

SCIENCE AND ISLAM
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1. A commentator asked "if the Islamic Empire (there never was an Islamic empire in the sense of the other Empires - only an Islamic community - the Ummah) was so good in science before why are the Organisation of Islamic Conference countries lagging behind in science and technology?".
2. I had explained why before but i think I should repeat.
3. The early Muslims accepted the message of Allah in the Qur'an enjoining upon Muslims to read (Iqraq). The verse (the first to be received by the Prophet - an illiterate man) did not specify, much less limit what Muslims should read.
4. There were no books on Islam at that time but there were many books on the Hebrew and the Christian religions. There were also many books or tracts on Greek science and philosophy as well as Indian mathematics.
5. The early Muslims read and eventually translated all the writings of the Greeks, the Indians and others. Obviously they had to learn these languages first. Then they followed up by doing their own research.
6. And so the early Muslims were learned in the subjects pioneered by these other races and this added to the body of knowledge they had acquired.
7. The Europeans on the other hand were wallowing in the superstitions of the Dark Ages despite having embraced Christianity. The superior civilisation of the Muslims overwhelmed the Europeans so that Spain, Portugal, Sicily, Greece and much of Eastern Europe fell under Muslim rule.
8. But around the 15th Century of the Christian era, fatwas were made by Muslim Ulamas that "Iqraq" or read was intended for reading and studying religion only. From then on the Muslim scientists, physicians, mathematicians etc stopped their study of these subjects in order to study religion exclusively.
9. On the other hand the Europeans noticing the greatness of the Muslim civilisation decided to acquire the knowledge of the Muslims in the different subjects, including those of the Greeks. To do this Christian priests learnt Arabic and were thus able to gain access to the great libraries of Cordoba, Baghdad and elsewhere. They translated the work of the Muslim scholars and scientists into Latin and then into the other European languages.
10. If we care to read the history of the Muslims and the Europeans we would notice that from around the 15th Century of the Christian era when the Muslims rejected what they regarded as non-religious knowledge, the Muslim civilisation began to regress.
11. The Europeans, after acquiring the knowledge of the Muslims started to emerge from the Dark Ages and to build the civilisation that we see today.
12. Unfortunately Muslim historians seem not to have noticed the significance of the fatwas of the 15th Century A.D. Even today Muslims seem unwilling to connect this decline of their civilisation with the neglect of non-religious knowledge. But European historians admit that

their emergence from the Dark Ages, their Renaissance, coincided with their study of the Islamic civilisation and its origins.

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By wajaperak  on March 5, 2010 9:11 PM

Semoga mendapat izin dan perkenan Tun..Ribuan Terima Kasih..

Shaikino

[[I have expected either one of you to raise this particular question about this date number 27th of Ramadan where in the Quran never mention the date 27th of Ramadan in the message but it is the Mathematical Miracle Code that revealed the detail of the date through the computer]]

And please do tell the methodology of this "Mathematical Miracle Code"..It is something like this?..

The following example assigns values to the array and displays all values in a message box :

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Option Base 1
Sub assignArray( )
Dim Arr(5)
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Arr(1) = "Jan"
Arr(2) = "Feb"
Arr(3) = "Mar"
Arr(4) = "Apr"
Arr(5) = "May"
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Msgbox Arr(1) & "-" & Arr(2) & "-" & Arr(3) & "-" & Arr(4) & "-" & Arr(5)
End Sub
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[[The only one who can grasp the message and the miracle (Mathematical) is a sincere believer who are close to God]]

Oh my goodness..So..this is not the code? So who determined one sincerity and whose not?..Aha..You of course..I almost forgot..And does money comes into the picture?..Well?..This code can generates money too..Does it not??..:)

[[Night of Power]]Laila (Night) Qadr (Power)

I have admonished "The Hidden Secret" of his Arab definition.He said it is not him but "scores" of translation that can be chosen including this one..Shaikino..you Arab semantic is wanting..Check all those translator and why..? You don't like my intrepretation about the "Night of Grandeur"?

[[wajaperak & prof_ridcully: Do you still have doubt about God revelation is the truth where His only source (Quran) to uphold and do not call anyone (Muhammad, Abraham, Jesus, saint, Mary and etc) beside God during worship in the prayer?]]

Tun have snip my comment's about Sidratul Muntaha. Instead of explaining Surah An Najm, you confused yourself with the issue.. You admitted that Rasullulah s.a.w have been to Sidratul Muntaha.. My answer's to your's is reflected in your explanation. How and how Rasulullah s.a.w ascend to Sidratul Muntaha??

I am waiting.. not with bated breath though.. just when your calling will comes true..

Tun.. Ribuan Terima Kasih..

By Shaikino  on March 5, 2010 9:04 PM

Peace,

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

prof_ridcully & wajaperak

I need to remind both of you and to the readers of this blog, however to verify the truth as God commanded us in the Quran and never accept any information including ours without verification.

The differences between us, me as Submitters (Muslims) who uphold God absolute authority by upholding His only source (Quran) and you as Muslims who uphold Quran and Hadith which attributed toward prophet Muhammad.. Both of you like to put accusation and lies toward me and my comrades.

Both of you make all sorts of lies and accusation without proof of verification. Both of you might get the information from peoples to peoples or from the internet where peoples can frame each others. Since God had pointed out the verse in the scripture to us:

[49:6] O you who believe, if a wicked person brings any news to you, you shall first investigate, lest you commit injustice towards some people, out of ignorance, then become sorry and remorseful for what you have done.

[17:36] You shall not accept any information, unless you verify it for yourself. I have given you the hearing, the eyesight, and the brain, and you are responsible for using them.

Both of you think that you are doing good with your counter rebuttal of accusation.

18:104] "They are the ones whose works in this life are totally astray, but they think that they are doing good."

Both of you think that you're righteous with your opinion and trying your best to revert me and my comrade with force into following your footsteps in accepting your way of taught.

[7:88] The arrogant leaders among his people said, "We will evict you, O Shu'aib, together with those who believed with you, from our town, unless you revert to our religion." He said, "Are you going to force us?"

God had commanded that there shall be no compulsion in religion.

[2:256] There shall be no compulsion in religion: the right way is now distinct from the wrong way. Anyone who denounces the devil and believes in GOD has grasped the strongest bond; one that never breaks. GOD is Hearer, Omniscient.

When God had leaded someone into transgression and blundering, no matter how hard others try to convince them can never be guided.

[2:15] GOD mocks them, and leads them on in their transgressions, blundering.

[3:69] Some followers of the scripture wish to lead you astray, but they only lead themselves astray, without perceiving.

[3:178] Let not the disbelievers think that we lead them on for their own good. We only lead them on to confirm their sinfulness. They have incurred a humiliating retribution.

[7:182] As for those who reject our revelations, we lead them on without them ever realizing it.

[4:88] Why should you divide yourselves into two groups regarding hypocrites (among you)? GOD is the one who condemned them because of their own behavior. Do you want to guide those who are sent astray by GOD? Whomever GOD sends astray, you can never find a way to guide them.

It is no point of counter rebuttal with both of you since you choose to mocked and ridiculed.

[4:140] He has instructed you in the scripture that: if you hear GOD's revelations being mocked and ridiculed, you shall not sit with them, unless they delve into another subject. Otherwise, you will be as guilty as they are. GOD will gather the hypocrites and the disbelievers together in Hell.

[30:59] GOD thus seals the hearts of those who do not know.

[16:108] Those are the ones whom GOD has sealed their hearts, and their hearing, and their eyesight. Consequently, they remain unaware.

When the person who remain unaware will pursue the multiple-meaning verse and to extricate a certain meaning.

[3:7] He sent down to you this scripture, containing straightforward verses - which constitute the essence of the scripture - as well as multiple-meaning or allegorical verses. Those who harbor doubts in their hearts will pursue the multiple-meaning verses to create confusion, and to extricate a certain meaning. None knows the true meaning thereof except GOD and those well founded in knowledge. They say, "We believe in this - all of it comes from our Lord." Only those who possess intelligence will take heed.

As I had said earlier that ours differences is grasping the understanding of the message (Quran). So both of you can decide your way and I and my comrade can decide our way. If both of you wishes to counter with your accusation with lies carry on, I would not bother to entertain to counter with your misleading accusation.

Finally: [109:6] "To you is your religion, and to me is my religion."

I will keep on pen my taught when the topics suit me.

God Bless

Shaikino

By arik  on March 5, 2010 7:48 PM

To: shaikino

Aku hanya ingin memberi sedikit pandangan dan gambaran sahaja...bukan nasihat...hehe.....

Setelah aku meneliti keterangan-keterangan yg engkau berikan kpd sahabat Waja dan juga Proff...aku mendapati terlalu banyak percanggahan dari segi sudut pengetahuan.....

Pandangan...aku...apa salahnya kita mengikuti salah satu mazhab..cth...Mazhab Iman Shafie....bukankah dari mazhab itu menunjukkan kita boleh bersatu dlm mengerjakan suruhan tuhan...jadi apa salahnya...adakah tuhan akan marah kpd kita kerana kita bersatu dlm mengerjakan sembahyang.dan ianya juga mendatangkan kebaikan ...supaya anak-anak kita boleh belajar dgn mudah malah berdisplin dlm mengerjakan suruhan tuhan....

Dan mengenai Hadis.....bukankah semua hadis patut kita tolak...ada juga hadis yg boleh memberi kita pengetahuan...asalkan ayat-ayat yg terdapat didalamnya tidak bercanggah dgn Al-Quran....apa salahnya kita mengikutinya....

Dan yg terakhir.....apa salahnya sebagai umat islam kita menjauhi diri kita dari babi..atau apa-apa yg berkaitan dgn babi.....bukankah babi itu pengotor...hehe....org yahudi tak boleh mkn lemak babi...org islam tak boleh mkn daging babi.....sebagai seorag islam salah ker kita menjauhinya....hehe.....

By wajaperak  on March 5, 2010 10:41 AM

Assallammualaikum Tun dan Moderator..

Semoga meresap masuk dan menusuk kalbu Tun dan moderator untuk mempertahankan Islam..Jika tidak..

sudi izinkan kami masuk dan mempertahankan Islam di blog kepunyaan Tuan ini..:((

To: shaikino

Islam is about faith.Only your logic defies the faith.Again..what is the meaning of real faith??

[[As I said earlier, that the way we grasp the message from God divine source Quran differently. Only the sincere can access to it and the disbeliever are block from understanding it]]

Term and definition.To George Bush, Muslim is terrorist.To us, he is.To shaikino he is the sincere one.To us he is the diabolical one.

[[This verse 17:46 clearly mentioned like I am preaching my Lord by using the Quran alone, you dislike it, mock and put all kind of accusation]]

On the contrary. Prof_Ridcully and I always frequented the **real mosque and it's population. Here we exchange thought's about Islam in real time. We interact in real time with real muslim people. You by contrast a coward who only shot Islam from cyberspace and by virtue of Tun and moderator who allows you and sometimes does not allows us. That is sheer hipocrisy if you ask me..**

Prof_Ridcully and Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah agrees that "you are the deluded charlatan". Charlatan peddles in the street. You in cyberspace. Charlatan is brave in facing the authorities..

You who peddles this ideas are notably coward!!

[[Did God give you the authority regarding the translations to select and to condemn as you wish? Do you know better than God in term of His own divine source Quran or are you just following your own opinion? The translators himself translated the Quran upon his own best knowledge's and God is the best judge who know who are well founded in knowledge and who are the one who harbor doubts in their hearts will pursue the multiple-meaning verses to create confusion, and to extricate a certain meaning to translate the Quran]]

Aren't this statement best ascribe to you?

[[Anyone can be a "Muslim" if he or she worships God Alone. "Submission" is the religion whereby we recognize God's absolute authority, and reach an unshakable conviction that God ALONE possesses all power; no other entity possesses any power that is independent of Him. The natural result of such a realization is to devote our lives and our worship absolutely to God ALONE]]

That's why Allah Asmaul Husna is very much wanting in English. They lost their transitional meaning in English. All issues related to Islam must be in Arabic.

[[Similarly the word "Allah" in Arabic is God in English. This is language for the term use and has nothing to do with "Allah" are exclusively belong to Muslim. The Muslim in Malaysia is in chaos over this issue word "Allah". Some Muslim said can use for all and some said are exclusively for the Muslim. Are they locked in their mind?]]

They are not. Stick to Arabic semantic.

Shaikino: It is obvious you are without qualification.

[[If you read the sentence about the meat of pig. God mentioned in the sentence was prohibited for you is "the meat of pig". God didn't mention prohibited for you the animal is "the pig". If God had commanded the sentence to be "the pig", then the entire of the pig parts cannot be eaten]]

The lard, bristle.. bla.. bla.. You are truly incorrigible..

[[Majority of the Muslim leaders fabricated a commandment to issue a certification "Halal" to meet their requirements as they attribute them to God, if not the foods consider as unlawful and non-muslim shop cannot attract Muslim customers, where their businesses will be affected. Did God give the authorization to the Muslim to issue "Halal" certification?]]

What say you about this verse??

“Hai sekalian manusia! Makanlah yang halal lagi baik dari apa yang terdapat di bumi, dan janganlah kamu mengikuti langkah-langkah setan; karena sesungguhnya setan itu adalah musuh yang nyata bagimu.” (Al-Baqarah: 168)

[[I do not find in the Quran that mention slaughter upon God name. God even encourage us to eat the food of the people of the scripture (Jews, Christian and etc)]]

It is in hadith.And the prohibition too in hadith.Now..how do you performed "lobotomy" for you and your kind..It is not mention's in Al Quran..

Shaikino: Do you read the Quran carefully or your minds have been locked from understanding the Quran? eg. Do you pronounce it according to Tartil? Tadwir or Hadar??

[[Quran teaches us that ALL RELIGIOUS PRACTICES IN ISLAM, (Salat, Zakat, Fasting, & Hajj) came to us from Abraham, generation after generation. The hypocrites of the Muslims always ask, how can these practices come to us from Abraham and not from Muhammad]]

Quran does not teach..example..Five time's prayer.Allah commanded prayer's five time's only instead of 50 times in Moses time.You missed this essence..

[[The Quran teaches us that we learned ALL THE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES of Islam from Abraham]]

Again this is not true.The practice of worship is different in different messengers..Eg in Moses time,the moment the fabric is contaminated by filth or soil, they must be done away by cutting them.In Rasullullah s.a.w time, it is sufficient to wash the filth away.

[[What a blasphemy fabricated lie from your mahzab that you follow? Muhammad was dead since 1400 year ago. Can a dead messenger still be a messenger? Absolutely the title of the messenger is gone]]

[[Muslim added additional reverence in the prayer during worship to God alone, where God Himself commanded that the place of worship belong to God, do not call anyone else beside Him]]

Allah commanded Rasullullah s.a.w this addition.You did not know because you forsake hadith..

In reflection..Therefore shaikino, what is in your mind now is that you think you are doing good??

[18:104] "They are the ones whose works in this life are totally astray, but they think that they are doing good."

[[Therefore you worship your religion and I worship my religion. You will never agree at all with me. Wait till your soul reach your throat and you will know the answer]]

Yes..and the verse..

"Kamu menunggu dan kami pun menunggu"..Surah Sajadah.

Tun..jika Tun membenarkan kekejaman Shaikino muncul,janganlah di halang pula kami untuk membela Islam di sini..

Ribuan terima kasih Tun dan moderator..:(((

By vjahuu  on March 5, 2010 2:47 AM

Regarding quality of scientists here - Isn't there a NEP Policy guidelines for scientists in Malaysia?

After all, this is the norm isn't it?

I am sure with this; our scientists will really make a name for themselves in the International arena. Maybe even win the Nobel Prize.

By prof_ridcully  on March 4, 2010 9:32 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

shaikino

I'll make this short and simple.

You said, *prof_ridcully your Five Pillars of Islam:*

Your first pillar: 1. The Shahadah which means, "There is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

What a blasphemy fabricated lie from your mahzab that you follow? Muhammad was dead since 1400 year ago. Can a dead messenger still be a messenger? Absolutely the title of the messenger is gone.

And regarding a dead Rashad Khalifa as a "messenger of the covenant" is not blasphemy?

As I understand it Khalifa who predicted the time of the end of the world [and thus the end of the lives of billions of human beings] couldn't predict his own death. Can a dead "messenger" like Khalifa who had a molest charge over his head still be regarded as a "messenger of the covenant" shaikino?

prof_ridcully: Is Dr. Rashad Khalifa without qualification or are you without qualification?

I said very early on I'm not an ulama [and neither was Khalifa] but then again unlike Khalifa I didn't translate the Quran. I didn't claim to ascend to heaven in body in the 1970's to meet Sayyidina Ibrahim عليه السلام during my Hajj; I didn't reject the Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and yet claim to teach people the details of the Salat [which could only be gotten from Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم]; I didn't remove two verses from the Quran and I didn't attempt to my own exegesis of al-Quran.

And I certainly didn't get charged with sexual assault for fondling a 16 year-old girl while ostensibly checking her "aura" as Khalifa did in 1979.

.....*Wait till your soul reach your throat and you will know the answer.*

I will never know what the situation will be for me or you when we are about to die. Your threats or predictions about how I will meet my end don't bother me. I pray it will be easy but it is Allah's prerogative and I leave it to Allah alone.

Therefore you worship your religion and I worship my religion. You will never agree at all with me.

You are right. We will never agree shaikino. I will never agree with you or others like you. You have refused to open your heart even though I have pointed you to various sources of scholarship by people who are 1000 times more knowledgeable than Khalifa in matters pertaining to Allah, Islam, the Quran and the Prophet through whom the Quran was revealed.

You can follow whatever religion you like but do not distort the Quran or the teachings of Prophet. InshaAllah I will continue to refute you and people like you whenever I meet you here if you continue to write rubbish about the Quran, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, or Islam.

And by the way, shaikino, is it true that Rashad Khalifa was actually Richard Khalif a Coptic Christian and he never was a Muslim?

By Shaikino  on March 4, 2010 8:36 PM

Peace,

In The Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

wajaperak & prof_ridcully:

I have expected either one of you to raise this particular question about this date number 27th of Ramadan where in the Quran never mention the date 27th of Ramadan in the message but it is the Mathematical Miracle Code that revealed the detail of the date through the computer.

What God had said is the truth:

[10:37] This Quran could not possibly be authored by other than GOD. It confirms all previous messages, and provides a fully detailed scripture. It is infallible, for it comes from the Lord of the universe.

The only one who can grasp the message and the miracle (Mathematical) is a sincere believer who are close to God:

[56:79] None can grasp it except the sincere.*

[83:18] Indeed, the book of the righteous will be in `Elleyyeen.

[83:19] Do you know what `Elleyyeen is?

[83:20] A numerically structured book.

[83:21] To be witnessed by those close to Me.

Although the Night of Power falls on the 27th night of Ramadan, the followers of satanic innovations are never sure about it. They have their own books to follow beside the Quran a.k.a. hadiths (sayings attributed to the prophet). In one of them, Sahih Bukhary, it is claimed that the prophet and his companions knew the precise night, but later God caused it to be forgotten. In

still another hadith, it is reported that the "Night of Power" keeps changing from one year to another, whatever this means.

True Submitters (Muslims) always trust their Lord, and are confident that He will never deceive them. When God Almighty informs us in His most authentic Hadith (Quran) that:

[6:38] We did not leave anything out of this book. **

They know that all they need is found in this divine revelation. For this reason, and even before the discovery of the divine code of 19 by Dr. Rashad Khalifa, Muslim scholars researched for the exact date of the "Night of Power," or Laylat Al Qadr in the Quran.

It is interesting to see that God mentioned "Laylat Al Qadr" (ليلة القدر) (The Night of Power), a phrase that consists of 9 Arabic letters, exactly three times, in Sura 97 Verse:1, 2, and 3. The sign was that $9 \times 3 = 27$, which means it is the 27th night of Ramadan.

Other Muslim researchers noticed that Sura 97 consists of exactly 30 Arabic words, as if it were referring to the days of the month. If you start counting the words, then you will find that the 27th word is "it," (هي) as if God is telling us the 27th night of Ramadan is "it." (هي)

[97:5] Peaceful it (Night of Destiny) is until the advent of the dawn.

[97:1] انا انزلناه في ليلة القدر

[97:1] Inna anzalnahu fee laylati alqadri

[97:1] We revealed it in the Night of Destiny.*

[97:2] وما ادرك ما ليلة القدر

[97:2] Wama adraka ma laylatu alqadri

[97:2] How awesome is the Night of Destiny!

[97:3] ليلة القدر خير من الف شهر

[97:3] Laylatu alqadri khayrun min alfi shahrin

[97:3] The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months.

[97:4] تنزل الملائكة والروح فيها باذن ربهم من كل امر

[97:4] Tanazzalu almala-ikatu waalrroohu feeha bi-ithni rabbihim min kulli amrin

[97:4] The angels and the Spirit descend therein, by their Lord's leave, to carry out every command.

[97:5] الفجر سلم هي حتى مطلع

[97:5] Salamun hiya hatta matlaAAi alfajri

[97:5] Peaceful it is until the advent of the dawn.

Mathematical Confirmation

The code of 19, however, serves as an authentication for all information one extracts from the book of God. It also helps put to rest any speculations concerning the exact occurrence of that night. The divine code spells out the true date of the night of power as follows:

The gemetric or numeric value of the Arabic alphabet letters:

ك=20, ل=30, م=40, ن=50, س=60, ع=70, ا=10, ب=2, ج=3, د=4, ه=5, و=6, ز=7, ح=8, ط=9, ي, ف=80, ص=90, ق=100, ر=200, ش=300, ت=400, ث=500, خ=600, ذ=700, ض=800, ظ=900, غ=1000

of "Laylat Al Qadr" is 410. The nine Arabic letters that make up this phrase have the following values (letters shown in English equivalents):

ليلة القدر

ل=30, ي=10, ل=30, ت=5, ا=1, ل=30, ق=100, د=4, ر=200

L=30, Y=10, L=30, T=5, A=1, L=30, Q=100, D=4, R=200

If we add 410, the total of above numbers, plus the Sura number (97) and the verse numbers in which "Laylat Al Qadr" occurs (1, 2, 3), we get

$410 + 97 + 1 + 2 + 3 = 513$, or (19×27) .

Can you see the proof that the date is confirmed by calculation is 27?

wajaperak & prof_ridcully: Do you still have doubt about God revelation is the truth where His only source (Quran) to uphold and do not call anyone (Muhammad, Abraham, Jesus, saint, Mary and etc) beside God during worship in the prayer?

Those who have doubt about God scripture (Quran) only source to uphold and the mathematical miracle of the Quran are here :

[83:7] Indeed, the book of the wicked is in Sijjeen.

[83:8] Do you know what Sijjeen is?

[83:9] A numerically structured book.

[83:10] Woe on that day to the rejectors.

[83:11] They do not believe in the Day of Judgment.

[83:12] None disbelieves therein except the transgressor, the sinful.

[83:13] When our revelations are recited to him, he says, "Tales from the past!"

[83:14] Indeed, their hearts have become shielded by their sins.

[83:15] Indeed, they will be isolated, on that day, from their Lord.

[83:16] Then they will be thrown into Hell.

[83:17] They will be told, "This is what you used to deny."

prof_ridcully is your mind open to grasp the right meaning of the meassage of the Quran or your mind are seal from understanding it, as though you seem that you are doing good.

[18:104] "They are the ones whose works in this life are totally astray, but they think that they are doing good."

Praise God.

God Bless

Shaikino

By edosmera  on March 4, 2010 6:52 PM

salam tun,

semoga sihat wala'fiat.

perbicangan di atas amat menarik kerana selama ini kita di ajar untuk patuh bukan berfikir untuk memilih. tetapi apabila pilihan terbuka melalui pembacaan dan penghayatan terdapat berbagai tentangan khususnya dari orang yang mengajar kita patuh tanpa berfikir. pilihan kebendaan dunia boleh di terima tetapi pilihan akidah tidak boleh kita bertolak ansur kerana itu soal hidup berkekalan sesudah mati.

By prof_ridcully  on March 3, 2010 4:24 PM

Dengan izin Tun

Tumpang lalu wajaperak,

shaikino

You said, "On the 27th night of Ramadan 13 B.H. (Before Hijrah), Muhammad the soul, the real person, not the body, was summoned to the highest universe and the Quran was given to him."

You're very precise with the date of the Isra and Mikraj. Interesting. Where did you get the date from? Did a computer program calculate it for you?

You are aware, of course, that before the Hijrah the Mekkan Arabs used a calendar that had intercalary years -- they inserted a 13th month into the year every three years or so in order to make the year fit the seasons basically to make the [pagan] pilgrimage season occur after the harvesting season. This is something like a leap year in the Gregorian calendar although of course only a day is added in a leap year; but the principle is the same. Before Islam, the pagan Quraish were custodians of the Ka'bah and its idols and their economic wellbeing depended on this.

The Muslim calendar was clarified only by this verse in Surah at-Taubah (Surah 9:36) which was revealed in Madinah ie after the Hijrah.

Muslim scholars and historians say the Isra' and Mikraj occurred about 12 to 16 months before the Hijrah and that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم performed it body and soul, ie it wasn't in a dream.

Open your mind shaikino. Don't just stick to Richard's translation. Read the real Quran and a sound translation.

By Shaikino  on March 2, 2010 10:13 PM

Peace

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

To: prof_ridcully

You may call yourself Muslim and everybody by birth from their parent whose religion is Islam is a Muslim but many of them don't even bother to read and verify the Quran carefully, they just follow blindly what their teacher, ulamak, mahzab, scholar and etc guide them as though they are their Lord. Are all this sincere muslim (submitter) who submit to God with all their heart and mind? Are this true believer or disbeliever?

[17:36] You shall not accept any information, unless you verify it for yourself. I have given you the hearing, the eyesight, and the brain, and you are responsible for using them.

[47:24] Why do they not study the Quran carefully? Do they have locks on their minds?

This verse 47:24 inform us to study the Quran carefully, never at all say that we must study the prophet Muhammad sunnah which the Mahzab fabricated and attributed lie to him.

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[17:46] We place shields around their minds, to prevent them from understanding it, and deafness in their ears. And when you preach your Lord, using the Quran alone,* they run away in aversion.

This verse 17:46 clearly mentioned like I am preaching my Lord by using the Quran alone, you dislike it, mock and put all kind of accusation.

[6:51] And preach with this (Quran) to those who reverence the summoning before their Lord - they have none beside Him as a Lord and Master, nor an intercessor - that they may attain salvation.

This verse 6:51, God commanded to preach with His Quran.

You make fabricated judgment of yourself that the Quran translation of Dr. Rashad Khalifa I am using is faulty and delusory translation of the Holy Quran by a deluded charlatan for information on Islam.

