

Need of Islamization of Education for Sustainable Development

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Abstract: *At the beginning, the paper discussed about the **Position of human** being in the universe according to modern science and islamic perspective. Secondly, **Significance of knowledge** is highlighted as the main reason behind man's highest status among the creations. Brief description is given on how knowledge came to man and what are the **basic issues**. Thirdly, the most notorious **barrier** against man's knowledge gain is identified and a short account on the mechanism of its action is given. Then came, how man's enemy starts setting its trap by distorting the **Education System**. How his desires are reflected in the concept curriculum teaching techniques and evaluation of almost all modern academic institutes together with its tragic impact on **Development** of man and society are exemplified. Critical evaluations are done on the **role of traditional Islamic institutes** and finally, **suggestions** are given on how to bring back the scenario of **real development through islamization of education**.*

Man and knowledge

Man is the most supreme creation. Because he has knowledge. Man can not produce knowledge by himself. Creator gives him knowledge. The most significant instances are:

The first instance-Immediately after creating Adam the first man Allah (swt) taught him the names of all things.

The second instance-Allah (swt) demonstrated that Adam is better than the Angels and He (swt) asked the Angels to bow down to Adam.

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The third instance- Allah (swt) also demonstrated in front of Adam that Iblis is his clear enemy as he did not bow down to Adam

The fourth instance-Allah (swt) taught Adam how to live in the paradise. He (swt) also told him not to eat from the forbidden tree. He (swt) clearly mentioned that do not listen to Iblis, then he will misguide you.

The fifth instance-When Adam ate from the forbidden tree he was ashamed and did not know how to return, then Allah (swt) taught him again the way out, Adam followed it and was forgiven.

The sixth instance-When Adam with his wife were coming to this earth, Allah (swt) assured them that He (swt) will be sending His knowledge to them as He (swt) gave it in the paradise.

The Creator continued sending His knowledge/guidance to mankind from time to time through His most faithful servants the Prophets, and the Holy Quran is the last and final guidance given to mankind through the last and final Prophet Muhammad sas.

So, Quran is the purest complete and absolute source of knowledge for man on earth.

All other sources of knowledge are impure and incomplete.

Salient features of Quranic knowledge

It is pure complete and absolute. It describes the identity responsibility and ultimate fate of man. It indicates who are man's friends and how man can exploit benefit from them.

It gives clear pictures about the enemies of man and the ways and means to avoid them.

It declared that Iblis is no. 1 enemy of man. It gives detail account on how Iblis originate, how he misguides man, and how man can escape from his trap. It gives detail account of the various human nations who were developed and how they were destroyed. It also mentioned about the most successful groups of people in the human history.

Man and development

Man is a moral being. He contains several distinctly different values than other organisms. Development of man means developing his human values. Real human development is not possible if the value is not improved, despite all other subsidiary issues attained the highest pick.

There could be big variations in the biological and economical features among man, but the moral configurations of man will never change.

Man can manipulate the physical and biological features of materials but he has no capacity to design or decide about the moral values. Only the creator decides and directs the moral aspects.

Without morality resources will be misused by man. If man is not a man, no meaning of having a nice house good vehicle or beautiful wife/husband. Only a better man with sufficient human values can ensure sustainable development.

Quran deals with development of a complete man. It gives information about the phases of life before it began in the form of zygote in the mother's ovary. It talks about the times when the child not started talking or not been admitted to schools. It continues dealing him when he is too old to understand anything. It goes speaking about his position in the grave, it is determined to save his lovers from fire and it will struggle to take his followers in the paradise.

Education and development

Education play vital role to learn how to earn peace and happiness in life. Iblis, man's great enemy tries his best to misguide Adam every moment. Iblis went astray due to his ignorance. So, he plans to destroy man's education system to disturb man's learning. He interferes both into the management and curriculum. His curriculum include everything except Quran.

He knows if man does not learn Quran-

Man will be ignorant about Himself – his identity, responsibility and fate.

Even he will not be able to define what is life. How then he will plan to develop life?

Man will not know his real friends and the mechanisms to gain benefits from them.

Man will not be able to identify his enemies including Iblis and the manipulation techniques to avoid losses.

Man will differ about concept of creator, this will reflect on their actions and characters, which will result disunity and discomfort among people and all these will finally disrupt man's future and fortune, peace and development.

Under this curriculum man will feel unlimited affection for materials, and will be ignorant about the importance of morality and human values.

Since all materials in this world are limited, unlimited desires for limited materials create higher competition, create more conflict, more crime and finally more sins. Iblis gets victory over man.

Other outcomes of Iblis's education are Disobedience, Proud and haughtiness, Assumption and falsehood, Liar, Pretender and Cheater, Ungrateful, non-repenting, Harsh and hard, and Furious envy and enmity.

