who] truly fear Allah, among His Servants, [are] ‘Ulamā’: for Allah is Exalted in Might, Oft-Forgiving” (Q. Fāṭir, 35:27-28).

The IOS twin function of IOHK must work towards developing *Ūlū al-Albāb*, those of refined understanding and wisdom, who are God-fearing scholars - ‘*Ulamā*’ of the different disciplines of knowledge, and true believers, who are sincerely and selflessly **committed** in their struggles towards achieving the **civilisational vision** and **mission** of **Islam, SOLELY** for gaining the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ.

They project the peaceful and compassionate image of *Raḥmatan li’l-‘Ālamīn*

Islamisation (IOS and IOHK) is the *raison d’être* (most fundamental reason) for the establishment of the IIUM. It is always advisable for **ALL**

- (i) levels of leadership,
- (ii) academic and non-academic staff,
- (iii) support personnel , and
- (iv) students

of this blessed University to **examine within, in retrospect**, on whether we have managed to **acculturate** this peaceful and compassionate image of *Raḥmatan li’l-‘Ālamīn*, which is a Divine mandate

from Allah ﷻ. It is a journey – true – that after 40 years, we **must** have spiralled upwards in the internalisation of this character of mercy to all, instead of, God-forbid, a decaying downward spiral.

It is the onus of *Amānah* – a **TRUST** beholden on our shoulders, for which we are all **ACCOUNTABLE** for in front of The Lord-Sustainer, The Giver of the *Amānah*, that each one of us undertake in our journey with this University, “The Garden on a Ship”, as proclaimed by our dear Professor Kamal Hassan (*Salam Kasih*, 2017:55)³.

TOGETHER, all of us **must BE the embodiment of**

“the **ethical** and **humane** behaviour of true *Khulafā*’ and servants of Allah ﷻ.”

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي

لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٣﴾

“Say: ‘Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my death, are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds’ (Q. al-An’ām, 6:162).



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

³ M. Kamal Hassan, *Salam Kasih from Your Father & Brother*, Kuala Lumpur: ITBM, (2017: 55-66).