Did God give you the authority regarding the translations to select and to condemn as you wish? Do you know better than God in term of His own divine source Quran or are you just following your own opinion? The translators himself translated the Quran upon his own best knowledge's and God is the best judge who know who are well founded in knowledge and who are the one who harbor doubts in their hearts will pursue the multiple-meaning verses to create confusion, and to extricate a certain meaning to translate the Quran.

[3:7] He sent down to you this scripture, containing straightforward verses - which constitute the essence of the scripture - as well as multiple-meaning or allegorical verses. Those who harbor doubts in their hearts will pursue the multiple-meaning verses to create confusion, and to extricate a certain meaning. None knows the true meaning thereof except GOD and those well

founded in knowledge. They say, "We believe in this - all of it comes from our Lord." Only those who possess intelligence will take heed.

[47:14] Are those enlightened by their Lord the same as those whose evil works are adorned in their eyes, and they follow their own opinions?

[49:1] O you who believe, do not place your opinion above that of GOD and His messenger. You shall reverence GOD. GOD is Hearer, Omniscient.

prof_ridcully, The word "Islam" is not a name nor is it belong to Muslim word. It's important to understand that "Islam" is simply an Arabic word which means "submission to God." One who submits to God is a "Muslim," an Arabic word which means "submitter."

Anyone can be a "Muslim" if he or she worships God Alone. "Submission" is the religion whereby we recognize God's absolute authority, and reach an unshakable conviction that God ALONE possesses all power; no other entity possesses any power that is independent of Him. The natural result of such a realization is to devote our lives and our worship absolutely to God ALONE.

This is the First Commandment in all the scriptures, including the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Final Testament (Quran).

Since Dr. Rashad Khalifa translated into English language, he used "Submission" for English instead of using the Arabic word "Islam".

Similarly the word "Allah" in Arabic is God in English. This is language for the term use and has nothing to do with "Allah" are exclusively belong to Muslim. The Muslim in Malaysia is in chaos over this issue word "Allah". Some Muslim said can use for all and some said are exclusively for the Muslim. Are they locked in their mind?

prof_ridcully: Is Dr. Rashad Khalifa without qualification or are you without qualification?

prof_ridcully, If you read the sentence about the meat of pig. God mentioned in the sentence was prohibited for you is "the meat of pig". God didn't mention prohibited for you the animal is "the pig". If God had commanded the sentence to be "the pig", then the entire of the pig parts cannot be eaten.

The Quran teaches that God is extremely displeased with those who prohibit anything that was not specifically prohibited in the Quran (16:112-116). The upholding of any prohibitions not specifically mentioned in the Quran is tantamount to idolatry (6:142-152). Such prohibitions represent some other god(s) besides God. If you worship God ALONE, you will uphold His teachings ALONE and honor the commandments and prohibitions instituted only by Him.

The absolute specificity of dietary prohibitions in the Quran is best illustrated in 6:145-146. We learn from these two verses that when God prohibits "meat," He prohibits "meat" and nothing else, and when He prohibits "fat," that is what He specifically prohibits. These two verses inform us that "the meat" of pigs is prohibited, not "the fat." Obviously, God knew that in many countries, lard would be used in baked goods and other food products, and that such usage does

not render the foods Haraam (prohibited). The Quran specifically prohibits four meats (2:173, 5:3, 6:142-145, and 16:112):

During the time of Israel, God prohibited the fat:

[6:146] For those who are Jewish we prohibited animals with undivided hoofs; and of the cattle and sheep we prohibited the fat, except that which is carried on their backs, or in the viscera, or mixed with bones. That was a retribution for their transgressions, and we are truthful.

So the Jewish are forbidden to eat the fat, they can eat the meat.

Example: I have a scrap car and you want my scrap car. I allow you to take the scrap car and inform you that don't take "the tyres of scrap car". So it means the tyres of the scrap car are not allowed for you to take it, whereas others are allow.

Majority of the Muslim leaders fabricated a commandment to issue a certification "Halal" to meet their requirements as they attribute them to God, if not the foods consider as unlawful and non-muslim shop cannot attract Muslim customers, where their businesses will be affected. Did God give the authorization to the Muslim to issue "Halal" certification?

God prohibited only four kinds:

[6:145] "Say, "I do not find in what was revealed to me anything prohibited for any eater unless it is (1) carrion, (2) running blood, (3) the meat of pigs, for it is unclean, and (4) meat blasphemously dedicated to other than God." If one is forced to eat these without being malicious or deliberate, then your Lord is Forgiver, Most Merciful."

Majority Muslim fabricated lies that this is lawful and this is unlawful and even attributes it to God. For instance they say that the animals must be slaughter by Muslim who will recite God name upon slaughtering them. I do not find in the Quran that mention slaughter upon God name. God even encourage us to eat the food of the people of the scripture (Jews, Christian and etc).

[5:5] Today, all good food is made lawful for you. The food of the people of the scripture is lawful for you, and your food is lawful for them.....

[16:116] You shall not utter lies with your own tongues stating: "This is lawful, and this is unlawful," to fabricate lies and attribute them to GOD. Surely, those who fabricate lies and attribute them to GOD will never succeed.

prof_ridcully: Do you read the Quran carefully or your minds have been locked from understanding the Quran?

I as a Submitter (Muslim) who upholds God absolute authority follow the originated religion Submission (Islam) of our "father" Abraham. Muhammad was inspired to follow the religion of Abraham.

The Shahada of the Believers

Laa Elaaha Ell Allah (There Is No god But God)

This is the true shahada of God, the angels and those who possess knowledge.

[3:18] "God bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and THOSE WHO POSSESS KNOWLEDGE. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most wise."

The first pillar of Islam, (Shahada) is the same first commandment given to Moses , and it has to be the same commandment given to all the prophets and messengers.

"I, the Lord, am your God who brought you out of the Land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have any other gods beside me." Deuteronomy 5:6

[21:25] "We did not send any messenger before you (O Muhammed) except with the inspiration : "There is no god except Me; you shall worship Me ALONE."

The Islamic Shahada (that equals the first commandment) is mentioned in 3:18

[3:18] "God bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and THOSE WHO POSSESS KNOWLEDGE. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most wise."

The TRUE believers KNOW that Muhammed was the messenger of God and bear witness that there is no god besides God.

[63:1] When the hypocrites come to you they say, "We bear witness that you are the messenger of GOD."* GOD knows that you are His messenger, and GOD bears witness that the hypocrites are liars.

Quran teaches us in no uncertain terms that Abraham is the founder of Islam as it is practiced today. As such, what did Abraham contribute to our daily life as Muslims? Quran teaches us that ALL RELIGIOUS PRACTICES IN ISLAM, (Salat, Zakat, Fasting, & Hajj) came to us from Abraham, generation after generation. The hypocrites of the Muslims always ask, how can these practices come to us from Abraham and not from Muhammad..

They do not trust that God Almighty can preserve His own religious practices (rituals) to give to us pure and clear. In other words, all religious practices in Islam existed before Muhammad.

Muhammad's sole mission was to deliver the Quran.

[13:40] "Your ONLY mission (O Muhammad) is to deliver (Quran), while it is we who will call them to account."

[42:48] "You (O Muhammad) have no duty EXCEPT delivering (Quran)."

[5:99] "The messenger has no function EXCEPT delivering (Quran)..."

Abraham was the first recipient of the concept of Islam as a practice, and the first to call us Muslims.

[22:78] " You shall strive for the cause of GOD as you should strive for His cause. He has chosen you and has placed no hardship on you in practicing your religion - the religion of your father Abraham. He is the one who named you "Submitters" originally. Thus, the messenger shall serve as a witness among you, and you shall serve as witnesses among the people.

Therefore, you shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and hold fast to GOD; He is your Lord, the best Lord and the best Supporter."

[3:67-68] "Abraham was neither Jewish , nor Christian; he was a monotheist; a Muslim; he never was an idol-worshiper. The people most worthy of following Abraham are those who follow him and this prophet (Muhammad), and those who believed. God is the Lord of the believers."

[16:123] "Then we inspired you (O Muhammad) to follow the religion of Abraham, monotheism; never was he an idol-worshiper."

Logically, if Muhammad was a follower of Abraham, and we are followers of Muhammad, then we are followers of Abraham. What did we learn from Abraham ??? The Quran teaches us that we learned ALL THE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES of Islam from Abraham. The whole Arabian society before and during the time of Muhammad had many followers of the religion of Abraham. Thus Abu Lahab, Abu Jahl, and the idolaters of Quraish used to observe Salat prayers as we can see in:

[8:33-35] "..Their SALAT PRAYERS at the shrine were no more than deceit and repulsion."

In Sura 73, few weeks after the revelation of the Quran, 73:20 is telling the Muslims to observe the SALAT and Zakat. Does it make sense that God would issue a commandment to observe something not already known.???

[73:20] ".....and observe the SALAT and ZAKAT, and lend God a loan of righteousness. Whatever you advance for your souls, you will find at God better and multiplied manifold....."

[2:125] We have rendered the shrine (the Ka`aba) a focal point for the people, and a safe sanctuary. You may use Abraham's shrine as a prayer house. We commissioned Abraham and Ismail: "You shall purify My house for those who visit, those who live there, and those who bow and prostrate."

[2:127] As Abraham raised the foundations of the shrine, together with Ismail (they prayed): "Our Lord, accept this from us. You are the Hearer, the Omniscient.

[43:28] This example (of Abraham) was rendered an everlasting lesson for subsequent generations; perhaps they redeem their souls.

prof_ridcully your Five Pillars of Islam:

Your first pillar: 1. The Shahadah which means, "There is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

What a blasphemy fabricated lie from your mahzab that you follow? Muhammad was dead since 1400 year ago. Can a dead messenger still be a messenger? Absolutely the title of the messenger is gone.

Many Muslims insist on adding Muhammed's name to the shahada, defying God and the idea of keeping the religion absolutely to GOD ALONE. No where in the Quran can we find Muhammed's name added to the name of God in the shahada. The statement, "Muhammed

Rasoul Allah" is a statement of fact and should not be confused with the statement of shahada that we bear witness.

Those who still insist of mention Muhammad beside God are the hypocrite.

[63:1] When the hypocrites come to you they say, "We bear witness that you are the messenger of GOD."* GOD knows that you are His messenger, and GOD bears witness that the hypocrites are liars.

Your pillar 2. Salat which was taught by Muhammad Rasulallah ﷺ, Fasting, 4. Zakat, and 5. Hajj. None of the Pillars 3-5 can be performed without following of the example or Sunnah of the Rasulallah ﷺ

Muhammad sole mission and duties as a messenger:

[13:40] "Your ONLY mission (O Muhammad) is to deliver (Quran), while it is we who will call them to account."

[42:48] "You (O Muhammad) have no duty EXCEPT delivering (Quran)."

[5:99] "The messenger has no function EXCEPT delivering (Quran)..."

[69:40] This is the utterance of an honorable messenger.

[69:41] Not the utterance of a poet; rarely do you believe.

[69:42] Nor the utterance of a soothsayer; rarely do you take heed.

[69:43] A revelation from the Lord of the universe.

[69:44] Had he uttered any other teachings.

[69:45] We would have punished him.

[69:46] We would have stopped the revelations to him.

[69:47] None of you could have helped him.

[69:48] This is a reminder for the righteous.

Muhammad will be punished had he uttered any other teachings by God leave.

prof_ridcully you said: But Muslims revere Prophet Ibrahim (عليه السلام), Khalilullah because in our Salat we say:

"O Allah, bless our Muhammad and the people of Muhammad; As you have blessed Abraham and the people of Abraham. Surely you are the Praiseworthy, the Glorious. O Allah, be gracious unto Muhammad and the people of Muhammad; As you were gracious unto Abraham and the people of Abraham. Surely you are the Praiseworthy, the Glorious."

Muslim added additional revere in the prayer during worship to God alone, where God Himself commanded that the place of worship belong to God, do not call anyone else beside Him.

[72:18] The places of worship belong to GOD; do not call on anyone else beside GOD.

[4:36] You shall worship GOD alone - do not associate anything with Him.....

prof_ridcully: Abraham and Muhammad never ever bless himself during prayer to violate of worshiping God alone? It is the mahzab input additional sentences to commemorate the two of them. The system of God in Submission (Islam) never change since Abraham till now.

[33:62] This is GOD's eternal system, and you will find that GOD's system is unchangeable.

Therefore prof_ridcully, what is in your mind now is that you think you are doing good.

[18:104] "They are the ones whose works in this life are totally astray, but they think that they are doing good."

Therefore you worship your religion and I worship my religion. You will never agree at all with me. Wait till your soul reach your throat and you will know the answer.

God Bless

Shaikino

By arik  on February 28, 2010 10:21 PM

Salam tok det....

Saja singgah tengok apa yg terjadi....hehe....

Al-Baqarah

Dan orang-orang Yahudi berkata: "Orang-orang Nasrani itu tidak mempunyai sesuatu pegangan dan orang-orang Nasrani pula berkata: "Orang-orang Yahudi tidak mempunyai sesuatu pegangan padahal mereka membaca Kitab Suci masing-masing . Demikian juga orang-orang yang tidak berilmu pengetahuan, mengatakan seperti yang dikatakan oleh mereka itu. Maka Allah akan menghukum di antara mereka pada hari kiamat mengenai apa yang mereka berselisihan padanya.

Dan siapakah yang lebih zalim daripada orang-orang yang menyekat dan menghalangi dari menggunakan masjid-masjid Allah untuk menyebut nama Allah di dalamnya, dan ia berusaha pula untuk meruntuhkan masjid-masjid itu? Orang-orang yang demikian, tidak sepatunya masuk ke dalam masjid-masjid itu melainkan dengan rasa penuh hormat dan takut kepada Allah Mereka akan beroleh kehinaan di dunia, dan di akhirat kelak mereka mendapat azab seksa yang amat besar.

Dan yang tidak berilmu pengetahuan, berkata: "Alangkah eloknya kalau Allah berkata-kata dengan kami atau datang kepada kami sesuatu keterangan .Demikian pula orang-orang yang terdahulu dari mereka pernah berkata seperti yang dikatakan oleh mereka; hati mereka adalah bersamaan . Sesungguhnya Kami telah pun menerangkan ayat-ayat keterangan kepada kaum yang mahu percaya dengan yakin.

Dan bagi tiap-tiap umat ada arah yang masing-masing menujunya; oleh itu berlumba-lumbalah kamu mengerjakan kebaikan; kerana di mana sahaja kamu berada maka Allah tetap akan membawa kamu semua ; sesungguhnya Allah Maha Kuasa atas tiap-tiap sesuatu.

Oleh itu ingatlah kamu kepadaKu , supaya Aku membalas kamu dengan kebaikan; dan bersyukurlah kamu kepadaKu dan janganlah kamu kufur

Wahai sekalian orang-orang yang beriman! Mintalah pertolongan dengan bersabar dan dengan sembahyang; kerana sesungguhnya Allah menyertai orang-orang yang sabar

Bukanlah perkara kebajikan itu hanya kamu menghadapkan muka ke pihak timur dan barat, tetapi kebajikan itu ialah berimannya seseorang kepada Allah, dan hari akhirat, dan segala malaikat, dan segala Kitab, dan sekalian Nabi; dan mendermanya seseorang akan hartanya sedang ia menyayanginya, - kepada kaum kerabat, dan anak-anak yatim dan orang-orang miskin dan orang yang terlantar dalam perjalanan, dan kepada orang-orang yang meminta, dan untuk memerdekakan hamba-hamba abdi; dan mengerjanya seseorang akan sembahyang serta mengeluarkan zakat; dan perbuatan orang-orang yang menyempurnakan janjinya apabila mereka membuat perjanjian; dan ketabahan orang-orang yang sabar dalam masa kesempitan, dan dalam masa kesakitan, dan juga dalam masa bertempur , mereka itulah orang-orang yang benar dan mereka itulah juga orang-orang yang bertaqwa.

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By Javedrashid  on [February 27, 2010 10:42 PM](#)

Sir I would completely agree with you. Muslim thinkers and scientist contributed to mankind's knowledge, Europe has a huge debt of gratitude as Plato Socrates and other Greek though reached Europe Via Muslim Spain with Jewish assistance.

I would also like to point out that Islam and modernity are entirely compatible. To me Islam does not preach the adoption of the status quo, in fact Islam requires that Muslims seek change and make change happen, the stress here is on action and participation, not passive acceptance and performance of given worship only. The acceptance of status quo is definitely not the teachings of the Koran.

I apologize if my comments hurt some feelings

By Shaikino  on [February 27, 2010 7:37 PM](#)

Peace,

Wajaperak,

On the 27th night of Ramadan 13 B.H. (Before Hijrah), Muhammad the soul, the real person, not the body, was summoned to the highest universe and the Quran was given to him.

[2:97] Say, "Anyone who opposes Gabriel should know that he has brought down this (Quran) into your heart, in accordance with GOD's will, confirming previous scriptures, and providing guidance and good news for the believers."

[17:1] Most glorified is the One who summoned His servant (Muhammad) during the night, from the Sacred Masjid (of Mecca) to the farthest place of prostration,* whose surroundings we have blessed, in order to show him some of our signs. He is the Hearer, the Seer.

[44:3] We have sent it down in a blessed night, for we are to warn.

[53:1] As the stars fell away.*

[53:2] Your friend (Muhammad) was not astray, nor was he deceived.

[53:3] Nor was he speaking out of a personal desire.

[53:4] It was divine inspiration.

[53:5] Dictated by the Most Powerful.

[53:6] Possessor of all authority. From His highest height.

[53:7] At the highest horizon.

[53:8] He drew nearer by moving down.

[53:9] Until He became as close as possible.

[53:10] He then revealed to His servant what was to be revealed.

[53:11] The mind never made up what it saw.

[53:12] Are you doubting what he saw?

[53:13] He saw him in another descent.

[53:14] At the ultimate point.

[53:15] Where the eternal Paradise is located.

[53:16] The whole place was overwhelmed.

[53:17] The eyes did not waver, nor go blind.

[53:18] He saw great signs of his Lord.

[97:1] We revealed it in the Night of Destiny.*

[97:2] How awesome is the Night of Destiny!

[97:3] The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months.

[97:4] The angels and the Spirit descend therein, by their Lord's leave, to carry out every command.

[97:5] Peaceful it is until the advent of the dawn.

Subsequently, the angel Gabriel helped Muhammad release a few verses of the Quran at a time, from the soul to Muhammad's memory. The Prophet wrote down and memorized the verses just released into his mind.

When the Prophet died, he left the complete Quran written down with his own hand in the chronological order of revelation, along with specific instructions as to where to place every verse. The divine instructions recorded by the Prophet were designed to put the Quran together into the final format intended for God's Final Testament to the world:

[75:17] It is we who will collect it into Quran.

God Bless

Shaikino

By prof_ridcully  on February 27, 2010 7:14 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

shaikino

I am a Muslim and my religion is called Islam.

دِينَا الْإِسْلَامَ لِيَوْمِ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضَيْتُ لَكُمْ
[Al-Maidah Verse 3, partial]

Translations of the above verse:

By Muslims:

Yusuf Ali: This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you **Islam** as your religion.

Pickthall: This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour unto you, and have chosen for you as religion **al-Islam**.

Shakir: This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you and chosen for you **Islam** as a religion;

Asad: Today have I perfected your religious law for you, and have bestowed upon you the full measure of My blessings, and willed that self-surrender unto Me shall be your religion. [Asad qualifies "self-surrender" as: Man's self-surrender (Islam) to God is postulated as the basis, or the basic law, of all true religion (din)]

Al-Halili and Mukhsin Khan: This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you **Islām** as your religion.

By non-Muslims

Sale [first English translation]: This day have I perfected your religion for you, and have completed my mercy upon you; and I have chosen for you **Islam**, to be your religion.

Arberry [Orientalist]: Today I have perfected your religion for you, and I have completed My blessing upon you, and I have approved **Islam** for your religion.

Rodwell [Christian Missionary]: This day have I perfected your religion for you, and have filled up the measure of my favours upon you: and it is my pleasure that **Islam** be your religion;

Dawood [Iraqi Jew]: This day I have perfected you religion for you and completed my Favour to you. I have chosen **Islam** to be your faith.

By Khalifa

Khalifa: Today, I have completed your religion, perfected My blessing upon you, and I have decreed **Submission** as the religion for you.

Note: Khalifa also put this false assertion in the footnote of his translation: "*FOOTS = *5:3 The "meat" of the pig is prohibited, not the `fat." Anything that is not specifically prohibited in the Quran must be considered lawful. See 6:145-146.*

See the problem shaikino? Only Khalifa translated Islam as 'Submission' without qualification.

As a Muslim, I hold to the simple Five Pillars of Islam:

1. The Shahadah which means, "There is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."
2. Salat which was taught by Muhammad Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم
3. Fasting
4. Zakat, and
5. Hajj

None of the Pillars 3-5 can be performed without following of the example or Sunnah of the Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم

You say, "*This system had been practicing since the time of Abraham, all the prophets and messengers till Muhammad.*"

As a Muslim I believe that this system stretches back not only to Prophet Ibrahim (عليه السلام), but all the way to Prophet Nuh (عليه السلام) as in Surah ash-Shura (Surah 42:13)

But Muslims revere Prophet Ibrahim (عليه السلام), Khalilullah because in our Salat we say:

"O Allah, bless our Muhammad and the people of Muhammad;
As you have blessed Abraham and the people of Abraham.
Surely you are the Praiseworthy, the Glorious.
O Allah, be gracious unto Muhammad and the people of Muhammad;
As you were gracious unto Abraham and the people of Abraham.
Surely you are the Praiseworthy, the Glorious."

Do you and the Submitters do the same shaikino?

No you don't.

shaikino, explore the real Islam as revealed to humanity through Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). You can start by exploring the [Quran](#). This site has the Arabic, a sound translation in English and audio. There are several authoritative commentaries.

Don't depend on a faulty and delusory translation of the Holy Quran by a deluded charlatan for information on Islam.

By wajaperak  on [February 26, 2010 7:03 PM](#)

Semoga di izinkan dan mendapat berkenan Tun..

Allow me Prof_Ridcully..

Shaikino..

As the comrades of his fraternity I will aks you a simple question..


How..and how did Rasullah s.a.w performed Mikraj?

No need's for lengthy rebuttal..This will do..

Terima kasih Tun..

By ANUAR ASFANDI JAMALUDIN  on [February 25, 2010 3:17 PM](#)

Salam Tun. Thanks for enlightening thoughts. At least now I have good reasons to convince my students why the should master the English language.

By Shaikino  on [February 25, 2010 1:19 PM](#)

Peace,

To: prof_ridcully

The differences between us are that the way we grasp and understand the messages from the divine source in the Quran. So no matter how much proofs I input the messages from the Quran, you and your comrades will against it. This is what you had branded me and my comrades as anti-Hadiths and also further accused us as ajaran songsang, as what you think that a Muslim cannot reject the Hadith or Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم). Your these statements as though you are the one who knows the religion of Islam (Submission) well and authorized yourself to judge and branded other peoples as you like.

As for me and my comrades uphold God only absolute authority where we worship Him alone and His only divine source (Quran) to be our source of guidance's as we leave. This system had been practicing since the time of Abraham, all the prophets and messengers till Muhammad.

[6:51] And preach with this (Quran) to those who reverence the summoning before their Lord - they have none beside Him as a Lord and Master, nor an intercessor - that they may attain salvation.

You can pick and use your translation as you like to piece it up and put it together and read how the messages you can grasp it. Below are the proofs.

[16:120] Abraham was indeed an exemplary vanguard in his submission to GOD, a monotheist who never worshiped idols.

[22:78] You shall strive for the cause of GOD as you should strive for His cause. He has chosen you and has placed no hardship on you in practicing your religion - the religion of your father Abraham. He is the one who named you "Submitters" originally. Thus, the messenger shall serve as a witness among you, and you shall serve as witnesses among the people. Therefore, you shall observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) and give the obligatory charity (Zakat), and hold fast to GOD; He is your Lord, the best Lord and the best Supporter.

[2:130] Who would forsake the religion of Abraham, except one who fools his own soul? We have chosen him in this world, and in the Hereafter he will be with the righteous.

[3:95] Say, "GOD has proclaimed the truth: You shall follow Abraham's religion - monotheism. He never was an idolater."

[3:68] The people most worthy of Abraham are those who followed him, and this prophet, and those who believe. GOD is the Lord and Master of the believers.

[4:125] Who is better guided in his religion than one who submits totally to GOD, leads a righteous life, according to the creed of Abraham: monotheism? GOD has chosen Abraham as a beloved friend.

Muhammad was inspired to follow the religion of Abraham.

[16:123] Then we inspired you (Muhammad) to follow the religion of Abraham,* the monotheist; he never was an idol worshiper.

The verse above show Muhammad follows the religion of Abraham and stand on the same rank as other messengers before him. There is no distinction among any messengers from the past till this present time.

[2:136] Say, "We believe in GOD, and in what was sent down to us, and in what was sent down to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the Patriarchs; and in what was given to Moses and Jesus, and all the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction among any of them. To Him alone we are submitters."

True guidance only comes from God.

[3:73] "And do not believe except as those who follow your religion." Say, "The true guidance is GOD's guidance." If they claim that they have the same guidance, or argue with you about your Lord, say, "All grace is in GOD's hand; He bestows it upon whomever He wills." GOD is Bounteous, Omniscient.

Therefore we follow the guidance of my Lord the straight path.

[6:161] Say, "My Lord has guided me in a straight path - the perfect religion of Abraham, monotheism. He never was an idol worshiper."

This is what Dr. Rashad Khalifa the messenger of Covenant preached, but almost all (the whole leaders from various Muslim countries) banded together and oppose him.

[72:19] When GOD's servant* advocated Him alone, almost all of them banded together to oppose him.

The one who oppose him are not sincere believers in search for the truth, but rather follow conjectures, from (parent, ulamak, scholars, mahzab, leaders, king and etc.) and from extra source Hadith as Sunnah Muhammad.

Since this people's mindset has decided to be this way, they are block from understanding the divine source from the Quran by God.

[6:114] Shall I seek other than GOD as a source of law, when He has revealed to you this book fully detailed?* Those who received the scripture recognize that it has been revealed from your Lord, truthfully. You shall not harbor any doubt.

[3:7] He sent down to you this scripture, containing straightforward verses - which constitute the essence of the scripture - as well as multiple-meaning or allegorical verses. Those who harbor doubts in their hearts will pursue the multiple-meaning verses to create confusion, and to extricate a certain meaning. None knows the true meaning thereof except GOD and those well founded in knowledge. They say, "We believe in this - all of it comes from our Lord." Only those who possess intelligence will take heed.

[39:29] GOD cites the example of a man who deals with disputing partners (Hadith), compared to a man who deals with only one consistent source (Quran). Are they the same? Praise be to GOD; most of them do not know.

We always use God scriptures to preach as commanded by Him (God), but most people dislike it.

[6:51] And preach with this (Quran) to those who reverence the summoning before their Lord - they have none beside Him as a Lord and Master, nor an intercessor - that they may attain salvation.