Iblis's education will produce very attractive and expensive vehicles for us, but it will not produce suitable drivers. Our life is more valuable and attractive than the vehicles. We cannot enjoy traveling in a costly vehicle with a wrong driver.

Situation of Modern education

It is totally devoid of Quran. About 75% people of the modern world do not know what Quran is. Majority think it is the religious book of the muslims, but it is the book of the creator for the whole mankind. Many muslims are not convinced that Quran can play important role to improve our life. Among the mass people no one is interested to study Quran as there is no good job. Knowledge of Quran is not required anywhere. Even the most pious director of an industry will not select a candidate with beautiful recitation or understanding about Quran. No encouragements what so ever from the parents, teachers, office managers or friends are found towards understanding, extension or research aspects.

Iblis's most effective trap is that he has been keeping many muslims happy just because they perform traditional pray, fast, do hajj and give zakat fitra and charity but are not ready to take Quran completely.

How Iblis interfere in the curriculum of islamic institutes

Importance is given only on the correct recitation, no meaning and understanding of the message is done. Many hafez do not know even how to read and write their names in their mother language. No elaborate lessons are included in the syllabus about Iblis- the most devastating enemy of mankind and similar other topics. Many chief coordinators can not recite Quran correctly, fluently and nicely. Many heads of institutes do not understand the meaning, can not extract the message and also can not organize the teachings of Quranic verses. Ability to speak fluently and attractively by the heads/organizers of our islamic institutes are still not above average.

The life styles and manners of the bosses in the islamic institutes do not reflect Quranic principles. Efforts are emphasized on the physical and external extension along with material attractions compared to academic and human rectification and social reform or practical life changing issues. Recently developed modern institutes clearly demonstrate

commercial targets. Some people work there only for higher salary and better worldly facilities. Finding sincere dedicated and really knowledgeable teachers and organizers is almost impossible.

Islamization of education

It does not mean establishing the idea of an islamic scholar. Islamization is not an effort to uphold the interests of the muslims. It is not a struggle to achieve the kingship or making rulers from among the muslims. Islamization is the state or phase where man will enjoy peace and happiness by surrendering their will to the will of creator. Islamization of education will help man to learn how to surrender his will to creator. Since Quran describes all wills of creator required to develop man's life, learning Quran is the most important criteria of islamization.

What should be done now

Most of the developed countries are against Quran, we should not follow them at all.

Stop rushing towards western institutes or programs. Also reduce affection for eastern or western non-muslim experts. Intensify Quran study understanding and message extraction. We must read Quran correctly fluently and nicely. We should know the meaning of Quranic verses in our own mother language. We should try our best to understand the messages of Quran, and follow it in daily life. We should be giving our time money and energy to spread the message of Quran.

Start with a small project. For example – Develop Imams of Masjid:

Improve their Quranic perception and teaching quality, Purification of daily rituals like prayer, fasting, hajj, dua or supplication etc, Develop their ability to give attractive jumma khutba and lectures in public occasions, Improve their behavioral parameters and social responsibility issues. We can not achieve any significant progress of the Ummah if the quality of our Imams are not improved. This is Iblis's strategy to keep aside the masjid and the imams from playing roles towards development of man and society.

We must realize that masjid is our primary source of learning and practicing.

Secondly, we must improve the quality of our teachers of all levels. Together with developing their perception about Quran we should enable them to islamize their own topics of interest and exposures. They must see the lapses between their religious rituals and professional performances. These people should not continue the great crime of hiding the views of their creator about the topics of their

career. We should be able to motivate them that sins of this kind will not be compensated through prayer, fasting or doing hazz.

Establish research institute and or laboratories of world reputation in some selected Universities of the muslim world. No need now building new university while universities established before could not bring any outcome yet. Develop coordination and communication net work among interested institutes and personnel. We will need unbiased non-greedy halal sources of money. Foul money will spoil our faith, weakness towards Hijab will destroy our resources, illegal material greed will damage our energy.

Conclusion

Look at the creator's description about development of human embryo in the mother's womb. Is there any mistake or anything missing? NO. Look at the creator's description about the development of earth and sky. Can we see any wrongness there? NO.

Let's accept that creator's idea in Quran about economic social political development should also be absolutely ok for us?

The development science of human embryo proves the control of a central power at each and every stage. If all issues of our life are followed under His control it will generate a fruitful life. Any external interference will create tremendous reactions and will cause great sufferings.

Don't feel satisfaction that the Conference is gone without trouble and do not wait until the 6th Conference next year. Please take necessary action with the materials we receive here. Let us meet once a month and prepare action plan. We must be able to sponsor ourselves towards the cost of travel and the food. If we can make commitment now I am pretty sure Allah (swt) will fulfill His commitment. And Allah (swt) never breaks His commitment.