[17:46] We place shields around their minds, to prevent them from understanding it, and deafness in their ears. And when you preach your Lord, using the Quran alone,* they run away in aversion.

[26:5] Whenever a reminder from the Most Gracious comes to them, that is new, they turn away in aversion.

Even we try to convinced that the religion of Islam (Submission), where the first pillar of Islam (Submission) is LAA ELAAHA ELLA ALLAH, you and your comrades turn arrogant.

[3:18] GOD bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and those who possess knowledge. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most Wise.

[39:45] When GOD ALONE is mentioned, the hearts of those who do not believe in the Hereafter shrink with aversion. But when others are mentioned beside Him, they become satisfied.*

[37:35] When they were told, "Laa Elaaha Ella Allah [There is no other god beside GOD]," they turned arrogant.

You and your comrade's likes that Muhammad must be mention beside God, but God had said that do not call anyone else beside Him or associate with Him.

[72:18] The places of worship belong to GOD; do not call on anyone else beside GOD.

[4:36] You shall worship GOD alone - do not associate anything with Him. You shall regard the parents, the relatives, the orphans, the poor, the related neighbor, the unrelated neighbor, the close associate, the traveling alien, and your servants. GOD does not like the arrogant show-offs.

Muhammad sole mission was delivering the Quran and nothing else. The one who teach and guide is God Himself.

[42:48] If they turn away, we did not send you as their guardian. Your sole mission is delivering the message. When we shower the human beings with mercy, they become proud, and when adversity afflicts them, as a consequence of their own deeds, the human beings turn into disbelievers.

[64:12] You shall obey GOD and you shall obey the messenger. If you turn away, then the sole mission of our messenger is to deliver the message.

[55:1] The Most Gracious.

[55:2] Teacher of the Quran.

[75:16] Do not move your tongue to hasten it.

[75:17] It is we who will collect it into Quran.

[75:18] Once we recite it, you shall follow such a Quran.

[75:19] Then it is we who will explain it.

I had quoted this verse below, but your understanding was referring to people who follow other religions and do not use the Quran, unlike Khalifa and his ilk.

[109:1] Say, "O you disbelievers.

[109:2] "I do not worship what you worship.

[109:3] "Nor do you worship what I worship.

[109:4] "Nor will I ever worship what you worship.

[109:5] "Nor will you ever worship what I worship.

[109:6] "To you is your religion, and to me is my religion."

The verse above will prove who are the disbelievers when the time of death will be snap up by the angel of death.

75:26] Indeed, when (the soul) reaches the throat.

[75:27] And it is ordered: "Let go!"

[75:28] He knows it is the end.

[56:84] you will then look around.

[47:24] Why do they not study the Quran carefully? Do they have locks on their minds?

[47:25] Surely, those who slide back, after the guidance has been manifested to them, the devil has enticed them and led them on.

[47:26] This is because they said to those who hated what GOD has sent down, "We will obey you in certain matters." GOD fully knows their secret conspiracies.

[47:27] How will it be for them when the angels put them to death? They will beat them on their faces and their rear ends.

[47:28] This is because they followed what angered GOD and hated the things that please Him. Consequently, He has nullified their works.

Those who against Dr. Rashad Khalifa messenger of Covenant who preach the same religion of Abraham as we too follow the same path, will one day sooner or later knows the consequences.

[39:48] The sinful works they had earned will be shown to them, and the very things they used to mock will come back to haunt them.

prof_ridcully not matter what I and my comrades commented in chedet blog, you will dislike it with your comrades. It is the same as Tun post new topic, you will see that there are people accept his topic comment and there are people who oppose it. So make no different with you and your comrades.

God Bless

Shaikino

By S..Tan  on February 25, 2010 1:41 AM

Dear YAB Tun, salam mesra harap sihat. Minta izin membalas sebuah ulasan dgn izin...

Pada sdr 'Zulkiflee Bin Arip' on February 12, 2010 10:17 PM

.....SEBAR PENDAPAT ATAU HUKUM

Yg menyibar hukum agama dialu alukan. Hukum asas tak minta diubah. Tapi yg nak menghukum cara penghayatan agama sesama ummah? Jenis ini yg saya sebut blogger ulama. Kuasa sebar dan sebat dia nak bolot.

.....TERPESONG DAN TAKSUB

Ajaran sesat dan jelas memesong tak sama dgn ajaran fanatik dan taksub.

.....KALIS HINA?

Penganut agama lain pun bangun membela agama mrk jika dihina tapi bukan dgn merusuh, merosak, membakar, membunuh.

.....MELEKEH

Isu melekeh perkataan agama terpulang pada pendedahan dan persekitaran sebuah masyarakat. Perkataan melekeh di sebuah negara tak jadi isu di negara lain (contoh Allah di Indonesia). Anak di bandar bercakap dgn orang tua tak sama dgn di desa. Mrk biadap tak bersopan?

Ilmu (agama) buat bekal hidup bukan buat bekal hukum. Cuba elak dari memperkecil agama orang bila menegak agama sendiri! Yg kamu nampak dan sebut dlm hujah, penganut yg tak betul bukan agama itu sendiri.

By [Islam Australia](#) on [February 24, 2010 1:07 PM](#)

Very nice blog! Well explained. Islam and science have a very close relationship. Thank you for the information. It is proving very helpful.

By [wajaperak](#) on [February 24, 2010 9:25 AM](#)

Semoga mendapat perkenan dan keizinan Tun..

Shakino

Peace,

I indeed have no business here since this directed to only our esteemed and beloved Prof_Ridcully, but I cannot help myself.. So please forgive me..

[[You are actually contradicted with all the translators that you gave me. It shows that you are actually fabricated your own opinion from the messages of the Quran and yet telling me to get a good translation of al-Quran with parallel Arabic and English text, and understand the verse above and the Quran]]

Aha..you saw it in other's but not your goodselves?..Just show the difference, and evidence in saying the good Prof_Ridcully fabricates but me shaikino..I absolves myself from this..hmmm..just how do you do it??

[[For all their disagreements, the scholars of the Ahli Sunnah wal Jama'ah, who hold to one of the four madhhabs, do not argue on these matters. In fact they enabled Muslims to practice their religion well. The problems began when some Muslims followed certain scholars, whose scholarship were not up to par compared to the Imams of the madhhabs but who imagined that they were equal in scholarship to them nonetheless, and differed from those of the Ahli Sunnah wal Jama'ah.]]

I agrees with you.

[[You can make critics on your comrades and branded three of us (The Hidden Secret, Shaikino, "THE KEY") ajaran songsangnya, kerana beliau bermain-main dengan ayat suci Al-Quran dan Rasulullah (saw) dan apa yang beliau katakana boleh mengelirukan orang.]]

I agrees with Prof_Ridcully!!

[[From your comments criticism, show that your ego is too high, your eyes are blind to the messages, your mind are sealed from understanding the messages]]

Now you are far reaching..I don't know about Prof_Ridcully.I don't know about other's but I extend your own challenges..Send private's e mail to me..one to one..And we should not involves Tun as medium and avenue for any "manipulation"..

I'll be outside..waiting (Highlander.1986)

Terima kasih Tun.

By prof_ridcully  on February 24, 2010 6:00 AM

Dengan izin Tun,

Shaikino

Khalifa said this, *As stated in 3:81, and in Appendix 2, God has sent a messenger to consolidate the messages delivered by all the prophets, purify them, and unify them into one religion: Submission. The timing is certainly ripe for fulfillment of this important prophecy, for the following reasons:*

1. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have been corrupted beyond recognition....

He also said this, *"If Muhammad came back to this world, the "Muslims" would stone him to death. The religion they follow today has nothing to do with the Islam preached by Abraham and Muhammad. Everything the "Muslims" do is wrong: the First Pillar (Shahaadah), the call to Salat prayer (Azan), the ablution (Wudu), the daily Salat prayers, the Zakat charity, Hajj, and all other practices of Islam (see Appendices 2, 13, & 15)."*

And worse of all is this, *"Few years before his death, Dr. Khalifa declared that he is the Messenger of the Covenant, prophesied in the Quran in 3:81. He presented a lengthy document with proofs of his messengership from the Quran. He defended the fact that the Prophet Muhammed was the LAST Prophet according to the Quran but not the LAST messenger."* [From the Submission website]

I didn't twist my words. Khalifa claimed himself as the last Messenger. That's why I said I won't argue with you on the semantics of the word "messenger." You'll qualify the use of the word with phrases like "the covenant" when you know very well Khalifa meant "Rasul" especially when referring to al-Ahzab Verse 40 (Surah 33:40).

Al-Ahzab, V 40 : Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the Messenger of Allah, and the Seal of the Prophets: and Allah has full knowledge of all things. [Yusuf Ali]

This is Ibn Kathir's commentary on the above: **This Ayah clearly states that there will be no Prophet after him. If there will be no Prophet after him then there will surely be no Messenger after him either, because the status of a Messenger is higher than that of a Prophet, for every Messenger is a Prophet but the reverse is not the case.**

You are right when you said, *"The problems began when some Muslims followed certain scholars, whose scholarship were not up to par compared to the Imams of the madhhabs but who imagined that they were equal in scholarship to them nonetheless, and differed from those of the Ahli Sunnah wal Jama'ah."*

Khalifa was one of them who imagined he was equal to people like the Imam Mazhabs, Ibn Kathir, Imam al-Ghazali.

Finally: [109:6] "To you is your religion, and to me is my religion."

This refers to people who follow other religions and do not use the Quran, unlike Khalifa and his ilk.

Ibn Kathir: (They follow but a guess and that which they themselves desire, whereas there has surely come to them the guidance from their Lord!) (53:23) Therefore, the disavowal is from all of what they are involved. For certainly the worshipper must have a god whom he worships and set acts of worship that he follows to get to him. So the Messenger and his followers worship Allah according to what He has legislated. This is why the statement of Islam is "There is no God worthy of being worshipped except Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah." This means that there is no (true) object of worship except Allah and there is no path to Him (i.e., way of worshipping Him) other than that which the Messenger came with. The idolators worship other than Allah, with acts of worship that Allah has not allowed.

You said, *"From your comments criticism, show that your ego is too high, your eyes are blind to the messages, your mind are sealed from understanding the messages."*

I have given you links to authoritative sites on the Quran, translations of the Quran and the commentary of the Quran and yet you still stick to Khalifa's translation. Who is egoistic and whose mind is sealed, Shaikino? Yours or mine?

You also said, *"The religion brought by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is really simple -- one only has to do five things: profess the Shahadah, say salat, pay zakat, fast and, if able, do the Haj to attain salvation. The Prophet showed the Muslims of Madinah how to do those things through his example or Sunnah."*

That is exactly it. You contradict yourself. You follow Khalifa who rejected the Hadith and yet you say the above.

A Muslim cannot reject the Hadith or Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

Again, I say: Whose mind is sealed, Shaikino? Yours or mine?

By Shaikino  on February 23, 2010 9:31 PM

Peace,

To: prof_ridcully

Your accusation on Rashad Khalifa was that he claimed was the final messenger, whereas, when I asked you to prove your claimed from the website, you never prove any evidences at all.

Your answering was "Get a good translation of al-Quran with parallel Arabic and English text, shaikino, and understand the verse above and the Quran.

Remember, you are the one who gave me this website which you said is well-advised to read a sound translation and commentary of the Quran.

These are the translators: Marmaduke Pickthall, Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Arthur J. Arberry,

Muhammad Asad, Martin Lings, Mulfti Muhammad Taqi Uthm, Royal Aal al-bayf Institute Translation, Ibrahim and the lastest one you gave was tafsir Ibn Kahtir

All of the translators translated this verses had the point of phenomenon:

[33:40] Muhammad was a messenger of God and the Final prophet.

[3:81] Afterwards, a messenger will come to confirm all existing scriptures.

[33:7] Muhammad was included with the prophets took the covenant.

Your statement: "I won't argue with you on the semantics of the word "Messenger." There is no need for a "messenger of covenant" after Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم)".

You are actually contradicted with all the translators that you gave me. It shows that you are actually fabricated your own opinion from the messages of the Quran and yet telling me to get a good translation of al-Quran with parallel Arabic and English text, and understand the verse above and the Quran.

Furthermore when come to your comrades who follow Quran and Hadith, when comes into conflict or chaos among themselves or there was a destructionof chaos hit them, like tsunami, earthquake and etc, your replied was:

I agree with you that the Muslims are in a dire condition plagued by oppression, disunity, poverty, ignorance and false belief.

Maybe the Muslims are in such a state because they do not truly follow the teachings of al-Quran and the Sunnah of Allah's Messenger (Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him). Allah swt Knows better.

The religion brought by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is really simple -- one only has to do five things: profess the Shahadah, say salat, pay zakat, fast and, if able, do the Haj to attain salvation. The Prophet showed the Muslims of Madinah how to do those things through his example or Sunnah.

A Muslim only has to believe in Allah, His Angels, His Divine Revelations, His Prophets, the Day of Judgement, and His Divine Decree.

For all their disagreements, the scholars of the Ahli Sunnah wal Jama'ah, who hold to one of the four madhhabs, do not argue on these matters. In fact they enabled Muslims to practice their religion well. The problems began when some Muslims followed certain scholars, whose scholarship were not up to par compared to the Imams of the madhhabs but who imagined that they were equal in scholarship to them nonetheless, and differed from those of the Ahli Sunnah wal Jama'ah.

You can make critics on your comrades and branded three of us (The Hidden Secret, Shaikino, "THE KEY") ajaran songsangnya, kerana beliau bermain-main dengan ayat suci Al-Quran dan Rasulullah (saw) dan apa yang beliau katakana boleh mengelirukan orang.

From your comments criticism, show that your ego is too high, your eyes are blind to the messages, your mind are sealed from understanding the messages.

[35:8] Note the one whose evil work is adorned in his eyes, until he thinks that it is righteous. GOD thus sends astray whoever wills (to go astray), and He guides whoever wills (to be guided). Therefore, do not grieve over them. GOD is fully aware of everything they do.

As for us, we follow God commandments that the Quran is complete details and we don't need other source. This is what prophet Muhammad had received the scriptures with his sole mission was to deliver this message (Quran).

[7:52] We have given them a scripture that is fully detailed, with knowledge, guidance, and mercy for the people who believe.

[41:3] A scripture whose verses provide the complete details, in an Arabic Quran, for people who know.

PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE QURAN

God promised in the Quran to protect and preserve the Quran.

[15:9] Absolutely, we have revealed the reminder, and, absolutely, we will preserve it.

This very important verse, however, have been misunderstood by millions of Muslims. The misinformation was spread by some of the Muslim scholars who did not grasp the meaning or purpose behind this verse.

[56:77-80] This is an honorable Quran. In a protected book. None can grasp it except the sincere. A revelation from the Lord of the universe.

For centuries the Muslim scholars have been teaching the Muslim masses that by verse 15:9, God means He will protect the Mus-haf of any distortion or changes. The mus-haf is the Arabic name for the book in which the Quran is collected. Many Muslims refer to the Mus-haf as the Quran for short and both words have been used interchangeably. However the promise in 15:9, as we will see, has nothing to do with what the people write down as the Quran but rather it refers to the actual Quran placed into prophet Muhammad's heart, 26:194, and preserved in master tablets at God Almighty

[85:21-22] Indeed, it is a glorious Quran. In a preserved master tablet.

We also need to emphasize that neither the Quran nor its miracle are accessible to the disbelievers or idol-worshippers. It is God's system that they are blocked from seeing the truth as they chose not to believe in God or to associate others with God already.

[17:82] We send down in the Quran healing and mercy for the believers. At the same time, it only increases the wickedness of the transgressors.

[17:45-46] When you read the Quran, we place between you and those who do not believe in the

Hereafter an invisible barrier. We place shields around their minds, to prevent them from understanding it, and deafness in their ears. And when you preach your Lord, using the Quran alone, they run away in aversion.

[2:118] "..... WE DO MANIFEST THE MIRACLES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ATTAINED CERTAINTY."

Our findings will continue to disturb those who cannot see the miracle of the Quran, or those who abuse the miracle or miss the meaning or the message of the Quran.

[3:7] He sent down to you this scripture, containing straightforward verses - which constitute the essence of the scripture - as well as multiple-meaning or allegorical verses. Those who harbor doubts in their hearts will pursue the multiple-meaning verses to create confusion, and to extricate a certain meaning. None knows the true meaning thereof except GOD and those well founded in knowledge. They say, "We believe in this - all of it comes from our Lord." Only those who possess intelligence will take heed.

[74:30] Over it is nineteen.*

[74:31] We appointed angels to be guardians of Hell, and we assigned their number (19) (1) to disturb the disbelievers, (2) to convince the Christians and Jews (that this is a divine scripture), (3) to strengthen the faith of the faithful, (4) to remove all traces of doubt from the hearts of Christians, Jews, as well as the believers, and (5) to expose those who harbor doubt in their hearts, and the disbelievers; they will say, "What did GOD mean by this allegory?" GOD thus sends astray whomever He wills, and guides whomever He wills. None knows the soldiers of your Lord except He. This is a reminder for the people.

[74:32] Absolutely, (I swear) by the moon.

[74:33] And the night as it passes.

[74:34] And the morning as it shines.

[74:35] This is one of the great miracles.*

Finally: [109:6] "To you is your religion, and to me is my religion."

God Bless

Shaikino

By [mthago](#) on [February 22, 2010 12:48 PM](#)


Salam TUN,

Hope find you well while you read this comment. Below is one good article to share you about your view about 'READ' as the first verse revealed to Prophet saw. >>

The first verse in Surah Iqra was the first verse revealed to the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w while the Prophet was meditating in the cave. The verse has the approximate meaning....Read...In the name of your Lord that has created man...that has created men from a clump of blood. Many

Muslims think that this verse means Allah has ordered the Muslims to learn how to read. Many Muslims believe that the first order of Allah is to read and they interpret to read as an order to seek knowledge. Is this interpretation in accordance to Sunnah or an interpretation that comes from our own minds?

<http://mthago.wordpress.com/2010/02/22/what-is-the-first-order-of-allah/>

By prof_ridcully  on [February 21, 2010 3:50 PM](#)

Dengan izin Yun,

shaikino

You asked, "*Can you (prof_ridcully) verify your claim that Muhammad was the final messenger and prophet of God?*"

Gladly.

وكان الله بكل شيء عليماً ۗ ما كان محمد أباً أحد من رجالكم ولكن رسول الله وخاتم النبيين [The Confederates Verse 40]

Get a good translation of al-Quran with parallel Arabic and English text, shaikino, and understand the verse above and the Quran.

Below is the tafsir by Ibn Kathir:

(but he is the Messenger of Allah and the last of the Prophets. And Allah is Ever All-Aware of everything.) This is like the Ayah:

[اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ حَيْثُ يَجْعَلُ رِسَالَتَهُ]

(Allah knows best with whom to place His Message) (6:124).

*This Ayah clearly states that there will be **no Prophet** after him. If there will be no Prophet after him then there will surely be no Messenger after him either, because the status of a Messenger is higher than that of a Prophet, for every Messenger is a Prophet but the reverse is not the case.*
[Bold italics mine]

Referring to Khalifa, you said, "*What he [Khalifa] said was Muhammad was the final prophet but not the final messenger. He [Khalifa] only claimed that he was the messenger of covenant stated in the Quran.*"

I won't argue with you on the semantics of the word "Messenger." There is no need for a "messenger of covenant" after Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)

The Khatim an-Nabiyyin, Muhammad bin Abdullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), has said what Allah ordered him to say with no omissions and no additions of his own.

By Shaikino  on [February 20, 2010 2:35 AM](#)

Peace,

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

To: prof_ridcully

Please prove to me the website that Rashad Khalifa had said that he was the “final messenger”. As far as I know, he never claim to be the final messenger. What he said was Muhammad was the final prophet but not the final messenger. He only claimed that he was the messenger of covenant stated in the Quran. Below I quote the verse of the Quran.

Firstly I quote about Muhammad:

Rashad Khalifa:

[33:40] Muhammad was not the father of any man among you. He was a messenger of GOD and the final prophet. GOD is fully aware of all things.

Pickthall:

[33:40] Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but he is the messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah is ever Aware of all things.

Yusuf Ali:

[33:40] Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the Apostle of God, and the Seal of the Prophets: and God has full knowledge of all things.

From the three translators above had confirmed that Muhammad is the (messenger/Apostle) of (God/Allah) and the (final/seal) of the prophet.

If all the three translators translate this way: “Muhammad is the final (messenger/Apostle) and prophet of God”, then Muhammad is the absolutely final messenger and prophet. To further proof the coming messenger of covenant from the Quran will confirm that Muhammad is the messenger of God and the final prophet but not the final messenger.

Rashad Khalifa:

[3:81] GOD took a covenant from the prophets, saying, "I will give you the scripture and wisdom. Afterwards, a messenger will come to confirm all existing scriptures. You shall believe in him and support him." He said, "Do you agree with this, and pledge to fulfill this covenant?" They said, "We agree." He said, "You have thus borne witness, and I bear witness along with you."

Pickthall:

[3:81] When Allah made (His) covenant with the prophets, (He said): Behold that which I have given you of the Scripture and knowledge. And afterward there will come unto you a messenger, confirming that which ye possess. Ye shall believe in him and ye shall help him. He said: Do ye agree, and will ye take up My burden (which I lay upon you) in this (matter) ? They answered: We agree. He said: Then bear ye witness. I will be a witness with you.

Yusuf Ali:

[3:81] Behold! God took the covenant of the prophets, saying: "I give you a Book and Wisdom; then comes to you an apostle, confirming what is with you; do ye believe in him and render him

help." God said: "Do ye agree, and take this my Covenant as binding on you?" They said: "We agree." He said: "Then bear witness, and I am with you among the witnesses."

Below quote show the prophets including Muhammad took the covenant.

Rasahd Khalifa:

[33:7] Recall that we took from the prophets their covenant, including you (O Muhammad), Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus the son of Mary. We took from them a solemn pledge.*

Pickthall:

[33:7] And when We exacted a covenant from the prophets, and from thee (O Muhammad) and from Noah and Abraham and Moses and Jesus son of Mary. We took from them a solemn covenant;

Yusuf Ali:

[33:7] And remember We took from the prophets their covenant: As (We did) from thee: from Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus the son of Mary: We took from them a solemn covenant:

All the three translators had confirmed the covenant took from the prophets [including you (O Muhammad), and from thee (O Muhammad), As (We did) from thee].

So prof_ridcully, is the above three translators translated clearly that Muhammad was the one included in taking the solemn (pledge/covenant) that afterwards, a messenger will come to confirm all existing scriptures?

Can you (prof_ridcully) verify your claim that Muhammad was the final messenger and prophet of God?

God Bless

Shaikino

By wajaperak  on February 19, 2010 10:41 AM

Semoga mendapat Izin dan perkenan Tun..

[[The Hidden Secret]]

I never refer to a single hadith when I wrote about Muhammad's childhood.]]

You still did not get it don't you?..My simple question is how?..Methodologically how do you obtain the "historical fact" in your writing?..Do you find your data in internet? Story books?

The essence of gathering data is from a **reliable source**..

My reliable source is from hadith..What is your reliable source?

From where do you find them? Irrefutable by which standard? For me and my muslim brethren the hadith is irrefutable..but ironically you get your sources from "other's"..Claiming them to be irrefutable but condemning hadith in lesser status..My..my..this logic truly escaped my comprehension..

[[I knew that David and Daud were the same person. Some goes with Solomon and Sulaiman i.e they were the same person]]

And interesting to know..how do you obtain this "historical data"?? Rashad Khalifa whispered them to you??

2. I am different from the mainstream Muslims as I do not believe that all black dogs are devils. The so-called “metaphysic aspect of why Rasullulah s.a.w remains illiterate” contradicts with what my GOD teaches me in the Quran (please refer to [2:180] and [2:282] using any translation of your choice).

And this "enlightenment" comes from me..The Hidden Secret which claimed that ummiyi in Al Quran is not being illiterate but Gentiles..By doing so..I am superior than all Muslim scholar since Sahabah time immemorial..:))

[[As such, I believe and trust in what my LORD says and I reject the so called “metaphysic aspect of why Rasullulah s.a.w remains illiterate”. Your “metaphysic aspect” teaches you that those who opposed Muhammad cannot accuse him of writing tales or accuse him as an author of the Quran because Muhammad was illiterate. In contrary with your “metaphysic aspect”, my GOD teaches me that those who oppose Muhammad had already accused him of WRITING tales [25:5]. I also believe that Muhammad understood the “metaphysic” of my GOD’s commandment to him which my GOD mentions in [2:180] and [2:282] ie. the importance of literacy as he (Muhammad) needs to write wills and contracts]]

Uhu hu..very clever..To say all the sahabah,Imam Malik,Imam Nawawi,Imam Shafie and Imam Ghazali among other's is fool truly escapes my understanding..Read..I..The Hidden Secret..is chosen by my God to belittle all the Muslim ulamak and scholar since Tabiin and Tabiin Tabiin..Only I and Me is somebody can "correctly" interprets the Al Quran..Me..High and Mighty..sheesh..

[[When we READ something, we read it from a document, text, writings, manuscript, magazines, books etc. We do not read something from our memory]]

No..you mean..when you read something..Again..You belittle my Rasullulah s.a.w..Coin all the term and definition that you like.And downgrade our definition and terminologies that you like.That does not changes the fact..Rasullulah s.a.w is illiterate.

[[When we read the Quran, we must have the Quran in front of our eyes. When we recite the Quran, it is not necessary to have the Quran in front of our eyes as we can recite it from our memory without the need to look at the text.]]

You will never attains what most pious Muslim have achieved.The ability to see with Allah light.Nur Allah.With this ability, what your logic claimed and believes are truly confounded!!

[[As such, Muhammad needs to be a literate person to read the Quran. When Gabriel asked Muhammad to read, did Gabriel asked Muhammad to read from a text or from Muhammad’s memory or from where? What did your scholar teach you regarding this?]]

You truly imbecile!No..don't pardon me..Jibril embraced Rasullulah s.a.w and commanded him Iqraa is part of the education!!The rest of your argument again falls like Humpty Dumpty..

[[Whether Muhammad was literate or illiterate, it has nothing to do with any religious law (hukum agama)]]

So you says..so you claimed..It is different from our belief.

[[I never use the word “fools” and refer it to anyone (samada yang masih hidup ataupun yang telah meninggal dunia) as claimed by wajaperak.]]

Yes you did.I put it to you that you did..How? By insisting that your version of thought,intrepetation and manifestation is superior than all our ulamak showed utter contempt.Then how **not to do it??**

Simple actually.By saying..In my opinion..I believe that..Now..How difficult can this be??

[[Wajaperak claimed that GOD commanded him to keep me in the sanatorium, placates me, treats me and gives me medications. Any readers of this blog believe in his claims?]]

Aha..now..you are doubting my claims, yet wants your status of ridiculing Islam gets away scot free..Hmm..Why do you it?If you wants to ridiculed Islam..watch out the consequences and backlash..Kick the dog and run is the coward act of naughty boys..

Writing from cyberspace,take potshots at Islam and wants to be absolved from all accountability is too very much to asks..Don't you realized this?..

[[The count of the word “ALLAH” in the Arabic Quran MUST BE THE SAME. One party must have the correct counting and the other have the wrong calculation. Number is not our game. My GOD has counted the number of all things including the word “ALLAH” in HIS Quran. Are numbers a game of my LORD?]]

Definitely not..I never questions Allah decreed.

I questions yours..

Ribuan terima kasih Tun..

By The Hidden Secret  on February 19, 2010 1:59 AM

Peace Tun and others.

IN THE NAME OF THE OMNISCIENT.

1. I never refer to a single hadith when I wrote about Muhammad’s childhood. I would appreciate if wajaperak could help to provide the RELEVANT hadith which he claimed I had referred to when I wrote about Muhammad’s childhood. Whatever claims made by whoever regarding David (Daud) and Solomon (Sulaiman), I knew that David and Daud were the same person. Some goes with Solomon and Sulaiman i.e they were the same person. Both of them were Jews (race), they were Jewish (people who profess Judaism) and they were also Muslims (those who submit to GOD).

2. I am different from the mainstream Muslims as I do not believe that all black dogs are devils. The so-called “metaphysic aspect of why Rasullulah s.a.w remains illiterate” contradicts with

what my GOD teaches me in the Quran (please refer to [2:180] and [2:282] using any translation of your choice). As such, I believe and trust in what my LORD says and I reject the so called “metaphysic aspect of why Rasullulah s.a.w remains illiterate”. Your “metaphysic aspect” teaches you that those who opposed Muhammad cannot accuse him of writing tales or accuse him as an author of the Quran because Muhammad was illiterate. In contrary with your “metaphysic aspect”, my GOD teaches me that those who oppose Muhammad had already accused him of WRITING tales [25:5]. I also believe that Muhammad understood the “metaphysic” of my GOD’s commandment to him which my GOD mentions in [2:180] and [2:282] ie. the importance of literacy as he (Muhammad) needs to write wills and contracts.

[25:5] They also said, "Tales from the past that HE WROTE down; they were DICTATED TO HIM day and night."*

* FOOTNOTE FOR [25:5] : Muhammad's contemporaries knew that he was a literate man who could read and write; he wrote God's revelations with his own hand.

3. GOD commanded Muhammad to READ and also to RECITE the Quran. When we READ something, we read it from a document, text, writings, manuscript, magazines, books etc. We do not read something from our memory. When we RECITE something, it is not necessary to have a document, text ect. in front of our eyes to recite it. When we read the Quran, we must have the Quran in front of our eyes. When we recite the Quran, it is not necessary to have the Quran in front of our eyes as we can recite it from our memory without the need to look at the text. Reading requires us to have a text to read. RECITING does not require us to have a text to look at as we may MEMORIZED it and speak it out. Muhammad needs to have the Quran in front of his eyes for him to read it whether privately or publicly. As such, Muhammad needs to be a literate person to read the Quran. When Gabriel asked Muhammad to read, did Gabriel asked Muhammad to read from a text or from Muhammad’s memory or from where? What did your scholar teach you regarding this?

4. I have been consistent in not using even a single hadith as a source of religious law/jurisprudence in all my comments/writings. Whether Muhammad was literate or illiterate, it has nothing to do with any religious law (hukum agama). Whether Muhammad was a literate or illiterate person, for me the word of my GOD is suffice in making me understand that Muhammad was indeed a literate person. I have to use history because sometimes.... the word of my LORD is not suffice for some people to understand that Muhammad could not possibly die as an illiterate person.

5. I never use the word “fools” and refer it to anyone (samada yang masih hidup ataupun yang telah meninggal dunia) as claimed by wajaperak. My act of writing something which contradicts with others has been perceived by wajaperak as accusing other people as “fools”. I have been honoring and respecting Muhammad by accepting the fact that he was a literate person who obeyed GOD’s commandment to write a will and financial transactions. I am not the one who dishonored him by claiming that GOD commanded him not to be a literate person instead of GOD’s clear commandments to read and write.

6. Wajaperak claimed that GOD commanded him to keep me in the sanatorium, placates me, treats me and gives me medications. Any readers of this blog believe in his claims?

[6:93] WHO IS MORE EVIL THAN ONE WHO FABRICATE LIES AND ATTRIBUTES THEM TO GOD, or says, "I HAVE RECEIVED DIVINE INSPIRATION," WHEN NO SUCH INSPIRATION WAS GIVEN TO HIM, or says, "I can write the same as GOD's revelations?" If only you could see the transgressors at the time of death! The angels extend their hands to them, saying, "Let go of your souls. Today, YOU HAVE INCURRED A SHAMEFUL RETRIBUTION FOR SAYING ABOUT GOD OTHER THAN THE TRUTH, and for being too arrogant to accept His revelations.

7. The count of the word "ALLAH" in the Arabic Quran MUST BE THE SAME. One party must have the correct counting and the other have the wrong calculation. Number is not our game. My GOD has counted the number of all things including the word "ALLAH" in HIS Quran. Are numbers a game of my LORD?

RK :

[72:28] This is to ascertain that they have delivered their Lord's messages. He is fully aware of what they have. HE HAS COUNTED THE NUMBERS OF ALL THINGS.

Pickthall :

[72:28] That He may know that they have indeed conveyed the messages of their Lord. He surroundeth all their doings, and HE KEEPETH COUNT OF ALL THINGS.

Shakir :

[72:28] So that He may know that they have truly delivered the messages of their Lord, and He encompasses what is with them and HE RECORDS THE NUMBER OF ALL THINGS.

Sher Ali :

[72:28] That HE may know that HIS Messengers have delivered the Messages of their Lord. And HE encompasses all that is with them and HE KEEPS COUNT OF ALL THINGS.

Munir Munshey :

[72:28] In order to monitor how the Messenger conveys the message of his Lord. He (Allah) surrounds (with his Knowledge and Power) everything that exists around them. (He knows everything)! HE HAS COUNTED UP EVERY SINGLE THING!

Sale :

[72:28] that He may know that they have executed the commissions of their Lord: HE comprehendeth whatever is with them; and COUNTETH ALL THINGS BY NUMBER.

Palmer :

[72:28] That He may know that they have delivered the errands of their Lord, for HE compasses what they have, and RECKONS EVERYTHING BY NUMBER.

Arberry :

[72:28] that He may know they have delivered the Messages of their Lord; and He encompasses all that is with them, and HE HAS NUMBERED EVERYTHING IN NUMBERS.'

GOD bless.

By prof_ridcully  on February 18, 2010 9:21 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

tolokminda

Terima kasih kerana sudi menjawab soalan saya. Saya hanya ingin tahu pendirian anda.

Tak ada masalah jika anda anti-Hadith macam Kassim Ahmad. Kita boleh bincang sini -- jika diizinkan Tun.

Mungkin itu sebabnya laman anda tidak ada pautan kepada laman yang membincangkan Hadith Rasulullah Salallahu Alayhi wa Salaam.

By prof_ridcully  on February 18, 2010 9:06 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

The Hidden Secret

You said, *"The website which prof_ridcully referred below has a WRONG statistic for the word "ALLAH". The website claimed that the word "ALLAH" occurs 2,154 times in the Quran. However, the word "ALLAH" occurs in the Quran 2,698 times (19 x 142), not 2,154 times as claimed by the website."*

Read the website carefully.

Your belief on Khalifa's findings should be dependent on a bit of knowledge about how computer programs work -- we are talking about a religious book, the Noble Quran itself, and not something profane. Don't you agree that we ought to be careful when somebody makes claims about the Quran, especially someone who is not known to be an Islamic scholar, much less an expert on the Quran or a hafiz?

The program on the [Islamtutor site](#) which you or somebody who understands Perl can read and verify, counts *unique* words and does not include diacritical marks or other forms of Arabic letters (eg dagger alif). Further, the site says, *The script considers words with 'huruf' (grammatical letters) joined to them to be different words, so wa-allah is considered differently to Allah.*

Can you explain to me why Khalifa, when discussing the letter 'Nun' in Surah 68 (Surah al-Qalam), chose to spell it "Nun, Waw, Nun" but doesn't spell 'Mim' as "Mim, Ya, Mim" for 'Alif, Lam, Mim' in, for example, Surah al-Baqarah?

Also, can you trust a computer program that makes mistakes in counting the 'Lam' in Surah ar-Rum, Verse 21 (Surah 30:21)? [I've highlighted this before: he counted seven instead of eight].

Can you trust somebody who is inconsistent in making his count? And why does Khalifa exclude so-called 'unnumbered bismillahs'?

Can you get hold of Khalifa's computer program? Have you seen it, or know somebody who has? Has anybody reviewed the code? Is the code opened to examination [like the one at the site I provided]? Has he published his data in a journal somewhere?

As somebody who strongly believed his Rule of 19 of the Quran -- strong enough for him to say that Verses 128-129 of Surah 9 (at-Taubah, 9:128-129) had been added into the Quran by scribes -- shouldn't have Khalifa offer impeccable evidence instead of a buggy computer program and creative accounting?

Khalifa claimed that his motivation for translating the Quran was because he was frustrated at the scholars' inability to explain the the meaning of the initial letters of some Surahs (Alif, lam mim; alif, lam, ra; etc) of the Quran. Has Khalifa explained to you the meaning of those initial letters?

But these numerical 'findings' of his would not of any concern to me were it not for the fact that they led Khalifa to think of himself (mistakenly) as the 'hidden secret' or the bearer of a hidden secret.

Khalifa claimed that he was the final Messenger -- a rasul, but not a prophet -- and that Prophet Muhammad Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa Salaam was not. He fooled himself because of his arrogance and his misplaced belief that he had a foolproof computer program and thinking that he had unlocked, via his computer, the secret key to the Quran when many much more learned than he couldn't do it for the past 1400 years.

And we are only talking about the words in the written Quran. You and I know that the recited Quran may be different from the written one because certain written letters are merged and some are not voiced. Some words have different endings from that written when voiced [nunation, ta' marbutah, alif maqsura, alif tafriq, etc] and again some of these word endings sound different when the words are recited continuously with the next word.

Khalifa rejected the Hadith. How then did he know to recite Surah 1 (Surah al-Fatihah, Umm al-Quran, which he calls 'The Key') were it not from the Hadith? And how did he know what to say during ruku', getting up from ruku' and sujud? Were the words gleaned from the Quran or obtained from the Hadith? And how did he know the number of rakaat for the five obligatory salat in the first place? Were they explicitly stated in the Quran?

Khalifa (and you) make extraordinary claims. The onus is on you to prove the claims. All I need is just one point to rebut your claims but I believe I've provided several.

Shaikino

Thanks for your offer but I prefer to debate you in public.

By [tolokminda](#) on [February 18, 2010 1:34 PM](#)

Salam Tun, saya minta laluan menjawab prof_ridcully,

Salam,

Terima kasih kerana telah melawati blog belajar saya <http://tolokminda.wordpress.com>

Tentang dua busur panah itu, saya telah mengemukakan hujah-hujah saya dan jika tuan dapati ia tidak selaras dengan sumber tuan, terpulanglah kepada tuan. Kita semua ada akses kepada Al-Quran dan masing-masing boleh memeriksanya sendiri.

Begitu juga dengan artikel-artikel lain, semuanya ada di sana dengan hujah-hujahnya sekali. Malah orang lain turut memberi pendapat mereka juga dalam ruangan komen yang disediakan. Saya tidak membendung komen sesiapa.

Tentulah tidak sesuai kita berbincang tentang apa yang terkandung dalam blog saya di dalam blog Tun. Jadi saya jemput tuan sertai perbincangan berkaitan artikel-artikel yang tuan rujuk itu di blog saya.

Adakah saya anti hadis? Tidak. Saya tidak anti apa-apa. Cuma, saya mengambil Al-Quran berbanding hadis untuk menetapkan pendirian saya dalam hidup kerana saya percaya itulah satu-satunya Kitab pedoman yang Tuhan telah maksudkan untuk saya.

Terima kasih Tun.

By wajaperak  on [February 18, 2010 12:08 PM](#)

Semiga mendapat perkenan dan keizinan Tun..

[[The Hidden Secret]]

What I have written earlier was not derived from any hadith]]

Term and definition

Hadith (Arabic: الحديث al-ḥadīth, pronounced: /hadi:θ/; pl. aḥadīth; lit. "narrative") are narrations originating from the words and deeds of the Islamic prophet Muhammad..

To be contested..with your definition.In similar vein..The Jews claimed their Prophet is David and Solomon.Does not acknowledge Nabi Daud a.s and Nabi Sulaiman a.s.The Jews claimed David and Solomon were Jews and not Muslim.We says Nabi Daud a.s and Nabi Sulaiman a.s is Muslim.The source : Al Quran.

The Hidden Secret claimed that he does not derived any "historical fact" from hadith.The fact that he did, to us Muslim is acknowledging Hadith because those story of descriptive nature can only be extrated from hadith and atsar.

1)First shot.

[[Muslims still fail to understand that Muhammad understood the importance of literacy and he will never die as an illiterate person]]

You admitted that you are non muslim?..Understandable but in Islam the metaphysic aspect of why Rasullulah s.a.w remains illiterate will not came dawning on you..

2)Second shot.

How will Muhammad read the Quran to his people if he was illiterate?

He memorized them. Why? Memorization is not in the illiteracy term??

3) Third shot.

[[We never use any hadith as a RELIGIOUS SOURCE OF LAW/JURISPRUDENCE as QURAN IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF RELIGIOUS LAW/JURISPRUDENCE. However, we do refer to hadith as a SOURCE OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION which might explain certain events, not as a source of religious law/jurisprudence. However, the hadith is still subject to whether it contradicts with the Quran or not]]

Meaning. We will use hadith when and only if it suited our needs.. Understood??

4) Shot no 4.

[[Orang yang suka melayan orang gila adalah lebih gila dari orang gila yang dia layan. Adakah orang yang melayan orang "mengong" lebih "mengong" dari orang "mengong" yang dia layan? What do you think Tun?]]

Aha..you took offence on my criticism but refused to acknowledge the salient fact that you wants them and warranted them. So..I complied..Now from a diferrent persepective. You accused Rasullulah s.a.w many things..All the sahabah, all the saints, sage and ulamak as fools..Only you and you "brotherhood of lawyers' are absolved from the definitions of mengong fools..And looking from the mirror images of sanity, again only you and your "brother's in arm" are free from this affliction..Dear..dear..me..

Have you been to Tanjung Rambutan?..Allah commanded us the orderlies to keep you in the sanatorium..we placates you..treats you and gives you medications..It all answered your questions..:))

7. The website which prof_ridcully referred below has a WRONG statistic for the word "ALLAH". The website claimed that the word "ALLAH" occurs 2,154 times in the Quran. However, the word "ALLAH" occurs in the Quran 2,698 times (19 x 142), not 2,154 times as claimed by the website.

This is the only things I can safely vouched Prof_Ridcully you are on the wrong side of fence. Terms and definition in Al Quran varies. Prof_Ridcully follows the convention..You DID NOT..


That's why the number is diferrent..After all..your game is

THE GAME OF NUMBER'S..IT IS NOT??..:))

Concluded by this

5) The biggest shot of all is not in the arm..It is in the mind..:))

Terimakasih Tun..

By Shaikino  on February 17, 2010 5:34 PM

Salam,

Attention: prof_ridcully,

Can you give me your email, so I can respond to what you had said. We deal one to one.

God Bless,

Shaikino

By The Hidden Secret  on February 17, 2010 4:47 PM

Peace Tun and others.

IN THE NAME OF THE BEST DESIGNER.

Please be informed that :-

1. What I have written earlier was not derived from any hadith. I would appreciate if Wajaperak could help to provide ALL RELEVANT HADITHS which he claimed that I have referred to in quoting about Muhammad's life at the early stage. Histories which we learned might or might not be true. However, the Quran clearly mentioned the importance of literacy. Muhammad who received the Quran will of course understand the important of literacy as mentioned in the Quran in [2:180] - writing a will, [2:282] - writing down financial transactions, [96:1] and [96:3]. The reason why I use history is because... I have referred to the Quranic verses above but Muslims still fail to understand that Muhammad understood the importance of literacy and he will never die as an illiterate person. Muslims fail to understand that GOD never commanded Muhammad to become an illiterate person but GOD did mention in the Quran the important of reading and writing in [2:180], [2:282], [96:1], [96:3], [73:4] and [17:106].

How will Muhammad read the Quran if he was illiterate?

[73:4] Or a little more. And READ THE QURAN from cover to cover.

[73:5] We will give you a heavy message.

How will Muhammad read the Quran to his people if he was illiterate?

[17:106] A Quran that we have released slowly, in order FOR YOU TO READ IT TO THE PEOPLE over a long period, although we sent it down all at once.

2. We never use any hadith as a RELIGIOUS SOURCE OF LAW/JURISPRUDENCE as QURAN IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF RELIGIOUS LAW/JURISPRUDENCE. However, we do refer to hadith as a SOURCE OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION which might explain certain events, not as a source of religious law/jurisprudence. However, the hadith is still subject to whether it contradicts with the Quran or not.

3. I also would like to repeat, for those who are unhappy with our writings, there is nothing you can do because you are not the owner of this blog. As such, you have to understand and accept the fact that you have no authority in stopping us from giving our comments in this blog. Tun is the only person who has the authority to do so. As such, we will continue to give our comments and we leave it Tun's approval. Requesting us from stop writing will not make any different.

4. As mentioned in my pervious comment, we have no objection to those who oppose us from continue giving their comments. We understood that we have no authority to stop anybody from writing in this blog. You may continue to write, continue to “shoot” and continue to oppose us. It all depends on Tun whether to post or not to post your comments. As for us, we welcome all your writings as we are friendly with all criticism. You may also continue to referred us as “mengong”, “imbecile”, “dumb and dumber”, “si fulan”, “pathetic”, “jester”, “clown” etc. as we do understand that you are the product of your religious education (wajaperak’s comment dated 24/12/09 in Selamat Hari Raya article). Orang yang suka melayan orang gila adalah lebih gila dari orang gila yang dia layan. Adakah orang yang melayan orang “mengong” lebih “mengong” dari orang “mengong” yang dia layan? What do you think Tun?

5. As mentioned in my previous comment, we do not impose anything nor do we force anybody to accept what we wrote. Those who do not wish to accept what we wrote may continue with their believe. If you think that what we wrote were merely rubbish, you can just disregard our writings. Otherwise, you may continue melayan those whom you claimed as “mengong”. Wajaperak did write... “So..entertains me again next with your jest..I was wrong in taking you seriously..” in his comment dated 17/11/09 in Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah article.

6. All the “perkara ghaib” mentioned in the Quran are all in the Quran.

7. The website which prof_ridcully referred below has a WRONG statistic for the word “ALLAH”. The website claimed that the word “ALLAH” occurs 2,154 times in the Quran. However, the word “ALLAH” occurs in the Quran 2,698 times (19 x 142), not 2,154 times as claimed by the website.

<http://submission.org/miracle/visual.html> (Visual presentation by Rashad Khalifa).

<http://www.islamtutor.com/quran.php?p=quran-statistics> (Website referred by prof_ridcully)

8. As per prof_ridcully'a advise, we will read, learn and post into this blog the so-called AUTHENTIC hadith of Muhammad in the future, GOD willing.

<http://submission.org/had-corruption.html>

GOD bless.

By prof_ridcully  on February 17, 2010 2:35 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

tolokminda

Maaf menyampuk, tetapi saya terbaca apa yang anda nyatakan kepada **wajaperak** mengenai "jarak dua busur panah" yang beliau petik dari Surah an-Najm (Surah 53:9) [Pautan kepada laman IIUM]

Saya bukan ulamak tetapi saya rasa wajaperak betul dengan pendapat beliau yang frasa "jarak dua busur panah" itu merujuk kepada Nabi Muhammad (saw) dan Jibrail (as).

Mengikut [Tafsir Ibn Kathir \(rh\)](#) [pautan kepada laman Tafsir Ibn Kathir] surah ini menunjukkan yang Rasulullah (saw) menyatakan hanya apa yang Baginda (saw) dapati dari, atau disampaikan oleh, Jibril (as), dan kedua-duanya makhluk yang taat lagi jujur.

Inilah konteks frasa "jarak dua busur panah" digunakan.

Seperkara lagi, saya tertarik dengan entri blog anda di mana anda menyoal samada, "*Bersunat: amalan Islam atau Kristian?*" dan, "*Benarkah babi haram?*".

Saya rasa tidak salah kalau orang Islam bertanya soalan-soalan tersebut dengan ikhlas agar mendapat kepastian, tetapi lain jadinya jika seorang macam anda menampilkan soalan-soalan tersebut diblognya hanya untuk mengelirukan orang Islam lain.

Walau apa pun:

1. Ya, bersunat (berkhitan) ialah amalan orang Islam dan dahulunya diwajibkan bagi orang Kristian awal sebelum ianya dihentikan oleh Saul/Paul of Tarsus (St Paul).
2. Ya, babi dan barangan derivatif dari haiwan tersebut haram bagi orang Islam.

Juga entri anda mengenai "*Ka'aba bukan objek tumpuan sembahhan tetapi ia bermaksud buku lali*'

Ka'bah **الكعبة** bermaksud "kiub". Kalau saya tidak silap "buku lali" dalam bahasa Arab dieja tanpa *ta'* di hujungnya.

Anda juga menulis "*Al-Quran lengkap – tidak memerlukan kitab lain sebagai penjelas*"

Saya berpegang kepada pendapat Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah dan Mazhab Imam as-Shafi'i (rh). Saya lihat dari penulisan anda yang anda ini cenderung untuk mengetepikan Hadith Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi wa Salam.

Anda sebenarnya anti-Hadith. Betul tolok-minda?

By wajaperak  on [February 17, 2010 8:10 AM](#)

Assallammualaikumwarahmatullahiwabarokatuh..

Semoga mendapat izin dan perkenan Tun..

"The Hidden Secret"

Just where do you get this 'beyond reproach' material??

2. Muhammad belonged to the Banu Hashim, one of a PROMINENT family in Mecca. He was raised by his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib. Abdul Muttalib's father was a businessman. Abdul Muttalib and his father were the chief of Banu Hashim clan. Muhammad was also raised by his uncle, Abu Talib. Abu Talib was also a leader for Banu Hashim clan. He was a SCION of the noble Bani Hashem clan. As such, he had a high status and much respect among the Meccans, and owned a prosperous trading business. Being raised by leaders of a respected clan, it was impossible that the people who raised Muhammad ie. his grandfather and uncle did not send Muhammad to learn how to read and write. They would understand the importance of basic

education for Muhammad and will not let Muhammad become an illiterate person. Muhammad also worked for Abu Talib. Same like Khadija, Abu Talib will not hire an illiterate person who does not know how to count, read and write to work with him. Muhammad also raised Abu Talib's son ie. Ali when Ali was five or six years old. Ali was the 4th caliph and he (Ali) was a literate person. As a literate person who knew the importance of literacy, Muhammad ensured that Ali received basic education to become a literate person.

For your information..this is what we called hadith..the stories about Muhammad s.a.w related by Islamic Scholar,Ulamak and sage.And just why you contradict yourself in believing this account and yet denied that hadith is part of Islamic Jurisprudence??

Not only you shot yourself in the foot..you tries to fool the ordinary muslim into thinking..My part of research in "historical" is infallible but you tries to deceived your own self!!

Own up man!!

You qouted your "historical fact" is beyond reproach and infallible but yet you claimed "hadith" (all your material reference is hadith, you imbecile!!) is misleading..

The Hidden Secret..wake up and own up..Don't use hadith when it suits your purpose and degrade it when it is against your interest..

May Allah guide us all to the proper path..

Terima kasih Tun..

By The Hidden Secret  on February 16, 2010 5:08 PM

Peace Tun and others.

IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME.

The Arabic word UMMY/UMMIYOON/UMMIYEEN etc. are mentioned in the Quran in [2:78], [3:75], [7:157], [7:158] and [62:2].

Muslims scholars translated these words as illiterate. The correct translation for these words is GENTILE/S which means without scriptures (i.e. without Torah, Gospel, Statue Book etc.).

1. Illiterate people have no ability to distort the scripture as mentioned in [2:77-78]. Illiterate people do not know what and where to distort. You may test this yourself... go and find an illiterate person, give an article to him/her and ask her to distort it. Can he/she do it?

The followers of the scripture thought that it was OK for them not to be honest with those who do not follow the previous scripture ie. the gentiles [3:75]. The Arabs were not illiterate people. The 1st recorded Arabic text was written in 512 AD. Around 50,000 Arabian inscriptions survived from the pre-Islamic era. Muhammad was born in 570 AD. By the time he received the 1st revelation of the Quran in 610 AD, the Arabic alphabets were already established for about 100 years.

<http://www.answers.com/topic/history-of-the-arabic-alphabet>

2. Muhammad belonged to the Banu Hashim, one of a PROMINENT family in Mecca. He was raised by his grandfather, Abdul Muttalib. Abdul Muttalib's father was a businessman. Abdul Muttalib and his father were the chief of Banu Hashim clan. Muhammad was also raised by his uncle, Abu Talib. Abu Talib was also a leader for Banu Hashim clan. He was a SCION of the noble Bani Hashem clan. As such, he had a high status and much respect among the Meccans, and owned a prosperous trading business. Being raised by leaders of a respected clan, it was impossible that the people who raised Muhammad ie. his grandfather and uncle did not send Muhammad to learn how to read and write. They would understand the importance of basic education for Muhammad and will not let Muhammad become an illiterate person. Muhammad also worked for Abu Talib. Same like Khadija, Abu Talib will not hire an illiterate person who does not know how to count, read and write to work with him. Muhammad also raised Abu Talib's son ie. Ali when Ali was five or six years old. Ali was the 4th caliph and he (Ali) was a literate person. As a literate person who knew the importance of literacy, Muhammad ensured that Ali received basic education to become a literate person.

3. The ummiyeen nabi mentioned in [7:157-158] does not mean an illiterate prophet. The true meaning is THE GENTILE PROPHET or prophet without a scripture. Sura 7 was the 81st sura revealed in the chronological sequence of revelation of the Quran. As such, Quran as a complete scripture with 114 chapters was not been completely written and compiled yet. In contrary with other prophets who have already brought complete scriptures (Statue Book, Torah, Gospel), Muhammad has been perceive by the followers of previous scriptures as a person who did not bring any scripture.

4. GOD sent Muhammad to two (2) groups of people ie. to the people who followed the previous scriptures as mentioned in [7:157-158] and also to the people who did not follow any scriptures ie. the gentiles (not the illiterate) as mentioned in [62:2].

5. Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Marmaduke Pickthall, Shakir, Sher Ali, Progressive Muslim, Dr. Munir Munshey, Sale, Muhammad Al-Hilali & Muhsin Khan, Palmer, Arberry, Rodwell and Rashad Khalifa, ALL OF THEM translated the Arabic word "qalam" in [68:1] and [96:4] as "pen" in their English translations of the Quran. Malay translation by Yayasan Restu (ISBN 983-40229-3-X, Cetakan Pertama 2005) translated the Arabic word "qalam" as "pena". Indonesian translation by Yayasan Penyelenggara Penterjemahan/Pentafsir Al Quraan Indonesia (cetakan 1971) mentioned that "Al-Qalam" means "pena". JAKIM's Pimpinan Ar-Rahman online English translation also translated the Arabic word "qalam" as "pen". Wikipedia defined the Arabic word "qalam" as "a type of pen made from a dried reed, used for Arabic calligraphy". I would appreciate if Wajaperak could help to translate the Arabic word "qalam". Maybe his translation is the most accurate compared with all the above translators.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qalam>

[2:77] Do they not know that GOD knows everything they conceal, and everything they declare?

[2:78] Among them are UMMIYOON (GENTILES) who do not know the scripture, except through hearsay, then assume that they know it.

[2:79] Therefore, WOE TO THOSE WHO DISTORT THE SCRIPTURE with their own hands, THEN SAY, "THIS IS WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED," seeking a cheap material gain. Woe to them for such distortion, and woe to them for their illicit gains.

[3:75] Some followers of the scripture can be trusted with a whole lot, and they will give it back to you. Others among them cannot be trusted with a single dinar; they will not repay you unless you keep after them. That is because they say, "We do not have to be honest when dealing with the UMMIYEEN (GENTILES)!"* Thus, they attribute lies to GOD, knowingly.

* FOOTNOTE FOR [3:75] : Prior to the discovery of the Quran's mathematical code, some scholars falsely claimed that Muhammad was an illiterate man who could not write such a great book. They distorted the meaning of the word "Ummy," claiming that it meant "illiterate." This verse proves that "Ummiyyeen" means "gentiles".

[7:157] "(4) follow the messenger, the UMMY (GENTILE) prophet (Muhammad), whom they find written in their Torah and Gospel.* He exhorts them to be righteous, enjoins them from evil, allows for them all good food, and prohibits that which is bad, and unloads the burdens and the shackles imposed upon them. Those who believe in him, respect him, support him, and follow the light that came with him are the successful ones."

* FOOTNOTE FOR [7:157] : Muhammad is prophesied in Deuteronomy 18:15-19 and John 14:16-17 & 16:13.

[7:158] Say, "O people, I am GOD's messenger to all of you. To Him belongs the sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. There is no god except He. He controls life and death." Therefore, you shall believe in GOD and His messenger, the UMMY (GENTILE) prophet, who believes in GOD and His words. Follow him, that you may be guided.

[62:2] He is the One who sent to the UMMIYEEN (GENTILES) a messenger from among them, to recite to them His revelations, purify them, and teach them the scripture and wisdom. Before this, they had gone far astray.

GOD bless.

By wajaperak  on February 16, 2010 11:47 AM

Assallammualaikumwarahmatullahiwabarokatuh..

Semoga mendapat izin dan perkenan dari Tun..

[[The Hidden Secret]]

Based on all the comments posted by The Hidden Secret, The key and Shaikino it is clear that they **INSIST Muslims to BELIEVE that**

Hadith and Sunnah is the principal reason for the Muslim suffered in all thing "civilized" ..

The latest is the degradation of Rasullulah s.a.w in guise of accepting certain logic and denying another logic.

[[Remembering is Muhammad's sunnah while reading and writing are not Muhammad's sunnah]]

It is pointless to bring Al Quran verses one after another since this "brotherhood of lawyers" are very good in turning and twisting the fact. So.. This one verse is sufficient.

Al-Baqarah

[1]

Alif, Laam, Miim.

[2]

Kitab Al-Quran ini, tidak ada sebarang syak padanya (tentang datangnya dari Allah dan tentang sempurnanya); ia pula menjadi petunjuk bagi orang-orang yang (hendak) bertaqwa;

[3]

Iaitu orang-orang yang beriman kepada perkara-perkara yang ghaib

Please illustrate an example of perkara ghaib..

[[Remembering is suffice, no need to read, no need to write until you die (as per Muhammad's sunnah) as they should follow Muhammad's so-called sunnah. Am I right Tun?]]

I wish to call your attention to the abovementioned and again please illustrate an example..I honestly calls you and your comrade to seek deeper into Islamic aspect of metaphysic..You see, the faith is something you cannot see but it gave warmth that radiating from inner to outer look and your appearance..If you claimed that hadith, atsar and tradition is irrelevant and thousands sage and ulamak is inferior compared to your own since immemorial, fine..

But again look inside your own heart and see wether they truly have any shine in them..Because Allah knowledge is Nur..

Those who are devoid of Allah light is clearly shown in their heart, radiating to their outer appearance at the countenance and dampen their writing..as such glaring clearly here..at Tun blog..

Terima kasih Tun..

By [tolokminda](#) on February 16, 2010 10:30 AM

Salam,

Merujuk kepada komen Wajaperak pada February 12, 2010 9:11 AM,

Saya berpendapat kefahaman tuan Wajaperak tentang jarak dua busur panah yang dirujuk kepada Nabi Muhamad dan Jibrail adalah tidak tepat. Ia sebenarnya merujuk jarak di antara Nabi Musa dan Allah yang turun untuk mengajarnya wahyu.

Saya menulis mengenainya di <http://tolokminda.wordpress.com/2010/01/11/kebergantungan-mutlak-kepada-ulama-mungkin-menyesatkan-kita-terus-ke-neraka/>

Saya jemput tuan Wajaperak sama-sama berbincang mengenainya.

Terima kasih.

By [prof_ridcully](#) on February 15, 2010 4:43 PM

Mohon izin Tun,

The Hidden Secret, Shaikino and The Key

I'll repeat what I said earlier.

Will you stop spamming this blog with cut and paste jobs taken from supporters of Khalifa's site?

If you three want to believe the nonsense spewed by Rashad Khalifa, an Egyptian biochemist who claimed to have gone up to heaven (bodily) in the 20th Century to meet Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), that's your choice.

But I urge you to step back and reconsider your choice.

Like I said earlier, Khalifa was a liar who purposely mistranslated the Quran in English to hoodwink incredibly gullible people like you. His so-called computer calculations of the ayat of the Quran and the significance of the figure 19 can be easily refuted.

It took a bit of work, but just a bit, to find an example of his nonsense. Look at Verse 21 Surah ar-Rum (Surah 30:21). [Please note: the Arabic is not in 'Uthmani script -- thus there are no diacritical marks and the 'dagger alif' found in the 'Uthmani script is not rendered]

ومن آياته ان خلق لكم من انفسكم ازواجا لتسكنوا اليها وجعل بينكم مودة ورحمة ان في ذلك لايات
لقوم يتفكرون

Khalifa, who ostensibly wrote a computer program to make his calculations on the Quran, inexplicably found only 7 "lams" in the above verse [when there are actually 8].


Can you three, **Hidden Secret, Shaikino and Key**, think of a reason why? Was Khalifa trying to fudge his calculations in order to fit his theory, do you think? Is it possible that the 20th century biochemist who bodily went up into space -- to heaven, no less -- without the benefit of a spacecraft fudge his numbers? Nah, can't be true.

And how about the number 7? Like 19, it is also a prime number. And didn't Allah Almighty create seven heavens and the Earth likewise (Surah at-Talaq, 65:12)? How about coming up with some hoax theory that would remove a couple of Verses from the Noble Quran because their references are not multiples of the number 7?

Like I said earlier, check for yourself if Khalifa's calculations are correct or whether he fudged the numbers.

Here is the [software to do it](#)

Again, you'll be well-advised to read a [sound translation and commentary of the Quran and the Hadith](#)

By wajaperak  on [February 15, 2010 1:46 PM](#)

Semoga di izinkan Tun..

"THE KEY"

[[MUHAMMAD WROTE GOD'S REVELATIONS WITH HIS OWN HAND]]

He did not..Never was..He commanded Zaid Ibn Thabit of this task..Penulis wahyu..

Why..In the court there is a clerk who wrote

revelations by the judge??

The judge cannot writes or every body has a tasks of their own??

[[The first revelation was "Read," and included the statement "God teaches by means of the pen" (96:1-4), and the second revelation was "The Pen" (68:1). The only function of the pen is to write.]]

Your Key can only open up to the Hades!!

Do you know Kalam does not restricted only to the pen?? Kalam la woi..does not restricted to the pen!!..The Hidden Secret please teach your comrades here about arabic true definition of Kalam..

Mengong betui!!!

[[Ignorant Muslim scholars of the first two centuries after the Quran could not understand the Quran's challenge]]

Yeah..yeah oh you so right "lawyers"..And by saying so..Please follow "The Key" that have mastered the challenges by demonstrating how adept he is in "defining" Kalam..

Masya...rakat..

MasyaAllah..

"The Key"..opens up to the real Islamic definition..Please..

Terima Kasih Tun..

By wajaperak  on [February 15, 2010 1:34 PM](#)

Semoga di izinkan Tun..

[[VhChoo]]

They prefer to memorize the "letter of the Quran" rather than its spirit. They would rather just follow the prophet's appearance and style (dressing and way of eating) rather than his characteristics (honest and thoughtful) and substance. They want to copy his actions but do not want to debate and understand his reasons because it is too difficult and as such best reserved to the chosen few who may have other agendas in place.]]

Dear sir..with all due respects..this is what westerner or other's see.The outlook or Islamic appearances.What do you see is the physical aspect of Islam..What you cannot see is the

Metaphysics Islam..

First, human capabilities differs from one another. Some who only have the ability of your abovementioned were called "abid". **They provides Islam the physical appearance..not that Islam dependent on any physical appearance to be "announced" and "pronounced"..So if this abid strays..they gives Islam the bad name..Most Islamic critics does not realized that Islam is critical about "abid" themselves!!**

Second..The alim..The knowledgable one.Tun is living example of "ulamak"..What most people does not realizes,the terms ulamak does not confines only to the religious nature alone.Those who excell in his fields like Prof_Ridcully and Tun is ulamak in their respective field..The learned and knowledgable..

And you find the posting utmost interesting if you see it from one version of truth..

Vhchoo..In the methaphysics of Islamic principles..There is seven version of truth..

There is the 6 truth but not applicable and only one that truly viable or the 7 truth can be viable on their own!!..

So..let's us learn and be an ulamak of our own without the announced title and pronounced title..Of course!!..

Terima kasih Tun..

By wajaperak  on February 15, 2010 1:15 PM

Assallammualaikumwarahmatullahiwabarokatuh..

Semoga mendapat keizinan Tun..

[[Shaikino]]

You know..I am not a lawyer but that does not mean I cannot win cases in court.In civil court nevertheless, the judge will insist..dear old man..can you appoint a lawyer?..If not one can be appointed on your behalf..Of course..the cost will be borne by you..

Why?

Because the judge believes that I might be conned and duped by an established and prominet lawyers about term and definition..Thus will lead to my destruction eventhough I am the injured,opressed party by being defendant..

So..In the court..the judge will decides argument base on the merit of **the argument in law terminologies..instead of the truth and the only truth..**

Meaning..you are an easy meat in front of established lawyers..The wrong can be righted where the lawyers put the "truth" in their argument against mine who does not know how to proves it evidence and factual base according to the law "terminologies"..

I can be victimised in the court by being ignorant of the terminology and definition..instead of being wrong!!

But in Islam..no such avenue "available" for the established lawyers..In the court, they can twisted the fact and put the truth in their argument instead respecting the truth as it should be.Lawyers of this natures believe their client is right.They studied the case thoroughly.If they finds any evidence that their client is wrong and guilty,they will finds the way to make it "winnable"..If the saw that the odd is insormountable..only then the "cease" and "decease"..

Point in contention..There is a lot of lawyers here in Tun blogs that pretends that their case is "winnable" where Islam is concerned..

They in the name of "The Hidden Secret", "The Key" and "Shaikinio" tries very hard to pull the wools over our eyes..They ridiculed Al Quran but qouted them in earnest to play the gallery of the "established lawyers"..Of "pure" muslim proponent..

So..you see their argument is very enticing..But for the life of me of not being lawyers to counter them is very tiring.So the next time this "lawyers" arguing their cases, I only kill the "leader" of the pack.There is the leader of the pack in every argument..

In this case of pack of lies..I will sniped and shoot down only this part..The rest of their argument will fall to smithereens..

Countering this lies

[[It has been part of the Muslim's belief, based on traditions,

that Prophet Muhammad was illiterate. God says in verse 29:51 that the Quran itself is the only miracle of the prophet]]

with this fact

Al Araf [157]

"Iaitu orang-orang yang mengikut Rasulullah (Muhammad s.a.w)
Nabi yang Ummi,

Precise and concise..

I shoot you down again..will do it again and again..No offense..but it's why some qouted Tun wrongly in saying..

Maybe we need to shoot all the lawyers!!

Terima kasih Tun...


By Manbugislah  on [February 15, 2010 11:58 AM](#)

Assalamualaikum TDM dan pelayar blog ini

Is it true that Al Quran is a word from Allah. The answer is YES. Browse Dr. Zakir Naik and Ahmed Deedat on Youtube and learn more about it. Islam is not just hudud and jihad is not

going to war. Read topics like 1) Is Al Quran a word of god 2) is jesus christ god 3) Al Quran and modern science, 4) Misconceptions about islam, and many more forums by these two stalwarts.

Terima kasih TDM and semoga panjang umur.

By The Hidden Secret  on February 15, 2010 11:31 AM

Salam Tun and others.

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST GRACIOUS.

Based on all the comments posted, it is clear that the Muslims INSIST TO BELIEVE that :-

1. For 23 years, Muhammad never took the initiative, never bother, never care to learn how to read and write. This was Muhammad's so called sunnah ie. to remain as an illiterate person until he died... no need to learn to read and write as it is not important at all.

2. It is suffice to remember without documenting important knowledge as this was the so-called sunnah of Muhammad... This was Muhammad practiced. Remembering is Muhammad's sunnah while reading and writing are not Muhammad's sunnah.

3. Muhammad died as an illiterate person and he did not know the actual content of the letters/correspondences he signed and sent. Imagine a leader like Tun who does not know the actual content of the letters/correspondences he signed and then send the letters/correspondences to Lee Kwan Yew.

4. His wife Khadija appointed an illiterate person who does not know how to count and to prepare contract documents to run her business. Imagine Tun appointed an illiterate person to run Proton. Tun, will you do that?

As such, now we all know why the Muslims are left behind... the so-called Muhammad's sunnah which they follow teaches them that... From now and onwards, the Muslims should stop teaching their children to read and write. Remembering is suffice, no need to read, no need to write until you die (as per Muhammad's sunnah) as they should follow Muhammad's so-called sunnah. Am I right Tun?

GOD bless.

By khairi ali  on February 15, 2010 9:31 AM

Assalamualaikum dan salam sejahtera,

1. saya ingin perbetulkan sedikit entri saya pada 10.2, jam 1pm. Bukan al-Mawardi, tapi Ibn Khaldun, dan bukannya ialah Muqadimmah.

2. wajaperak : boleh kita berkomunikasi? e mel saya ialah mohdkhairi_wanali@yahoo.com.

sekian.

By adik adik  on February 14, 2010 1:28 AM

Maka perlunya pelajaran ilmu hisap,sains,dan sebagainya
perguruan sekolah perlu bahasa english.

Zaman sekarang,ilmu keduniaan banyak yg dipelajari dari orang English.Zaman gemilang Islam
masih diperjuangkan.

Anak Malaysia perlu belajar bahasa english,disinilah tumbuhnya ilmu keduniaan sekarang.Nak
Akhirat belajar AlQuran,belajar di University Islam.

Nak utamakan bahasa Melayu,takada pelajaran terbukti yg membina.

Dalam pembangunan,perubatan,ekonomi,engineering atau sebagainya takada dalam istilah ilmu
melayu.

Kalau fasal Bomoh bomoh,berlagak,nak beristeri isteri luar dari kemampuan tu,adalah.

Kalaulah ilmu bomoh ini menjadi.

Saya syorkan Bomoh bomoh Malaysia,kita satukan telur telur mereka dan hantar satu telur yg
amat besar ke US,dan Israel.

Zaman ni jangan masukan Jarum,kita masukan Paku.

Namun bahasa Ibunda perlu disanjung.

Mahasiswa yg tidak berkobolihan berbahasa english akan ketinggalan dalam dunia ekonomi
sekarang.

By azrie13  on [February 13, 2010 9:56 PM](#)

Assalamualaikum, Tun. I always like history but its often not complete. Always with different
opinion from other religion or loss trace document or only a myth. I always dream when I died if
i go to heaven i really hope to find a book of complete history from every direction or anyone
and truth details. Sorry my comment always seem childish. I'm 20.


By VHChoo  on [February 13, 2010 9:52 PM](#)

Tun,

I find the comments to your latest commentary extremely interesting and it may help explain the
reason and fear of some muslims towards science. I noticed that the part that needled most of
your conservative muslim commentators is your point that the great prophet was illiterate. It is
taken as a possible insult when it is meant as an encouragement for his followers to emulate his
thirst of knowledge and curiosity. The prophet and his early followers (much like the europeans
of the renaissnace era) were very observant and curious people. They challenged themselves to
explain the wonders of the almighty. They questioned why and how instead of just leaving it to
Allah's will. This is a characteristic and behavior that the Muslims have failed to adhere to
because it is too difficult and it does not fit their view of power and political structure. They
prefer to memorize the "letter of the Quran" rather than its spirit. They would rather just follow
the prophet's appearence and style (dressing and way of eating) rather than his characteristics
(honest and thoughtful)and substance. They want to copy his actions but do not want to debate
and understand his reasons because it is too difficult and as such best reserved to the chosen few
who may have other agendas in place.

Prophet Muhamad was a leader during his time not because he was happy with the status quo or
because he happens to be a son of a Sultan or royalty. He was an illiterate orphan, shephard and
merchant. However he was curious and discontented with life and the system during the time. He
reflected and meditated and with the almighty's grace and blessing, found islam and a fairer way
of life than one that he was born into. After his passing, his early followers debated and build on

"his curiosity". They thought and debated not only the letter but the spirit of the quran and his actions. They pursued knowledge in the spirit and gusto of the prophet and the more they understood, the more they respected the almighty. Sadly this spirit is now missing in the islamic world.

By Juang  on February 13, 2010 5:44 PM


"Tun: (there never was an Islamic empire in the sense of the other Empires - only an Islamic community - the Ummah)"

Saya setuju dengan Tun. Benar, Islam tidak ada empayar. Yang suka bina empayar adalah orang2 yang gila kuasa.

Cuba kita renung pedoman Nabi2 terdahulu dalam Al Quran. Umpamanya Nabi Ibrahim yang sudah tentu juga membawa Islam di zaman baginda. Tetapi apakah Al Quran menceritakan baginda membina empayar.

Begitu juga Nabi Sulaiman, Daud, Musa etc, tidak ada disebut pun dalam Al Quran, mereka membina empayar.

Akibat gila nak bina empayar itulah ada segelintir manusia yang salah faham menjadikan Islam sebagai alasan untuk mereka berebut kuasa.

By Juang  on February 13, 2010 5:33 PM

Salam Tun yang dihormati,

Saya setuju dengan point2 yang Tun kemukakan.

Yang mengecewakan bila ada di kalangan orang Islam hari ini mengatakan sains adalah keduniaan, dan agama adalah akhirat. Mereka memisahkan kepentingan sains dalam kehidupan.

Apabila ada orang2 yang cuba mengkaji dan meneroka kembali Al Quran mengikut perspektif sains dan logik serta tidak mempercayai membuta-tuli riwayat hadis, mereka labelkan sebagai anti-hadis dan sesat.

Jika macam itulah perangai orang Islam, macam manalah Allah nak izinkan mereka mengubah nasib mereka sendiri?

By Jamal  on February 13, 2010 2:48 PM

Dear Tun,

In Islam we know that Allah (GOD) is the creator of this existance. Be it time, physical, spiritual, metaphysics, whatever we want to call it, are all Allah's creation.

Science is man's quest for knowledge of this existance. In science we make discoveries and become aware of what is already there in existance as created by Allah.

From these discoveries and awareness are then harnessed by man for our benefit. Allah blesses this faculty of invention and innovativeness which Allah did not for the other creatures.

So lets not be too proud of our achievements...because it is but a drop in the vast ocean of this existence.

That we MUSLIMS knowing, that this existance is Allah's and therefore that SCIENCE is but an integral part of our existance MUST not shy away from it BUT MUST embrace it for the blessings that ALLAH had given us.

Lets not quarrel why we MUSLIM are the way we are. Lets look forward and see how we can be Allah's "Model of a people" (a model ummah) on this earth as commended to us by Allah. To be in the forefront of discovering the wonders of this existance as created by ALLAH is our most important SOCIAL Duty to Allah.

I am sure all Muslim Leaders in the OIC and others countries are breaking their head over this issue. BUT we seem to be bogged down by trivial and silly matters, infighting, etc...

We have lost our way in these forest (of life) as we only see the trees. We have not been able to LIFT ourselves beyond the trees to SEE the BIG PICTURE - the forest.

How can we move forward on this? Tun you are a very much respected elder statesman in the ISLAMIC WORLD. We need your leadership to forge a way to help all MUSLIM leaders raise above the trees to see the FOREST and all its glory as Allah has created it.

Saudi has started an initiative to raise the level of learning all sciences by opening universities that will be at the forefront of scientific discoveries...lets work with them to make it a reality for the UMMAH and the world.

Wassalam.

By arik  on February 13, 2010 11:54 AM

The Hidden Secret...

I do not know ...the way you thinking....but sometimes you look ...have unknowing about your write.....

Everytime you write....you just set your mind is what you believe and what you see.....hello friend...is not good to you....okey.

is also not to good to everybody.....God know what is doing....and god also know...why his sent illiterate mesengger..

and as a muslim ...i just wanna to advice you....sometimes we need learn and lesson to someone....for goodness...and for ourself

perhaps...you can learn from prof_ridcully or waja ..or anybody you want it.....but don't made were muslims confuse..in here.....its just look your muslim..as dumb and dumber...friend.....

By Zulkiflee Bin Arip  on February 12, 2010 10:17 PM

Assalamu'alaikum Tun,

izinkan saya mengulas s.tan.....bloggers become ulama..

anda telah membuat kesilapan dgn komen begitu.umat Islam tidak lah seperti penganut-penganut agama lain yg meletakkan soal agama hanya kpd para sami,paderi atau bapa-bapa suci.orang

Islam yg paling bodoh pun tahu bezakan apa yg halal dan apa yg haram.hukum asas tak dapat di ubah oleh sesiapa pun.

dimisalkan kalau ada ulama yg paling berpengaruh sekalipun cuba hendak menghalalkan babi atau bangkai,pasti lah dia akan ditentang habis-habis oleh setiap lapisan umat Islam.sebab ilmu tentang haram nya daging babi sudah begitu jelas dan tersebar luas dikalangan umat Islam.begitu jugalah tentang hukum-hakam yg yg menjadi teras Islam.semua umat Islam yg ada pendidIKAN asas agama tahu tentang walaupun kebanyakkan kami bukan ulama.jadi anggapan anda tentang bloggers hendak jadi ulama,tidak terpakai untuk agama Islam.

Rashid Khalifa,Salman Rushdie,Taslina Nasrin,Amina Wadud dan kaum sejenis mereka,termasuk Ayah Pin,adalah termasuk orang-orang yg hendak merubah agama.kalau menurut standard practice agama-agama lain,ia tidak jadi masalah sebab itu kebebasan berpendapat.sesiapa saja boleh buat tafsiran sendirian tentang agama.tapi dalam Islam tidak begitu.ajaran yg jelas tidak boleh di ubah walau oleh siapa dan kefahaman ini ada pada setiap umat Islam.sebab itu,walaupun keadaan umat Islam hari ini sangat lemah tapi apabila Islam dihina,yg bodoh,yg pandai akan sama-sama bangun serentak untuk membela.tapi adakah agama lain begitu?

saya berikan satu misal yg anda sudah tahu,lihat lah filem-filem keluaran Hollywood,Bollywood,Kollywood atau HongKongwood yg ada antara filem mereka meremehkan kedudukan tuhan mereka sendiri,misal nya watak hero mengatakan,"not even god can save you from me..." atau Holy Jesus jadi Holy Shit menjadi bahan mainan/gurauan/basahan penganut-penganut agama kristian di Amerika.atau contoh-contoh film yg lebih terkutuk lagi mempermainkan agama sendiri walau secara sambil lewa.

disini lah perbezaan kita anda meremehkan agama anda sedang kami mengawal ketat adab-susila terhadap Tuhan dan agama kami.walaupun kami bukan ulama',kami mempunyai ilmu tentang agama kami dan lebih penting lagi kami mempunyai jiwa keagamaan yg kukuh.sebab sejak kecil sudah di ajar begitu dan diajar juga sholat/sembahyang,puasa mandi dan makan tak boleh diupah orang lain untuk melakukan nya untuk kita.ia bertanggung atas tiap-tiap kepala.tidak seperti ugama-ugama lain yg cuma ulama mereka saja yg sembahyang,pengikut tak payah.pengikut cuma bayar sedikit wang untuk dapat berkat.sebab itu kita jauh berbeza.happy new year to you and your family.

terimakasih Tun.

By "THE KEY"  on [February 12, 2010 8:18 PM](#)

Peace Be Upon You

In The Name Of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

MUHAMMAD WROTE GOD'S REVELATIONS WITH HIS OWN HAND

The first revelation was "Read," and included the statement "God teaches by means of the pen" (96:1-4), and the second revelation was "The Pen" (68:1). The only function of the pen is to write.

Ignorant Muslim scholars of the first two centuries after the Quran could not understand the Quran's challenge to produce anything like it. They had no idea about the Quran's mathematical composition, and they knew that many literary giants could have composed works comparable to the Quran.

In fact, many such literary giants did claim the ability to produce a literary work as excellent as the Quran. The latest claim came from Taha Hussein, the renowned Egyptian writer.

The ignorant Muslim scholars then decided to proclaim Muhammad an illiterate man! They figured that this would make the Quran's extraordinary literary excellence truly miraculous. The word they relied on to bestow illiteracy upon the Prophet was "UMMY."

Unfortunately for those "scholars," this word clearly means "Gentile," or one who does not follow any scripture (Torah, Injeel, or Quran) [see 2:78, 3:20 & 75, 62:2]; it does NOT mean "illiterate."

The Prophet was a successful merchant. The "Muslim scholars" who fabricated the illiteracy lie forgot that there were no numbers during the Prophet's time; the letters of the alphabet were used as numbers. As a merchant dealing with numbers every day, the Prophet had to know the alphabet, from one to one-thousand. The Quran tells us that Muhammad wrote down the Quran - Muhammad's contemporaries are quoted as saying,

"These are tales from the past that he wrote down. They are being dictated to him day and night" (25:5).

You cannot "dictate" to an illiterate person. The Prophet's enemies who accuse him of illiteracy abuse Verse 29:48, which relates specifically to previous scriptures.


On the 27th night of Ramadan 13 B.H. (Before Hijrah), Muhammad the soul, the real person, not the body, was summoned to the highest universe and the Quran was given to him (2:97, 17:1, 44:3, 53:1-18, 97:1-5).

Subsequently, the angel Gabriel helped Muhammad release a few verses of the Quran at a time, from the soul to Muhammad's memory. The Prophet wrote down and memorized the verses just released into his mind.

When the Prophet died, he left the complete Quran written down with his own hand in the chronological order of revelation, along with specific instructions as to where to place every verse. The divine instructions recorded by the Prophet were designed to put the Quran together into the final format intended for God's Final Testament to the world (75:17).

God Bless

"THE KEY"

By Shaikino  on February 12, 2010 8:07 PM

Salam

THE CLAIM OF MUHAMMAD'S ILLITERACY

It has been part of the Muslim's belief, based on traditions, that Prophet Muhammad was illiterate. God says in verse 29:51 that the Quran itself is the only miracle of the prophet.

[29:51] Is it not enough of a miracle* that we sent down to you this book, being recited to them? This is indeed a mercy and a reminder for people who believe.

By alleging illiteracy for him, traditional Muslims were trying to make the claim even "more miraculous," for a book of such literary quality was sent down through an illiterate man. This is despite the many assertions in the Quran to the contrary. The first Quranic revelation that came down to Muhammad is,

[96:1] Read, in the name of your Lord, who created.*

[96:2] He created man from an embryo.

[96:3] Read, and your Lord, Most Exalted.

[96:4] Teaches by means of the pen.

[96:5] He teaches man what he never knew.

[68:1] NuN*, the pen, and what they (the people) write.

[80:11] Indeed, this is a reminder.

[80:12] Whoever wills shall take heed.

[80:13] In honorable scriptures.

[80:14] Exalted and pure.

[80:15] (Written) by the hands of messengers.

[80:16] Who are honorable and righteous.

[80:17] Woe to the human being; he is so unappreciative!

It is clear that this is also a commandment. To all of us, including the prophet, God stresses the importance of literacy in the very first revelation. Furthermore, the second revelation is "The Pen" which indicates again the importance of written communication. This makes the importance of literacy even more compelling. If indeed Muhammad was an illiterate man when the Quran was first revealed to him, how could he not make himself learn to read and write during the twenty some years of his mission? Perhaps a more poignant question should be, "How dare he not to obey his Lord's clear commandment to read and write?" Being a messenger of God, of course he would not dare disobeying his Lord.

A still more transparent picture emerges from the interesting incident described in Quran 25:4-5. In this verse, Muhammad's opponents who rejected the divine source of the Quran accused him of fabricating narrations.

[25:4] Those who disbelieved said, "This is a fabrication that he produced, with the help of some other people." They have uttered a blasphemy and a falsehood.

[25:5] They also said, "Tales from the past that he wrote down; they were dictated to him day and night."*

This is a clear Quranic evidence that Prophet Muhammad was a literate man. Not only was Muhammad accused of writing down what he heard, one cannot dictate to an illiterate person. Some have argued that this is not a solid proof, since the statement came from shady characters, in this case from Muhammad's enemies. But this argument is in itself weak. We may have a good reason to suspect the material content of the allegation (namely that Muhammad fabricated the Quran). However, there is no good reason to doubt the peripheral issue mentioned, i.e. Muhammad's writing and his friends' dictation to him, since they had no reason to lie on this issue. On the other hand, it sheds light of confirmation on the importance of reading and writing in God's eyes, and the prophet's adherence to it.

It was also a well known historical fact that Muhammad was a successful merchant before his call as a messenger prophet. As a matter of necessity, he obviously knew how to count. During his time, the numeral system as we know it today was not in use. The numerals that we use today, known as the Arabic numeral system, were invented after Islam. Historically, letters were used to represent numbers before the numeral system was invented. This is true in all Semitic languages such as Arabic and Hebrew, and other languages as well. For example, the Roman numerals came from the Roman alphabets. Therefore, since Muhammad knew how to count numbers as a merchant, he should also know how to read and write a transaction. This is a reasonable enough argument.

The Muslim scholars derived the illiteracy concept for Muhammad from verses 7:157-158 of the Quran.

[7:157] "(4) follow the messenger, the gentile prophet (Muhammad), whom they find written in their Torah and Gospel.* He exhorts them to be righteous, enjoins them from evil, allows for them all good food, and prohibits that which is bad, and unloads the burdens and the shackles imposed upon them. Those who believe in him, respect him, support him, and follow the light that came with him are the successful ones."

[7:158] Say, "O people, I am GOD's messenger to all of you. To Him belongs the sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. There is no god except He. He controls life and death." Therefore, you shall believe in GOD and His messenger, the gentile prophet, who believes in GOD and His words. Follow him, that you may be guided.

They say that the word ummy means illiterate. It is true that in today's standard Arabic, "illiterate" is one of the meaning of this word. But this is not a compelling evidence, since "gentile" is also another meaning of it. In fact, if we study the Quran carefully where this word is found, its usage has always been in the context of "the people of the scripture" vs. "the gentiles" (see for example 3:20, 3:75, 62:2, 2:78). It is even possible to surmise that the "illiterate" meaning is secondary. It came to be used after the Quran was revealed, since it is reasonable to deduct "illiterate" as the opposite of "those who can read." This in turn may well be coming from "those who read the book," or "those who received the book," or "the people of the book" (ahl al-Kitab), which is precisely the opposite of "the gentiles."

GOD BLESS

Shaikino

By prof_ridcully  on [February 12, 2010 6:39 PM](#)

Salam Tun,

dtan

Words, words.

What exactly did you mean to say via this paragraph: *...It is unfortunate that as you said, 'fatwas' stymied the Muslim world as a whole. It was the Italians. The Roman Catholic Church that established the first University in Bologna in 1290.?*

I don't see any mention of the fact that Bologna was the first to use the term "Universitas" or as you said later, *"the term 'University' was first coined at its foundation."* in your passage above, dtan.

I used this definition of "University": a place where students and teachers gather, a community of teachers and scholars, from the phrase "universitas magistrorum et scholarium." Similar to Bologna, dtan?

You said, *"If we are going to use Prof_Ridcully's definition. The 'Imperial Nanjing Institute' founded in 258 would be the oldest that I know off. I'm sure this information would make Lee Kuan Yew smirk from 'cheek to cheek' :)"*

Well, I agree that the Imperial Nanjing Institute is older than the university in al-Andalus but some say *Taixue*, established during the Han Dynasty in China is even older, circa 3 CE.

I've no problems with either one or even the Athenian school being the oldest, but we do need to be accurate in our description of things historical because this very entry of Tun's is about the distortions of history, don't you agree dtan?

And I actually don't give two hoots what Lee does.

By deathfleeer  on [February 12, 2010 3:42 PM](#)

Tun,

Three type of people Allah Taala mentioned in the ALFahihah, the opening surah of the AIQuran.

1. Those who Allah bestow His Grace,
2. Those Who got His Wrath
3. Those who gone astray.


Those who went astray are supposed to be the Christians, who got at the beginning the guidance of Allah. All their (deviated Christians) good deeds are rewarded in this world and not in the hereafter. They are not niggardly with their science so Allah multiply their knowledge. But the muslim are rising even though many were oppressed by their leaders and are "imprisoned" into many small countries.If they were to live in one Empire, I think they can surpass U.S.A

By gurmite  on [February 12, 2010 2:03 PM](#)

YA AS YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM THE WHOLE WORLD

YOU ARE RIGHT!!!

HAPPY GRANDPARENT?

By faa  on February 12, 2010 12:52 PM

Dear Tun,

Excuse me, Tun. Poh, my dear, we are required to learn this language because we need to learn to live and respect each other. No one is stopping you to go abroad or migrate if you don't bother to learn this language.

By Zahidah Muhamed  on February 12, 2010 11:10 AM

Assalamualaikum,

Thank you Tun for bringing up this matter.

I have no objection about your writing, it is true but for me not the whole true. You miss something that is very important in Islamic civilisation or what ever people want to call it. Its not the issue.

Any way, in my knowledge, before all this great Islamic Scientist of the past study any other language or knowledge from other civilisation, they have studied and understand the Quran. The best book of knowledge ever exist. that is why, unlike any other knowledge, Islamic scientist of the past hardly make a mistake including kristian theories. This is the basic of their study. You can study Greek, Roman, India or any civilisation, they will make mistake in some of their theories that will be proven after few hundred years.

But this does not happen when they use Quran. Pls, its is very important yet you forget to mention.

they are so many websites in the internet about science in Quran where I believe everybody should read. here are two that I read

<http://www.quranmiracles.com/>

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/13459055/Quran-Bible-n-ScienceMaurice-Bucaille>

By wajaperak  on February 12, 2010 9:11 AM

Assallammualaikumwarahmatullahiwabarokatuh..

Semoga diizinkan Tun..

[wok]

b)Jibrail had held Muhammad closer to him]


Saudara wok..with all due respect..this statement is untrue and contrary to Surah An Najm.Please check and realizes that Rasullulah s.a.w and Jibrail a.s was never that close.They were kept apart at arm length in definition

" Dua busur anak panah atau lebih dekat lagi"..

Then, when Jibril a.s took human forms and revealed more messages, it never reported they were at any physical contact at all.All are at arms length..

This itself is an understanding of certain status between Angel and human..

Terima kasih Tun..

By dtan  on [February 12, 2010 2:52 AM](#)


Dr Mahathir,

Sir,

Per Prof_Ridcullys' entry on February 10, 2010 7:23 AM

Many Thanks to Prof_Ridcully for his insightful information. I do not dispute the efficacy of Muslim institutions and relevance to the specific culture it caters too. I simply mentioned the University of Bologna because it was where degrees and the term 'University' was first coined at its foundation. I guess it depends on your definition.

If we are going to use Prof_Ridcullys' definition. The 'Imperial Nanjing Institute' founded in 258 would be the oldest that I know off. I'm sure this information would make Lee Kuan Yew smirk from 'cheek to cheek' :)

By fairuzstone  on [February 12, 2010 12:24 AM](#)

Assalamualaikum YABhg Tun and everyones,

with permission,

i would like to answer to the Hidden Secret,

we have to read in context, it is true our prophet Muhammad SAW was illiterate (ummi) at that time was the era Arab Jahiliyah, means that at that time they were illiterate. it's not a blasphemy. (pls understand blasphemy actually used for any insult against God the Almighty)

the first revelation was a command to read (Iqra') in the name of God the Most Justice. means that we have to learn and read knowledges from anywhere even until China.

kita jgn lah sempit sangat tafsiran. wat transpired here was a command to read and learn any knowledges be it knowledge or book of fiqah, or science, or engineering or making papers or making bahan letupan or engineering or anything..... we must acquire in the name of Allah. Our beloved prophet Muhammad SAW was the messenger who was illiterate because to prevent any allegation from the infidels that he wrote the book Quran by himself not the words of God. itu dinamakan wahyu Allah disampaikan kepada nabi dan yg mendengarnya akan menghafal dan sesiapa yg pandai menulis perlulah menuliskanya diatas apa saja e.g. kulit kayu, atau kulit binatang atau batu atau kertas (masa itu teknologi kertas belum sampai ke tanah Arab ianya ada di China). maka the holy book Quran was compiled and been documented on during Saidina Othman. Because before that time Quran was written and memorized by hafiz that were para Sahabat and was written in complete book during Saidina Othman due to many hafiz have died. That is why we call it Masyaf Othmani. I hope you understand the whole context.

Fairuz bin Kamarulzaman

By prof_ridcully  on [February 11, 2010 2:17 PM](#)

Salam Tun,

Mohon izin Tun. Saya sebenarnya mencuba untuk tidak melayan si fulan ini, **The Hidden Secret**, dan ajaran songsangnya. Saya hanya ingin menyangkal beliau kerana beliau bermain-main dengan ayat suci Al-Quran dan Rasulullah (saw) dan apa yang beliau katakan boleh mengelirukan orang.

Hidden Secret,

Iqra' can mean "Read" or "Recite." And indeed the Prophet (Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) was illiterate.

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was a person who existed in the full glare of history; his sayings, silence, actions, non-actions, doings, non-doings, approvals, disapprovals, etc were fully recorded by his wives and Companions (May Allah be Pleased with them all) in a corpus called the Hadith.

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) never disobeyed Almighty Allah [known only as "God" to you, apparently]. The Prophet (pbuh) was trustworthy and even his enemies called him al-Amin. Surah al-Alaq (Surah 96) was not a Command for the Prophet (pbuh) to learn to read. There is a certain wisdom to this: an illiterate person cannot be expected to produce a literary wonder that is the Quran.

Understanding the Quran is important. Only the Arabic Quran is the real Quran. Translations of the Quran are not the Quran; some are inaccurate and even fraudulent [Rashid Khalifah's translation comes to mind].

Speaking of Khalifah and his like, let's reflect on Verses 6-8 of the same Surah (Surah 96):

96:6 *Nay! Verily, man does transgress (in disbelief and evil deed).*

96:7 *Because he considers himself self-sufficient.*

96:8 *Surely, unto your Lord is the return.*

Read a sound and trustworthy translation of the Quran, Hidden Secret, and then also read the Hadith. Reading the Hadith is important because I know people like you, although you like to speak about the Prophet (pbuh), do not read the Hadith.

Khalifah has gone to meet his Maker. Let us, the living, remind ourselves to also be fearful of Allah's Wrath because we surely will return to Him. And show proper respect to the Allah's Final Messenger and Seal of the Prophets, Muhammad Salallahu Alayhi Wasalam.

By wajaperak  on February 11, 2010 1:52 PM

Semoga di beri pertimbangan dan keizinan Tun..

[[His Hidden Secret]]

If Muhammad still alive, he will not be happy with us because we have no respect to GOD's messenger to the extend of down grading him as an illiterate person. Respecting GOD's messenger is one of the condition for staying within GOD's protection [5:12]. How Muslims

going to excel when they believe that they are obeying and following an illiterate messenger?
How Muslims going to excel when they have a mindset that it is OK not to excel because GOD's messenger himself never bother to learn how to read and write?

Such comical and cynical comment's from somebody who does not believe Hadith..Now..Are you contradicting yourself or you have

repented?

Terima kasih Tun..

By wajaperak  on [February 11, 2010 1:27 PM](#)

Semoga mendapat pertimbangan dan keizinan Tun..

[[The Hidden Secret]]

Al Araf [157]

"Iaitu orang-orang yang mengikut Rasulullah (Muhammad s.a.w)
Nabi yang Ummi,

yang mereka dapati tertulis (namanya dan sifat-sifatnya) di dalam Taurat dan Injil yang ada di sisi mereka. Ia menyuruh mereka dengan perkara-perkara yang baik, dan melarang mereka daripada melakukan perkara-perkara yang keji; dan ia menghalalkan bagi mereka segala benda yang baik, dan mengharamkan kepada mereka segala benda yang buruk; dan ia juga menghapuskan dari mereka beban-beban dan belunggu-belunggu yang ada pada mereka. Maka orang-orang yang beriman kepadanya, dan memuliakannya, juga menolongnya, serta mengikut nur (cahaya) yang diturunkan kepadanya (Al-Quran), mereka itulah orang-orang yang berjaya.

“Dia-lah yang mengutus kepada kaum yang buta huruf

seorang Rasul di antara mereka, yang membacakan ayat-ayatNya kepada mereka, mensucikan mereka dan mengajarkan kepada mereka Kitab dan Hikmah (As-Sunnah). Dan sesungguhnya mereka sebelumnya benar-benar dalam kesesatan yang nyata”.

Ayat QS.Al-Jumu'ah: 2)

[[It is a blasphemy against Muhammad if we believe and say that he was an illiterate man]]

You claimed and accused my god Allah blasphemy??

[[As such, please stop the blasphemy about Muhammad's illiteracy. If we continue with this blasphemy, it is clear then why Muslims are left behind in everything because Muslims have a mindset that it is OK not to progress because the so called “sunnah” of the Muhammad teaches us that. The so called “sunnah” of Muhammad teaches us that the prophet received the command from GOD to read but for 23 years, until the prophet died, he never learn to read. What a blasphemy against Muhammad!]]

Very clever manipulation on your part. Debunked by

Allah no less

Terima kasih Tun..

By [samuraimelayu](#) on February 11, 2010 1:05 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By The Hidden Secret on February 10, 2010 10:23 PM

Salam Tun and others.

IN THE NAME OF GOD.

I did mention in my previous comment that Muhammad was not an illiterate man.

It is a blasphemy against Muhammad if we believe and say that he was an illiterate man.

YES, AS A HUMAN BEING MUHAMMAD IBNI ABDULLAH WAS 'ILLITERATE' AND
AS THE MESSENGER, THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD S.A.W. WAS SUPREMELY
LITERATE BY THE GRACE OF ALLAH S.W.T.

YOU YOURSELF HAVE TO FIND OUT THE 'HIDDEN SECRET'...

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE WEEKEND.

By [samuraimelayu](#) on February 11, 2010 12:30 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By S..Tan on February 11, 2010 12:52 AM

Dear Tun, salam mesra harap sihat. Kiriman saya untuk tajuk ini dgn izin....

.....FATWA - GUIDE OR GUARD

.....TEACHING OR COMMAND

Let not bloggers become new ulama! Many are trying to do this here.

.....AND RIGHTLY SO, TEACHINGS AS IN EDUCATION (KNOWLEDGE) AND
FATWAS AS IN GUIDANCES (WAYS) FOR THE GOODNESS OF HUMAN BEINGS
HEREIN AND THEREIN AFTER.

THANK YOU FOR EDUCATING AND GUIDING US..BRO. S..TAN

WE WISH YOU AND FAMILY A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS LUNAR NEW YEAR

KONG XI FA CAI.

By amin tan on February 11, 2010 11:12 AM


Dear Tun,

Allow me to refer to comment by 'The Hidden Secret' posted February 10 2010 10.23 pm. You said that Prophet Mohammad was literate. If you are a muslim you must immediately repent(bertaubat).

It is a historical fact that Prophet Mohammad was illeterate. Arch aangel Gabriel(Jibriel)asked nabi to recite the Quran after him. Quran is not learned or man made by Prophet Mohammad. Quran was revealed knowledge(wahyu) by Allah to the Messenger of God, Prophet Mohammad through archangel Jibriel. Nabi memorised it. That is why it is sunnah for muslims to memorise Quran as our Prophet did. Saidina Omar , his sister Fatimah, his daughter Habsah, and Saidina Ali could read and write. No human can write as perfect as in the Quran no matter how literate he may be. Quran must be memorised. It should never be altered at all until end of time, yauma kiamah.

That is the beauty of Quran(hikmah). It is revealed by Allah through an illiterate Messenger, Prophet Mohammad. If Mohammad is literate he may try to be too clever and alter the words of God here and there to suit to himself. Quran must be accepted wholesale, one cannot pick and choose according to one's liking. Sometimes it may not be logical according to our thinking but who are we. How do we explain satelites transmitting instant images across the world. What are there in the distant stars? We still have a lot to learn. Wallah waalam.

aamin tan

By amin tan  on [February 11, 2010 11:02 AM](#)


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aamin tan

By Wok  on February 11, 2010 10:52 AM

Tun,

Tumpanhg lalu:

To: "The Hidden Secret (?)"

1. Foremost, I hope you are a Muslim ("IN THE NAME OF GOD." (Not ALLAH?))
2. I am no Ulamak, (and I sincerely hope that someone in this Blog would correct me if I am wrong, tq!) but I believe you are wrong (not inaccurate!) on your argument as -
 - a) Allah s.w.t. (God?) made Muhammad p.b.u.h. illiterate so that the Arabs then could not claimed that he wrote those verses himself; this was one of Allah's miracle that we mere mortals could not think about or comprehend with logic lest you run risks of being 'a cuckoo' later on; this was similar with how Isa p.b.u.h. (Jesus Christ) was born, for example.
 - b) History has it that before Jibrail (Gabriel) read out those verses to Muhammad, Jibrail had held Muhammad closer to him and revealed to the latter that the former was about to reveal the words of Allah to him.
 - c) After Jibrail had read out those words to Muhammad, he would then memorizes them and once he comes down from the Mountain, he would then reads it out to his followers who would then write them down on whatever materials that they could lay their hands on, immediately, and as they say, the rest is history.
3. Finally, please refrain from commenting something that you are not well versed with just for the sake of commenting or trying to belittle the Tun, as it would only make you look not clever.

Tq, Tun, and as always, I pray to Allah s.w.t. that He continues to bless you and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah with good health and everlasting wisdoms.

By Mayflower  on February 11, 2010 6:15 AM

Salam, Mohd Peter,


well, just wonderful. It's such people whom we need as heads of states. With a few simple words he hits the nail precisely on the top.

1. It's always the same: If the mind stands still, the whole culture goes bankrupt.
2. This mental agony had been in Europe. Therefore, the Roman Empire had just fallen. When the Muslims came in, their main characteristic was - learning.
3. Be aware, that there's a parallel between the decline of the Muslim Ummah and the Romans: mental agony. And also one between the rise of the Muslims and that of the Christian Renaissance: learning.
4. For it's always the same: If the mind wakes up, the whole culture blossoms. And inspires others. We Europeans had never overcome our agony without the old cultures of the Vedes, the Greek and the Muslims, although these peoples have declined in the meantime for several reasons.

5. The recent rise of Russia and Southern and South-Eastern Asia shows that time goes on. The Renaissance bore the German Classic age, and this made Europe what it was for a long time. Now here, mental agony is prevailing once again in a sad way. But the great nations in the East have refreshed themselves from our cultural values: learning, once again.

6. It's up to us Muslims to recognize the connection between our mental standing-still since the 15th century to rise again. And it's up to us Europeans / Americans to get rid of the irrational eco-ideology that makes us return into the Middle Ages.

Greetings, Mayflower

By S..Tan  on [February 11, 2010 12:52 AM](#)

Dear Tun, salam mesra harap sihat. Kiriman saya untuk tajuk ini dgn izin....

.....FATWA - GUIDE OR GUARD

Islam is easily politicised due to power of fatwa. Fatwas divine power, authoritative effect and great influence makes it a convenient tool to lead or mislead. Fatwas issued as guides to Muslims are turned into pronouncements to castigate and isolate.

Religious scholars who are mere teachers to give guidance become guardians and custodians. They guard the ummah and it becomes his custody. A guide can flex, a guard is fixed.

.....TEACHING OR COMMAND

When does a teaching become a command. Many teachings (opinions) are now commands (commandment). Many in their eagerness to be holier than thou, spew such commandments. They associate being Islamic with trading with west (non Muslims) or being friendly with Chinese (non Muslims). Muslims are holier if they confront the west and other races?

Let not bloggers become new ulama! Many are trying to do this here.

By [Riza Ahmad](#)  on [February 11, 2010 12:27 AM](#)

salam tun dan pembaca semua,

apa yang ditulis oleh royrafi itu ada benarnya. sebagai seorang yang pesimis, perubahan itu adalah sesuatu yang tidak perlu kerana kehidupan yang telah selesa. pun begitu, sebagai seorang muslim yang sebenar-benarnya muslim, berkarya itu sangat perlu dan kehidupan ini perlu diteruskan dengan perubahan-perubahan yang dibolehkan oleh syarak.

yang penting, asas-asas islam itu perlu kukuh, dan dari situ kita boleh berkembang dengan baik. soal asas yang tidak kukuhlah yang biasanya boleh menyebabkan kemusnahan. islam diturunkan selama 23 tahun dan bukannya satu malam. kebanyakan rukun islam juga bermula selepas hijrah.

ada diantara kita yang menemukan islam itu selepas berpuluh-puluh tahun menganut islam itu sendiri. muslim yang kebanyakannya pada adat ini sebenarnya menjadi masalah dalam masyarakat kita sejak berkurun lamanya, dan yang mejadi masalah lebih besar sebenarnya ialah kesedaran keislaman yang timbul setelah lama menjadi islam.

terlalu banyak dosa yang telah dilakukan sehinggakan kekesalan yang dirasakan menjadi pendorong kepada tindakan radikal dan diluar jangka, dan dilakukan tanpa berfikir panjang.

sedangkan islam itu sebenarnya mudah, dan menjadi susah sekiranya kita menjadikan ia susah. dalam surah al-baqarah, disebutkan orang-orang yahudi apabila disuruh menyembelih sapi lalu dibuat susah oleh mereka dengan berbagai soalan dan alasan, sehingga hampir-hampir mereka tidak dapat melaksanakan suruhan-Nya.

ada banyak perkara mudah yang dibuat susah lewat masa ini disebabkan kepentingan diri, puak atau kaum. pun begitu, masih belum terlewat kerana matahari masih belum terbit dari barat dan kita masih lagi hidup untuk boleh berusaha lebih gigih memperbaiki diri dan masyarakat.

tiada yang mustahil, selagi ada usaha, selagi itu ada jalan kecuali mereka yang sudah berputus asa dan mencari jalan singkat. semua kegagalan diarahkan kepada orang lain supaya diri tidak dipandang rendah. adakah patut disalahkan guru sedangkan pilihan sebenarnya dibuat oleh murid itu sendiri? adakah salah ibu bapa sekiranya jalan yang diambil itu sesat sedangkan kita masih boleh mencari jalan yang benar terutama dizaman yang serba canggih ini?

yang penting, kita perlu berfikiran matang dan menghadapi setiap cabaran yang datang dengan tenang dan tabah. ini bukan sesuatu yang boleh dipelajari dalam masa satu malam, belajar berjalan pun mengambil masa beberapa lama. puas jatuh barulah dapat berjalan dengan baik.

sedangkan Rasul pun melalui proses-proses yang mengambil masa sebelum menjadi Rasul, inikan pula kita yang belum tentu terpilih.

apa yang cuba saya sampaikan di sini ialah, adalah menjadi tanggungjawab setiap kita untuk menjadi orang yang lebih baik dari semalam. orang yang paling rugi adalah semalamnya lebih baik dari hari ini, kerana esok kita belum tentu di sini lagi... Allah sebenarnya lebih mengetahui.
<http://kerjaya-muslim.blogspot.com/>

By DiAmbang  on February 10, 2010 11:11 PM

KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING RELIGION:

This knowledge is acquired by blind faith in the words of the prophets. It can be earned after studying the Quran and Sunna of the Prophet or hearing them for salvation of soul, even though knowledge concerning intellect is necessary, it is not singly sufficient. As for health of body, some measures are necessary, but they are not alone sufficient without their actual application.

Special methods of medicines for cure should be learnt from the physicians. Only intellect is not sufficient. He who calls towards blind faith only without application of intellect is a fool. On the other hand, he who relies on intellect only after giving up the Quran and Sunna is a proud man. The two must be kept together. Education concerning intellect is like food and religious education is like medicine. A diseased man meets with harm if he takes only food after giving up medicine. Similar is the case with diseased soul. Its cure is not possible without profitable medicine of Shariat. The medicine of Shariat is the duties prescribed by the Prophets for purity of soul. He who does not treat his diseased soul by the medicine of divine service as ordained by Shariat and thinks the leanings of intellect as sufficient faces ruin.

SCIENCE IS NOT OPPOSED TO RELIGION:

Some think that science is opposed to religion. This is not at all correct. Such a man sets up one learning of Shariat against another. The reason is his failure to co-ordinate the two. As a result, such people go out of religion. Such man is just like a blind man who stumbles down against furnitures of a house and says: Why have these furnitures been kept in the path way? The house owner says: They are in their proper places. It is your blindness which is responsible for your stumbling. This is also the case with one who thinks that science is opposed to religion.

TWO KINDS OF SCIENCE:

There are two kinds of science, material and spiritual. Medical Science, Mathematics, and other technical sciences belong to the learnings of this world. The religious sciences are the education concerning soul, God, His attributes and actions. He who makes efforts with regard to the worldly sciences and becomes expert has shortcomings in most cases in being expert in religious sciences. For this reason, Hazrat Ali cited three illustrations to explain this. He said: This world and the next world are like two scales or like the east and the west or like two co-wives. You will find that he who is intelligent in worldly matters and expert in Medical science, Mathematics, Philosophy, Geometry etc. is fool in the religious sciences. He who is experienced in the religious sciences is inexperienced in the worldly learnings.

In order to save from the above erroneous beliefs and ideas, three means should be adopted intellect, learning and knowledge of a thing. Intellect means the inborn light with which a man knows the true nature of everything. If it does not arise in early years, it does not become possible to earn it in future. It can be increased by experience and other methods if there is existence of sharp intellect.

The Prophet said : Blessed is He who distributed intellect among His servants in different measures. Once a man asked the Prophet : What is the rank of the man near God on the Resurrection Day who fasts the day, prays Tahajjud, performs Haj and Umrah, gives charity in the way of God, makes jihad, serves the diseased, remains present in funeral prayers and helps the weak? The Prophet said : He will get rewards according to his intellect.

Once a man was praising another man before the Prophet who asked: How is his intellect, as a fool commits sins more than the sinners owing to his foolishness. Once the people mentioned before the Prophet about a man's great devotions. He asked. How is his intellect ? The people said: He has got no intellect. He said: He has not reached the rank which you wish to give him. It appears that sharp intellect is a special gift of God.

The second means of removing erroneous beliefs is knowledge.

This includes knowledge of four things-

- (1) knowledge of oneself,
- (2) knowledge of God,
- (3) knowledge of the next world and
- (4) knowledge of this world.

Man is a sojourner in the world. He has been given beastly nature and also spiritual nature to know God. When one will know these four matters, love for God will arise in his mind. When he will act everything to please God and for the next world, he will find guidance. When he will like the present world in preference to the next world, and his passions and low desires in preference to the pleasure of God, it will become impossible to save himself from erroneous beliefs.

The third means of removing erroneous beliefs is learning.
The merits and virtues of learning (seeking and acquiring of knowledge):

The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said: If a man seeks the path of acquiring knowledge, God guides him to a path leading to Paradise.

He said: Angels spread their wings out of cheer for the seeker of knowledge.

He said: To rise up at dawn and learn a section of knowledge is better for you than to pray one hundred rak'ats.

He said: If a man learns a chapter of knowledge, it is better than the world and its contents.

He said: Seek knowledge even if it be in China.

He said: To seek knowledge is compulsory on every Muslim, male and female.

He said: Knowledge is a treasure house and its key is enquiry. So enquire and there are rewards therefore for four persons - the enquirer, the learned man, the audience and their lover.

He said: The ignorant should not remain silent over their ignorance, nor the learned over their knowledge.

He said: To be present in an assembly of a learned man is better than praying one thousand rak'ats, visiting one thousand sick men and attending one thousand funerals.

The Prophet was asked on the virtues of seeking and learning knowledge: O Messenger of God, is it better than the reading of the Quran? He said: What benefit can the Quran do except through knowledge?

He said: He who seeks knowledge to revive Islam and dies in that condition, there will be the difference of only one step between him and the prophets.

Please watch these interesting documentaries:

Science and Islam: Part 1: The Language of Science

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPlaS_wGzx8

Science and Islam: Part 2: The Empire of Reason

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0FSgNE4Lxc&feature=related>

Science and Islam: part 3: The Power of Doubt

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LjdnKE_i9E&feature=related

When the Moors (Muslims) Ruled Europe: Documentary (full)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PM8HnvuKbAo>

The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain: Full documentary (PBS)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE-F2tybkDQ>

Paradise Found: Islamic Architecture and Arts (A history; documentary)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYz9d2rt8_o

An Islamic History of Europe (full documentary; produced by BBC)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0IaCK-7z5o>

The Crusades: Crescent and the Cross. Full version: pt 1 of 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqK-RuntywY>

The Crusades: Crescent and the Cross. Full version: pt 2 of 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pOPz5xPFTo>

Islam in the West

<http://www.youtube.com/user/AllyOfAllah>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RedSeaMedia#g/u>

By The Hidden Secret  on February 10, 2010 10:23 PM

Salam Tun and others.

IN THE NAME OF GOD.

I did mention in my previous comment that Muhammad was not an illiterate man.


It is a blasphemy against Muhammad if we believe and say that he was an illiterate man.

Let us assume that Muhammad was illiterate. Then at the age of 40 he received commandment from GOD to read. Then he ignored GOD's commandment and never bother to learn how to read and write until he died at the age of 63.

Let us ask this question... Will Muhammad ignore GOD's commandment? As a messenger of GOD, Muhammad will never ignore GOD's commandment. If he really was an illiterate person he will then learn how to read and write and he will not die as an illiterate person as he has 23 years to learn how to read and write.

As such, please stop the blasphemy about Muhammad's illiteracy. If we continue with this blasphemy, it is clear then why Muslims are left behind in everything because Muslims have a mindset that it is OK not to progress because the so called "sunnah" of the Muhammad teaches us that. The so called "sunnah" of Muhammad teaches us that the prophet received the command from GOD to read but for 23 years, until the prophet died, he never learn to read. What a blasphemy against Muhammad!

GOD bless.

By Jo  on [February 10, 2010 9:40 PM](#)

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By Nusantarian  on [February 10, 2010 5:17 PM](#)

Btw, if the Malays back then was so outdated in tech, we are still standing in our own land (with Malay word in it, compare it with Indonesia, Philipines), with Raja-raja still existing, speaking our own language, living in our culture even if its fading out.

Look what happened to great Islam Empire in the past like in India, or great civilization like the Mayans (who invented the Mayan calendar along with their fine statues and grand pyramids).. they vanished with little left-over.

We faced FOUR wave of conquest and still standing, our ancestors werent some jungle man with spears and kerises.

By Nusantarian  on [February 10, 2010 5:08 PM](#)

"In hindsight, we could deduce plausible explanations as to the success and longevity, or failure of a kingdom. External factors as well as internal strength or problems affect the stability and sovereignty of any nation. For the case of Melaka, it was the total lack of science and discoveries that led to its downfall."

Salam Tun,


Im a bit disagree with your lines as our lands, to put aside nowadays geographic borders, as it was borderless Nusantara, we were splitted into what we are now after been attacked by FOUR conquistadors. It was a great plan by the the European to DIVIDE & RULE the Malays. Science werent really an excuse for the downfall but we were sort of outnumbered. If you havent notice, Portugal's naval fleet were overwhelmed by gigantic ships of the Malays. If the Fame ship wasnt destroyed (I think purposely), we may find some of the techno books, perhaps written in Jawis, but the most important is the reality history of our land, not the fabricated piece like those we keep digesting written by the Western.

Germanian naval expert, Horts H.Liebner in an interview by The Jakarta Post mentioned:-


"Five hundred years before groups of ocean conquistadors from Portugal began their journey to look for new territories, ships from the islands now known as Indonesia were traveling around Asian waters with very advanced technology.

The preliminary scientific reconstruction of a shipwreck recovered from the Java Sea found that the ship had better technology than those from Europe, China or Japan. The ship, believed to have sunk between 930 AD and 990 AD in a storm, was also bigger and better constructed. Our preliminary analysis concludes that the ship was 25 to 35 meters long and 12 meters wide. At that period, China still had no ships that could sail the oceans, while European ships were much smaller. Imagine, the ship Columbus used to sail to America and 15th century European ships were all less than 20 meters,"

I don't think Malacca was that outdated if their neighboring countries were superior sailors with advanced ship construction technologies. The Thais portrayed Malays better than our understanding in their movies, like Queen of Langkasuka, because their sources of information are not really based on what the West are feeding us, like Melayu malas and so on. Our istanas were equipped with all sort of cannons (Lela Rentaka is a mobile cannon made by the Malays, called Rentaka by the English, not called cannon), fortified with lines of gunners with fine muskets. During the fall of Malacca, Portuguese seized a lot amount of musket guns from the local forts.

By Melon  on [February 10, 2010 4:38 PM](#)

Today Middle East will be a different world, if 50 years ago the Muslim there go for Technology and Industrialization reform. Put effort on Science, Economic and Mastering the knowledge of mathematics. It will be a different world. However they choose to govern the nation by Religions, and they are continuing to do so until today. SO MAY WE MALAYSIAN KNOW, WHERE ARE WE AFTER ANOTHER 50 YEARS IF WE NOT TO A MAJOR CHANGE ON THE PEOPLE MINDSET AND EDUCATION SYSTEM. LOOK AT TODAY CHINA, SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN, THEY ARE NOW BETTER THAN US, WE ARE MUCH BEHIND THEM IN TERM OF EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE.


By frosley  on [February 10, 2010 2:20 PM](#)

It is in my opinion that this article is intended to answer the decline of knowledge in science and technology in Islamic countries/nations. Though the historical cause may be argued, the point highlighted by Tun may be considered as the main cause of weakness in Islamic countries.

More often than not, the hunger for technological and scientific knowledge will be deemed as un-Islamic, thus should not be pursued. Knowledge in Islam as perceived by many is only limited to religious (Islamic) knowledge only. This in my opinion is one of the main misconceptions towards the religion (Islam). This can be seen in mosques today where mosques is seen only as a place of worship vs during the glory days of Islam, mosques are not limited only as a place of worship, but a knowledge centre.

It has been embedded (in general) in the community that striving knowledge and progress as moving away from Islamic teachings. A similar example will be, mastering of English language will make a Malay less Malay, and unpatriotic. Being knowledgeable in science, mathematics, economics, etc. will not make a person more un-Islamic compared to a person knowledgeable in

Islamic religious matters, as a person who is good in English is in no way less Malay. Only through these knowledge can one race/religion be stronger and more respected.

By amin tan  on February 10, 2010 1:09 PM


Dear Tun,

The topic tends to mislead as if islam is special to scientific knowledge. Islam is a way of life and it has very little to do with scientific research, discovery or invention. Prophet Mohammad succeeded to conquer Mekah, the whole of arabia and beyond because he tried and doa to Allah to convert all and sundry, more so his fierce enemy to islam. It is a very inclusive religion. Among his initial enemies were his own uncles Hamzah and Abu Lahab. Omar, Khalid ibn Walid, Abu Hakam(nickname Abu Jahal) and son Ikrimah, Suhaly (who represented the Quraish of Mekah who signed the humiliating Hudaibiyah agreement with the Prophet Mohammaud). The Prophet doa all the great enemy of islam become muslims and most of them did. The prophet said the great men of islam were the great men of Quraish. They were Hamzah, Omar, Khalid Al Walid, Suhaly, Abu Sufian and many more.

On the contrary, we are not trying to convert non muslims but treat new converts with suspicion. We have been trying to divide our population on racial basis. when we said Ibnu Sinar was a muslim, it does not mean that by becoming a muslim you become a mathematician or scientist. No need to depend on past laurels. Like the arab converted Parameswara, we should try to convert Ong Tee Kiat, Samy Vello, Lim Kit Siang. May be not Karpal Singh because he is more like Abu Lahab.

At least Omar Ong Yoke Lin converted during the rule of tunku Abdul Rahman.

amin tan

By khairi ali  on February 10, 2010 1:01 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun, Semoga berada dalam limpahan iman dan diberkati Allah azzawajalla.

Kalau boleh saya nak jawab semua komen (setakat ini : 50). Mungkin satu hari nanti...

Saya setuju dengan sejarah pertukaran ilmu antara Barat dan Islam, seperti yang dipaparkan oleh Tun. Cuma soal fatwa dari ulamak tu, saya kira tak berapa tepat.

Ini kerana kemajuan setiap dinasti Islam adalah kerana pemimpinnya. Bila pemimpin itu menyanjung ilmu, maka ilmu akan bersemarak. Bila muncul pemimpin yang mementingkan diri sendiri, maka fatwa pun dipilih-pilih yang sesuai dengan kehendak pemimpin untuk pemerintahannya. Sebab itulah ada pemikir politik Islam, Al-Mawardi (?) membahagikan kemajuan sesebuah negara Islam itu kepada bermula, membangun, tahap tertinggi, dan era keruntuhan.

Lagi pun, Islam ni bukan agama konsep atau fatwa, tetapi agama yang memberi panduan kepada sesiapa saja, termasuk pemimpin, agar mereka hidup dalam keadaan aman, adil dan maju.

By prof_ridcully  on February 10, 2010 7:23 AM

Salam Tun,

I should just like to comment a bit on what **dtan** said earlier.

Bernard Lewis was once a respected historian of Ottoman Turkey but the nonagenarian is an Orientalist through and through. He holds to a view that Islam is a monolithic religion which never changes, and that Islam is confined to the Middle East. He writes a lot about Islam and is generally respected by people who do not know a lot about Islam but does not have any traction among those who do.

The late Edward Said, a Christian Palestinian, had a running battle with Lewis over Lewis's simplistic, one-sided view of Islam and Arabs and because Lewis, in his later works, was apt to publish political propaganda dressed up as scholarly work. It is not a coincidence that Lewis has been labelled "Bush's Historian." So it's not surprising that Lewis's book "What Went Wrong? Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response (Oxford University Press, 2002)," has been panned by several scholars including [this academic](#) from the University of Michigan and [this economist](#) at Northeastern University.

dtan can't help slipping in a comment about the Roman Catholics establishing the University of Bologna, perhaps subtly implying the superiority of RC in education.

dtan may be interested to know that a university was established in Al-Andalus (Muslim Spain) around 781 CE; Al-Azhar was established in 970 CE and al-Azhar professors lectured on Medicine during the time of an-Nasir Salahuddin al-Ayyubi (Saladin); and Muhammad Ibn-Zakaria ar-Razi (Rhazes) established the prototype modern hospital with separate wings for patients with different illnesses and especially those suffering contagious ones, a pharmacy, kitchen, rehab centre, the prerequisite library and an attached medical school complete with grand ward rounds with the professor. There was even the medieval version of a Medical Social Worker attached to the hospital.

ar-Razi is better known as a chemist but he pioneered the use of catgut in surgery; and perhaps one of his more important clinical works was differentiating measles from smallpox, the two (viral) diseases being almost similar in symptomatology and clinical signs but with the later having more dangerous sequelae and a much higher mortality rate. ar-Razi also recognised the epidemic potential of smallpox although he obviously couldn't know of the aetiology of the illness.

After reading ar-Razi's careful and detailed description of the exanthem found in smallpox, the only modern-day equivalent of a fine clinician I can think of is [Sir William] Osler. And ar-Razi did this differentiating purely on the clinical picture -- history and physical examination -- at a time when no one was talking about electron microscopy, PCR techniques, antibody titres or viral culture.

My apologies, Tun and everybody, for being long winded in my description of the work of one of the unsung heroes (read Muslim) of scientific Medicine.

By The Hidden Secret  on [February 10, 2010 6:57 AM](#)

Salam Tun and others.

IN THE NAME OF GOD.

Muhammad was not an illiterate person. He was a literate person because :-

1. GOD will not command him to read if he was an illiterate person.
2. GOD commanded him to read and he has no choice but to obey GOD's commandment to read.
3. Muhammad opponents accused him of writing tales [25:4-5]. An illiterate person cannot write.

[25:5] Tales from the past that HE WROTE DOWN; they were DICTATED TO HIM day and night.

4. Muhammad was a successful merchant. As such, he knew how to count. In order for him to count, he must know the Arabic letters as the Arabic numeral system was not exist during his time. Arabic letters were use to represent numbers (similar to Roman numerals which use Roman alphabets).

5. If we study the Quran carefully where the word "ummy" is found, its usage has always been in the context of "the people of the scripture" vs. "the gentiles" i.e. the people without scriptures (see for example 3:20, 3:75, 62:2, 2:78).

6. As a politician, Muhammad needs to have written communications with other parties. Will he send letters which he does not know about the content of the letters?

7. As a merchant, Muhammad needs to document financial transaction (unless he use cash for all transactions). This is a clear commandment from GOD [2:282]. As such, he will obey it. He must know how to read in order for him to sign those documents.

[2:282] O you who believe, when you transact a loan for any period, you shall WRITE IT DOWN. An impartial scribe shall do the writing. No scribe shall refuse to perform this service, according to GOD's teachings. He shall write, while the debtor dictates the terms. He shall observe GOD his Lord and never cheat. If the debtor is mentally incapable, or helpless, or cannot dictate, his guardian shall dictate equitably. Two men shall serve as witnesses; if not two men, then a man and two women whose testimony is acceptable to all.* Thus, if one woman becomes biased, the other will remind her. It is the obligation of the witnesses to testify when called upon to do so. Do not tire of writing the details, no matter how long, including the time of repayment. This is equitable in the sight of GOD, assures better witnessing, and eliminates any doubts you may have. Business transactions that you execute on the spot need not be recorded, but have them witnessed. No scribe or witness shall be harmed on account of his services. If you harm them, it would be wickedness on your part. You shall observe GOD, and GOD will teach you. GOD is Omniscient.


* Footnote for 2:282 : Financial transactions are the ONLY situations where two women may substitute for one man as witness. This is to guard against the real possibility that one witness may marry the other witness, and thus cause her to be biased. It is a recognized fact that women are more emotionally vulnerable than men.

If Muhammad still alive, he will not be happy with us because we have no respect to GOD's messenger to the extend of down grading him as an illiterate person. Respecting GOD's messenger is one of the condition for staying within GOD's protection [5:12]. How Muslims going to excel when they believe that they are obeying and following an illiterate messenger?

How Muslims going to excel when they have a mindset that it is OK not to excel because GOD's messenger himself never bother to learn how to read and write?

<http://submission.org/muhammed/illiteracy.html>

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By Jo  on [February 10, 2010 12:14 AM](#)

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By [Pembela](#)  on [February 9, 2010 11:19 PM](#)

Assalamualaikum Tok Det,

SOALAN: SALAH SIAPA?

1. Siapakah yang bersalah mengeluarkan "Fatwa Songsang" sehingga Umat Islam mundur dalam bidang sains dan teknologi?
2. Siapakah yang mengeluarkan fatwa-fatwa bodoh yang menyebabkan Umat Islam mundur, terhina dan terus dibuli sekarang?
3. Siapakah yang menyebabkan Umat Islam yang sepatutnya bersaudara tetapi berbalah sampai berbunuh sesama sendiri kerana berlainan pegangan mazhab sekarang?
4. Siapakah punca utama mengeluarkan tafsiran Al Quran & Hadis yang berbeza-beza hingga menyebabkan perpecahan Umat Islam diserata dunia sekarang?
5. Siapakah punca utama Umat Islam menjadi mundur dan terhina seperti sampah dunia dan nyawa Umat Islam terlalu murah macam nyawa nyamuk sekarang?

JAWAPANNYA: ULAMA

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Persoalannya:-

1. Kenapa dalam Islam perlu ada golongan yang dipanggil ulama kalau mereka ini semua hanya membawa perpecahan dan kehancuran kepada Umat Islam itu sendiri?
2. Salahkah jika ada diantara Umat Islam yang membenci ulama kerana merekalah punca sebenar kehancuran Umat Islam sekarang?
3. Apakah ulama itu benar wujud dalam Islam atau hanya satu gelaran dunia yang direka untuk mendapat harta, pangkat, kuasa, pengaruh dan glamour sahaja? Tiadapun gelaran ulama semasa zaman Nabi Muhammad s.a.w. Rasanya dalam Al Quran pun tiada menyebut golongan yang dipanggil ulama ini.(sila betulkan saya jika salah)
4. Salahkah jika mengatakan ulama punca utama Umat Islam menjadi mundur dan dibuli sekarang?
5. Salahkan jika mengatakan bahawa Umat Islam wajib bangkit berjihad memerangi dan menghapuskan ulama dan kembali kepada Islam yang sebenar. ISLAM FUNDAMENTAL SEBENAR YANG DIAJAR OLEH NABI MUHAMMAD S.A.W!!!

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Salahkan jika saya katakan:-

ULAMA BUKAN PERWARIS NABI...

Tetapi,

UMAT ISLAM YANG TINGGI ILMUNYA SEPERTI PEMIMPIN, SAINTIS, DOKTOR, JURUTERA, AKAUNTAN, HAKIM, PEGUAM, TENTERA, POLIS, AHLI POLITIK, AHLI BAHASA, PENGARAH FILEM, PEMUZIK, PENYANYI DAN LAIN-LAIN PROFESSIONAL ISLAM YANG TELAH MENANGKAT DARJAT DAN KEAGUNGAN TAMADUN ISLAM ITULAH SEBENARNYA PERWARIS NABI!!!

MEREKA INILAH...IAITU PROFESSIONAL ISLAM YANG AKAN MENANGKAT KETINGGIAN DARJAT ISLAM DAN MEMBUATKAN ORANG TERTARIK UNTUK MEMELUK ISLAM DAN MENGAGUNGKAN ALLAH!!!

BUKANNYA PARA ULAMA NASI LEMAK YANG HANYA GILA BERCERAMAH ATAU BERPOLITIK DAN HANYA PANDAI MEMBUAT TAFSIRAN BERCELARU DAN MENGELUARKAN FATWA SAHAJA KERJANYA...

Kenapa kita perlu terus menyimpan sesuatu yang membawa kehancuran? Kenapa perlu ulama?

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<http://pembelamelayu2009.wordpress.com/>

By Dr Syed Iskandar Syed Jaafar Al Mahdzar  on February 9, 2010 10:00 PM

Assalamualaikum wbt Yg Bhg Tun, the 4th Malaysian Prime Minister,

Today is 24th Safar 1431 Hijrah (9/2/2010) 9pm.

To begin with, you mention OIC lagging behind since its inception in Rabat, Morocco in 1969 that makes me older by two years to OIC.

Credit need also to be given to our first PM for his role in OIC.

Few other important events took place in 1969 but it will not be quite relevant to elaborate here.

To be exact, OIC was established on 12 Rejab 1389 Hijrah (25/9/1969) and currently comprises of at least 57 countries and few more non Muslim nations as observer members including Russia etc. ISESCO is a specialized institution of the OIC in the field of Education, Science & Culture besides having other institution such as IDB etc etc.

In October 2003, when delivering your keynote address during the OIC held at PICC Putrajaya, you have highlighted that with 1.3 billion Muslims (back then) , OIC can do better provided Muslims nation have determination and will to do it. Of course your famous speech broadcasted in CNN that Jews rules the world by proxy and a surprise appearance by Russian President created a major impact to OIC that was a bit sleepy prior to october 2003.

By the way, to go a bit astray from the subject,--- on the last day of the OIC Trade Exhibition 2003 opposite PICC , a press conference was held on Islamic Banking to OIC member countries media that was moderated by me where those invited to talk to the OIC electronic and print media including Prof Dr Mahmood M Sanusi (now with Inceif Bank Negara) and the representatives of the company producing Dinar & Dirham launched by you and Datuk Siti Nurhaliza a few days earlier.

It is high time that OIC started to play a major role globally.

With many issues by orchestrated by the US Admins against the Muslim Nations, it is therefore possible and reasonable if OIC become another United Nation but better than that.

Fees for member countries and for Non Muslim member nations can be generated as income and if US is interested to be a member then the terms and conditions need to be set strictly including paying a hefty sum of membership fees of USD 1 trillion per year payable in gold bullion.(mere suggestion la)

This way the global economy will no longer be determine by the US alone, it will collectively be determine by all member countries.

The development of practically everything including science can be determined fairly. Any member nation found to develop any deadly virus such as HINI will be terminated immediately and any factory producing the vacksine found to be working hand in hand with such nation can be penalized heavily.

Well, to start all this rolling we need a strong leader that can face whatever backlash from any nation and many of the present OIC Nations would agree that you be appointed to be in the present OIC playing a major leading role in restructuring all aspects of OIC be it science,political, financial,economy etc etc etc. An independent survey and vote can be carried out that will surely InsyAllah produce a favorable result.


Last but not least, here is my observation at the OIC 2003 Trade Exhibition venue where I wish to make a comparison between you and President Perves Musharaff Pakistan. When President Musharaff visited his own country booth, close to 20 bodyguards complete with firearms surrounded him to the extend it is almost impossible for anyone to greet and see him clearly at a fair distance. But Yg Bhg Tun when you walked around, it was relatively easier for everybody from every OIC nations participating in the Trade Exhibition to greet and shake hand with you

except when that crooked fierce looking iron lady rafidah aziz (smiling her fake smile only specially for you la Tun) choose to bring you directly to her own selected booth while ignoring many others. Well Yg Bhg Tun, my point here is that you was well received and respected by all Muslim Nations participating at the OIC Trade Exhibition Putrajaya 2003 and there is every possibility that despite your age (and your advice given to Sir David Frost to look young), you will be welcome happily by these member Nation to initiate something fruitful for the benefit of the Ummah, InshaAllah.

Finally, OIC issues goes beyond the development of science--many ought to be overhauled with Ikhlas, InshaAllah the result will be positive with Barakah.

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By sharat-s  on February 9, 2010 8:51 PM

Salam Tun,


I just blog asking ppl to READ!

I was there in Bahrain year 2002 when u deliver a powerfull keynote address at the 31st IFTDO world conference in Bahrain.

It was on this topic what have hapen to the Islamic World as the result of only enjoying present life and not for the future of its own life!

Frankly sir, im just dissapointed for an organisation like OIC and the whole Muslim world including Malaysia for not studying the past trends od Islam Economic Development to forecast the future of WHAT to do NOW!

sheikh faleigh

By jalil7  on February 9, 2010 8:40 PM

Salam Tun,

merely wish to repeat and amplify the main point of an important post.

By al-DinAuthor Profile Page on February 9, 2010 1:28 AM

For the case of Melaka, it was the total lack of science and discoveries that led to its downfall.

Lack of knowledge in gunpowder, guns and canons, and the knowledge to counter them, plus inferior naval fleet led to inability to self defend the Melaka kingdom. The merchants who came to trade and whom history recorded as having had a large influence in Melaka were nowhere to be seen helping, or perhaps historians did not record their role in the downfall of Melaka.

By syed_faizal  on February 9, 2010 4:44 PM

Yup.. no doubt. We need to get back to Quran and practice every word it says. Allah repeated asks people to think of His creation in Quran. What else it called? It is science my brother. And Allah has put examples in Quran that no one can even imagine 1400 years ago, the authenticity and supremacy of science facts in it. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who lived in a desert knew about science? It was from Allah who owns this universe and knows the best of His creation.

By prof_ridcully  on February 9, 2010 4:41 PM

Salam Tun,

Thank you for writing about Islam and Science, two topics very close to my heart.

If I may so, you are absolutely right about the Muslims' mastery not only of the sciences but also other disciplines, from the time of the Abbasids right up to the 15/16th century CE, being driven by the Quranic injunction to "Read." This command, from a Book revealed to an unlettered Prophet (Muhammad, Allah's peace and blessings be upon him), inspired Muslims to respect knowledge and to aspire to accumulate knowledge not only of the "sacred" type but also the "worldly" type.

Muslims' lead in all types of knowledge and Science declined in the 1500's CE but I'm not sure if it was entirely due to fatwas issued by Ulama. I'm sorry Tun but I have to differ with you on this point. It may be so but I'm inclined to think there were other factors, equally important, at play.

The Muslim world was in turmoil at that time: The Crusades had been waged; the Reconquista of the Iberian Peninsula had been completed; Islam was in retreat in the Mediterranean, the Maghrib, and elsewhere; and there were countless internecine wars between the Muslims. And although later the Golden Horde under Timur became Muslim, I don't think the Muslims really recovered from the shock of the Mongol invasion of the Muslim heartland in the 12/13th Centuries CE culminating in the sack of Baghdad where not only were the inhabitants all killed, but books were also burnt and destroyed. In one fell swoop a vast storehouse of knowledge -- in the minds of men and written down in books -- was wiped off the face of the earth.

Many of the commenters here have pointed out to the difficulty of reconciling Islam and Science. They speak as though the two are mutually exclusive.

I beg to differ from this point of view because if we look at Science from the perspective of Islam, Science is indeed very much compatible with the religion. If we look at it from the point of view of Tauhid, scientific knowledge is perfectly legitimate: to a Muslim, nature and natural phenomena are Allah's doing and it is incumbent upon a Muslim to understand nature and natural phenomena in order to understand and appreciate Allah Ta'ala's Majesty. Indeed there is a Quranic decree to this effect.

Thus Muslims looked at nature and sought to understand the Cosmos and the Seasons; distances, methods of measurement and exploration; light, vision and optics; sounds, including music; minerals and alchemy; geological formations, structures and geography; logic and mathematics; botany and pharmaceuticals; zoology and embryology; diseases; languages, history and sociology; etc because to them, all these gave clues to the existence of the Almighty. To them, Natural

Philosophy, the old name for Science, was particularly relevant and formed part and parcel of the being Muslims.

The dichotomy of Science and Religion that we see now arose from a *different* religious tradition after the 15th century CE when theologians of a particular religion dominant in Europe then, and perhaps now, issued edicts based on wrong interpretations of their holy book. This set the way for the collision between Science and Religion, so much so that nowadays the two appear to be mutually exclusive. Copernicus, Galileo and Descartes all got into trouble with the religious authorities in Europe at the time.

It is unfortunate that many Muslims buy into this premise that Religion [Islam] and Science cannot meet and they also see things that way when it was not, as you alluded to Tun, during the time when scientific knowledge in the Islamic world -- which was open to non-Muslims, it must be said -- flourished.

But that's the past. What's important now is for Muslims to realise that their religion, Islam, is no hindrance to their mastery of Science; indeed, Islam exhorts Muslims to be excellent scientists -- it has been done before for close to 900 years.

True, Muslims are lagging behind in all fields scientific at the moment. Many put this lag down to political, cultural, educational and economic colonisation of Muslim lands -- but more importantly, Muslim minds -- for the past 500 years.

To me, the main cause of the lag is that many Muslims have lost touch with their rich scientific heritage. Many scientific treatises written by Muslims now extant and their inventions, in fact, are not even in the possession of Muslims anymore -- they're in libraries and museums in Europe. It's no wonder that many young Muslims are hard-pressed to name Muslims scientists save perhaps a few and even then it's Avicenna and not Ibn Sina; Rhazes and not ar-Razi; Alberuni and not al-Biruni; and Alhazen and not Ibn al-Haitham.

By checker  on [February 9, 2010 4:15 PM](#)

Salam Tun & Fellow CheDet's bloggers

Sorry that this is my 3rd comment on the same topic. I just cannot emphasise more on the importance of the issue so that the Muslim Ummah can now realise and revert back to the teaching of Quran & Hadith as our best guidance for better life in this world & after.

At the moment secularism has been introduced, influencing our scholars to adopt the concept. By separating religion and state, we will never make this world a better place. It is proven that people, not only confined to Muslim ummah, will continue to strive on strong desire to secure and hold to power and to accumulate wealths. They go to war, they cheat, they impose economic sanctions, they deprive some people for decent living etc. The terms such as democracy, human rights and freedom of expression etc are to merely blind the people from the true intention of the powerful to maintain rule and control for their benefits.

So be aware ... go back to the true teaching of Quran.

May Allah bless us all.

By tongkatmusa  on [February 9, 2010 3:56 PM](#)

Salam tun Dm & kawan2,

Betul Tun, ayat pertama diturunkan adalah arahan "baca". Ianya arahan (command - iqra) bukan saranan. Tidak baca merupakan kelakuan 'insubordination' bermaksud langgar arahan boss. Mana nak maju kalau langgar arahan boss -bukannya sebarang boss pula itu - kekuasaannya meliputi segala yang ada dilangit dan bumi.

Saya pun pening, bila rata-rata orang melayu mudah terhibur dengan rancangan berbentuk hiburan berbanding dokumentari ilmiah. Baca surat-khabar pun malas apatahlagi buku ilmiah - kalau tak kerana sekolah kerajaan, tak tahu apa nak jadi. Al-Quran ada menyebut, mana sama yang tidak berilmu dengan yang berilmu. Untuk berilmu, kuncinya baca.

By [samuraimelayu](#) on February 9, 2010 3:40 PM

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AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
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INSYAALLAH.

'YANG TERSURAT ADALAH PENGETAHUAN DAN YANG TERSIRAT ADALAH ILMU'

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ps. It's easier said than done and last but not least, a word of caution.. 'Beware of the prophet of Doom'..THE SATAN!

By [samuraimelayu](#) on February 9, 2010 2:48 PM

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By 1Human  on February 9, 2010 2:27 PM

Correlation do not imply causation!

"Correlation does not imply causation" is a phrase used in science and statistics to emphasize that correlation between two variables does not automatically imply that one causes the other (though it does not remove the fact that correlation can still be a hint, whether powerful or otherwise). (wiki)

It is not likely that any 'religion' can be a significant variable in the development of science.

The essence of science is empirical evidences, testability, verification and repeatability. Since we cannot perform an actual experiment, lets do one based on thought and each can make their own conclusions.

Let's say, religion X is claimed to contribute to the development of science at some time in human history, 800 years ago.

If the theory is true, the same results should be able to be repeatable under similar or improved conditions.

What we can do is (as a control) to introduce religion X to countries where its people are almost exactly like Papua New Guinea with improved conditions, e.g. peace of 100 years, freely available \$\$\$, etc.

If the theory that there is a direct significant link between religion X and development of science, then the results of what happened to science, 800 years ago should be repeated.

It is only a thought experiment, but intuitively and based on available scientific and other knowledge, the same results that happened 800 years ago to science is not likely to be repeated.

Why? It is because we make the wrong conclusion on the significant variable(s).

The critical and significant variables that contribute to the development of science was due to the genes, neural networks, age of civilization, intellectual integration, intelligence (IQ) of the people. The Persian civilization dates back to 1500BC. They interacted with the older civilization of the Hindus, Mesotampia, Egyptians and other of similar age and competencies. It is reasonable to state that there is a very high correlation between Nobel Prize Winners and the age civilization they emerge from.

A holy book and prophets has very insignificant links to the development of science. Science is neutral and even evil can spur scientific discoveries and inventions, note the rocket and Nazism.

It is not the ideology but the genes and brains of the relevant humans that contribute directly to science.

Science and religion is a very ugly and bad theory.

Infact it was some religion that contributed to the dark ages.


Most theistic religions are suppressive and their more intelligent people has to expand their rational intellectual capacity quitely.

It is not wrong to Steven Weiberg (Physicist, Nobel Laureate) to state the it is possible for religion to spur good people to do evil.

If hijacked by the wrong set of priests, religion may even stifle science and likely to exterminate humanity from the face of the Earth.

Good science can only come from good genes that are hardwired with the appropriate scientific inclined neural networks.

Exception is only rare savants.

By bplus  on February 9, 2010 2:16 PM


Assalamualaikum Tun,

Memang benar Tun, Orang Melayu cepat sangat lupa. Mereka harus bangga bahawa satu ketika dulu dalam abad yang ke-15 orang orang Muslim Melayu BERSATU bukan sahaja dalam tanah ayernya sendiri, tetapi bersatu dalam satu panji panji Islam sedunia dalam satu sistem pentabiran Islam mengikuti jejak ajaran nabi besar kita nabi Muhammad S.A.W.

Abdullah Munshi sebenarnya bukan wira orang orang Melayu tetapi pengkianat dan pembelot yang bersemuka dengan barat untuk tumpaskan Islam. Lihat disini:

www.motivatorpelajar.com/sejarah.ppt


salaam

By LadyG  on February 9, 2010 12:40 PM


Dear Tun M and all,

This is off-topic but just to let you know that in the STAR today on page SS8 Seminar & Convention, TONY B-LIAR is invited to appear in Malaysia at 2010 National Achievers Congress in April 2010.....I wonder whether there are no other good speakers on earth to be invited other than this MURDERER and TERRORIST who is wondering freely after what he has done to the Muslims ?????

These Malaysians who invited him do not care about what he has done to the Muslims and so WE MUSLIMS SHOULD UNITE TO BOYCOTT this murderer and terrorist.....together with the products from these EVIL COUNTRIES.....

By DrMSupporter  on February 9, 2010 11:17 AM

When "Islamic Empire" "fall", Renaissance took over and Europeans emerges from Dark Ages. Now, there're some new arguments on what triggers the Renaissance. Gavin Menzies (writer for 1421 and 1434) gives a very good argument on this topic. Perhaps he should also research what triggers "Islamic Renaissance"!

By wajaperak  on February 9, 2010 10:33 AM

Assallammualaikumwarahmatullahiwaparokatuh..

Semoga mendapt keizinan Tun..

Saudara ezani..I am sorry but I feels obliged to intrude because..

"Tetaplah memberi peringatan..kerana peringatan berguna bagi orang mukmin"..

Surah Az Zariat

[[ezani

Actually from my 40 years life experience, I feel it is easy to quickly stick to a rigid routine in Islam thinking that if you follow this rigid routine everything will be OK.]]

Actually..if you cares to investigates,this statements is not quite true..Iblis in the name of Azazil lords over the Angels..He have performed admirably over thousand akhirat years but in the end..we knows what happened.The same things happened to Bal'am Baru'a..He was blessed with approved doa but a the end..it is husnul khatimah..The point is..we must love Islam truly in our hearts..as truly as humanely possible.." stick to a rigid routine in Islam thinking" is what I believes happened to Iblis and Bal'am..Being abid instead of alim..

[[When you are threatened with a infinite lifetime in Hell, it is easy for people to become very scared and may not even be able to think rationally. Who is not scared of Hell? Who wants to go to Hell? Nobody...not even the bad guys!]]

In sufism..all the sage are willing to go to hell.Actually..we all going to hell over Siratul Mustaqim..

"Tidak sesorang pun kamu melainkan melaluinya" (Surah Maryam)

"Kami biarkan mereka berlutut di dalam neraka" (Surah Al Jatsiyah)

And by the Grace of Allah,Allah saves whom Allah please..

[[I believe the key to success for Malaysian Moslems is first to understand Islam from head to toe so that one knows how to apply the rules of halal and haram when faced a specific circumstances and one's Islamic knowledge in Tauhid, Fiqah, Munaqahat (Domestic & Family Matters) and Mu'amalat (Public, Community and Business/Trading Matters) and

Tassawwuf/Tariqat is sound. Then only can one go walkabout on this earth and try to practise a moderate lifestyle and it is highly unlikely one will go astray from The Right Path]]

I respectfully disagrees with you in this context. Not many people have the ability to be the "Jack of All Trade". That's why, it is fardu kifayah obligation for one muslim to complement each other..

[[I believe one weakness in Malaysia at the moment is the rift between UMNO and PAS, and the secular nature of UMNO. Both parties dabble too much in politics rather than concentrating on establishing the proper Islam on a firm footing in Malaysia and concentrating in the Islamic religion. You find UMNO trading with the West and following Western banking and finance methods (although things have improved a lot now with Islamic banking). Many of my Malay friends have also admitted that many of us are now more aware of Islam and our religion now than a decade ago during the days of agogo, night-clubbing, P Ramlee and Jins Shamsuddin acting in Shaw brothers cinemas!]]

Too true.. But Islam is what we want them to be.. to those who only want to be submitted to Islamic principal in toto.. And this since Rasullulah s.a.w are few in number..

This world does not appear as it seems but we must immediately correct many fundamentals in Malaysia right now (i.e. Najib and Mohyiddin as Moslems must correct) :-

- (1) Gradually and progressively stop trading with the West and stop implementing a Western system of government
- (2) Have resurgence of Islam with true balanced Islamic knowledge. Don't just hear from our ulamak kampung but invite Islamic scholars from Al-Azhar and Mekka/Madinah to give talks here
- (3) Must improve Government image on Islam. Malay Muslim government officials especially leaders must give shining example of good Muslim
- (4) Clean up Government and country assets from riba. Riba-tainted property is all over the place in Malaysia because the Govt has allowed Jewish banking system and trades with the West. Even our mosques tikar sembahyang many of which are purchased in bulk from Turkey must have used Letter of Credit. This is all UMNO's fault... tak prihatin agama, too friendly with the Chinese and absolutely kow tow to the West and bringing in the kebudayaan kuning.

Those responsibilities that you mentioned does not exclusively burdened by politician alone. It must be shouldered by Muslim collectively.. Unfortunately.. this is not what happening today resulting the mess we are in..

Terima kasih Tun..

By [tolokminda](#) on [February 9, 2010 10:31 AM](#)

Salam Tun,

Saya berpendapat faktor utama pembangunan tamadun Islam awal dipacu oleh Al-Quran sendiri. Al-Quran pada ketika itu - kepada mereka yang mempercayainya - merupakan satu kitab yang jelas dan praktikal - manual kehidupan dalam segala bidang. Ia tidak dianggap sebagai Kitab mentera seperti yang diperlakukan oleh umat hari ini.

Saya menulis pandangan-pandangan saya tentang apa yang sebenarnya dibawa oleh Al-Quran. Pandangan-pandangan saya mungkin akan dianggap ekstrim oleh ramai pihak, tetapi dalam keadaan umat Islam yang serba tak kena hari ini, kita kena berani mencari jawapan di luar kotak. Jika selama ini kita hanya menyanyikan Al-Quran, apa salahnya kita cuba memahami Kitab tersebut sebagaimana Tuhan mahu kita memahaminya.

Sampai bila kita harus mencari salah orang lain sedangkan kemungkinannya segala masalah kita sebenarnya datang dari kejahilan kita sendiri.

Berikut adalah beberapa topik yang saya tulis yang mungkin relevan kepada topik Tun kali ini.


1. <http://tolokminda.wordpress.com/2010/01/24/haji-dan-umra-adalah-penyelidikan-dan-pembangunan/>
2. <http://tolokminda.wordpress.com/2010/02/05/masjid-bermaksud-ketetapan-yang-direstui/>
3. <http://tolokminda.wordpress.com/2010/02/07/kiblat-kita-adalah-batasan-ketetapan-yang-telah-direstui-oleh-tuhan/>

By Poh  on [February 9, 2010 9:57 AM](#)

Dear Tun,

Good morning.

"Iqraq" meaning read. So the early muslims learned the languages of others to enable them to read scientific texts of others and progress. Later the people of europe learned greek and arabic to learn from the muslim scientist. But in our country, the people are made to learn a language that cannot be used to acquire knowledge that is written in the language of the english. No wonder we are where we are. The Koreans, the Chinese and the Singaporeans have overtaken us.

By asifadio  on [February 9, 2010 5:53 AM](#)

Dear Tun

may excuse me for a moment

TO DTAN

i admit there exist some flaw in the Tun article but what are actually u say it is wrong is not even mention by Tun..

Tun never denied that the naval related technologies is adopted by the muslim from the orient influences..

muslim on the erly aged of the its spreading prefer to use the more appropriate approach rather than forcing the other to obey under the muslim rule.. totally oppose the typical way of most known human empire/movement in the human history like the chinese, european, christianity etc..

i would like to take the word from john nibkin(coptic bishop)that said(in the muslim invasion on Egypt 639CE);

-Amr ibn as levied tax agreed upon but took nothing from churches not thru any deed of pillage or spoilation but protected them thruout his gov

from that, the islam continue to spread.. and it is stay spreading throughout the world..

the military technologies only for defence and for muslim acedemic purpose.. because in islam, gaining knowledge is a must..

until the separation of syiah n sunni :(

By [jalil7](#) on [February 9, 2010 4:33 AM](#)

Salam Tun,

Firstly, Tun, if you could spare a moment, i would like hear your comments on how can we resolve the conflict between the truths in science and the truths in religion.

I am talking about razor sharp verifiable truths in science versus deep heartfelt religious truths. Although they service different departments, widespread use of science and technology, and the universality concept of religion have made both borderless, and i am not sure who guard the borders.

Religion and traditions are usually in the way of truths, if we are to wake the religiously motivated ones, it might be taken as a rude awakening.

Secondly people may not want to be awoken at all. There is no need to be curious anymore. All answers were given and is said to be contained within the religion. Thus the few hundred years of slumber and decline increased the risk of a heavy fall or shock dramatically. No one likes to be awoken to be told they missed the bus. And indeed, since the bus is missed, we might as well go back to sleep.

Some comments on the feedbacks.

comment By abangikhwan on February 8, 2010 11:58 AM

Hi there,

I tend to disagree with some matter of history that was told in your recent article here.

The decline of the Muslims from their peak power was not due to their negligence of non religious knowledge.

The decline started when the Muslims in Baghdad was attacked by the Mongols. This is during the Abbasiyah era.

Of course, the point of decline differs from one opinion to another.

Your argument is in error. And it is perhaps not a matter of opinion, but a historical fact.

To attribute the decline to an attack is erroneous, especially in the context of history. In WWII, Japan was attacked, to the point of surrender, but they did not decline progressively, as should have happened if this theory is right. Quite contrary, Japan moved on to become an economic superpower. There are many similar stories in history.

It is very simple. Just tell a student to stop studying at school and at home. And see if they can still make good grades.

comment By al-DinAuthor on February 8, 2010 11:38 AM

There are two prerequisites to enable non-normal (new) science to bloom, firstly knowledge and secondly the climate that allows constant disproving of hypothesis/ideas/findings to test their robustness and hence improve upon them.

Science, the word itself, means knowledge. Saying knowledge is required to have knowledge does not shed a better light to the subject perhaps. As for textbooks style science, yes, that i would agree in full. That isn't science at all, they are...textbooks.

The prerequisites to new sciences is the existence of curiosity, and then the pursuit of knowledge to find the answers. And then to investigate if this answer is a verifiable truth. And then find more possible answers, for it may not be the only answer. These answers then develop into proper theories. And all this in a climate conducive to its growth.

My main point is, this curiosity factor is nearly completely removed here, by some people, maybe many peoples. The objective of life has become to make money to pay bills, buy better cars, marry and live happily ever after. An be pious. It probably is stated in the text books as well. What science ? Cryogenics ? hmmm.

In our quest towards scientific advancement we must work on the basis of truth and reject the untruth. This etiquette on truth has been expounded more than 2000 years ago by Aristotle (384-322BC), a Greek philosopher "To be acceptable as scientific knowledge a truth must be a deduction from other truths". Truth leads to a climate of trust and accountability towards research and public beneficiaries.

The word truth is usually misunderstood and even distorted at times for other motives.

In Science, truth means verifiable truth. I repeat. Verifiable truth.

The sort of truth you can reproduce in a civil court of law.

The sort of truth you can dissect and explain each and every element. And can be subjected to scrutiny. And can be tested to its extremes. The truth will be able to withstand these tests.

Thus your statement "Truth leads to a climate of trust and accountability towards research and public beneficiaries.", although sounds nice and agreeable to me, requires that very word "truth" itself be correctly explained.

Because scientific truth is simply not the same as religious truth.

They used to hang people because of this. I am not sure what is the practice nowadays.

And so, this truth aspect is usually the bitter 'battle' ground between religious scholars and scientific communities although you do not see many of that here.

In advanced nations, you will also not see many of this 'battle grounds'.

They are quite done with it, a long time ago.

The question is now, for us, can we benefit from this history ?

How can we now tell people to shed untruth in favor of truth as you have put it ?

By nibinz1400  on [February 9, 2010 2:52 AM](#)

Salam, Tun

fellow reader

i hope Malaysia will not become a "secular" country someday when we have achieved vision 2020.

because looks like we are heading that way...

science is the source of Hidayah if we Think of It islamically,

but it will be just a common knowledge if we only think of 2020

believe it or not, as long as we practice true islam, those corrupted west leaders will surely oppose us,

we will build our own civilization,

teach our scientist about the true islamic way of life,

before its too late...

By royrafi  on [February 9, 2010 2:25 AM](#)

Tun,

Dalam soal ini, anda mesti berhati-hati. Sebelum itu biar saya jawab soalan 1. Dunia semakin maju, kehidupan semakin canggih. Sejak wafatnya Nabi Muhammad sehingga Empayar Ottoman Turki, memang dunia Islam sangat maju dan membangun. Tapi permintaan hidup di segala pelusuk dunia semakin kompleks. Banyak ciri-ciri kehidupan sosial telah berubah. Ketidadaan

seorang pemimpin ataupun khalifah di dalam dunia Islam telah memberi jalan baru kepada wujudnya fatwa-fatwa dan juga Imam-imam yang menjatuhkan fatwa. Dunia sains menjadi semakin maju dan mula diterokai dengan lebih mendalam. Sesetengahnya telah mencetuskan kontroversi. Begitu juga dengan aspek kehidupan. Masalah-masalah baru wujud mengakibatkan fatwa-fatwa baru yang perlu diperkenalkan untuk menggariskan semula ciri kehidupan yang berkonsepkan Islam. Untuk menjamin kesucian agama Islam, banyak perkara yang berkaitan dengan sains yang tidak menepati dengan aspek agama itu terpaksa di tolak walaupun ada cendekiawan di dalam dunia Islam ketika itu bersetuju dengan perubahan tersebut. Di situ timbullah permainan politik yang terpaksa diguna pakai oleh pemerintah untuk menjamin mereka. Walaupun sesetengah pemerintah itu setuju untuk menerokai alam sains yang boleh menggugat kesucian agama Islam, tapi atas desakan kedudukan dan politik, mereka lebih rela berdiam diri. Teori Evolusi oleh Charles Darwin sudah tentu tidak boleh diguna pakai oleh negara Islam.

Soalan 3. There shouldn't be any limit on how much should a muslim read. Ini adalah fenomena yang biasa berlaku di dalam sebuah negara Islam. Kawalan pada bahan bacaan sangat penting untuk menjamin keselamatan fikiran di dalam seseorang Muslim. Namun kebanyakan negara Islam termasuk negara kita sejak pemerintahan anda sudah menjalankan sistem kawalan ini. Anda boleh membaca 1984 karya George Orwell untuk mendapatkan maksud saya ini. Otak manusia ibarat span yang sentiasa boleh menyerap segala bentuk informasi. Kebanyakan negara Islam takut untuk memberikan masyarakatnya mendengar dan membaca idea-idea yang cuba diterapkan sehinggakan ada yang memberi fatwa agar penulis atau pencetus idea itu dihukum mati.

Soalan 4& seterusnya. Dengan adanya kawalan minda itu, masyarakat Islam takut dan tidak lagi berminat untuk mendalami bidang yang mereka minati (sains dan falsafah) yang boleh mengakibatkan mereka kehilangan segala-galanya termasuk nyawa. Jadi dengan itu mereka beralih angin dengan menjadi samada ahli perniagaan, kerja di jabatan kerajaan ataupun hanya menyepi diri. Dengan itu berkuburlah usaha untuk menulis buku tentang Islam, Sains, dan falsafah kerana minat mereka mungkin telah tiada. Ini sekali lagi dapat dilihat di negara kita ini. Pencetus-pencetus idea boleh ditangkap dan di dakwa. Hasilnya kita tidak punyai idealist yang boleh membantu masyarakat kita membangun terutama orang Melayu. Apa yang kita boleh baca selain dari KASIH DARI TOKYO ataupun Remp IT.

Jadi di sini kita perlu berhati-hati samada kita membuka ruang untuk subjek-subjek yang dikira taboo oleh masyarakat kita ataupun menutupnya terus agar kesucian agama kita terpelihara. Tetapi secara jujur saya nyatakan, biarlah seseorang itu menentukan jalan hidupnya sendiri. Manusia boleh dan berhak memilih.

By [al-Din](#) on [February 9, 2010 1:28 AM](#)

Yang terhormat Tun.

Behind science and discoveries: End of a Malay kingdom

The Melaka kingdom or sultanate lasted just slightly over a century (1402-1511). At its establishment period (by Parameswara), world events elsewhere were already in a state of flux with wars and conquests, coronations, explorations and discoveries, inventions, advances in sciences and humanities.

At the onset of the Malay kingdom, Western Europe was undergoing the Renaissance period when arts and architecture flourished at its centre, Venice. The Ming Dynasty was at its zenith especially in sea power. The Ottomans (Turkish) empire was expanding with a great victory at Kosovo in 1389 which gave them control of the Balkans for the next 500 years. The Tartars under Timur, however curbed the Ottomans by conquering Central Asia beginning in 1395.

The look-East policy by a western nation was first initiated when Portuguese navigators, geographers and seamen were encouraged to make expeditions to the East by Prince Henry 'The Navigator'. By 1488 Bartholomew Diaz had rounded the southern tip of Africa and named it as the Cape of Good Hope. Their goal to the East was now wide open.

Duarte Barbosa wrote about Melaka as a great centre of eastern trade "Whoever is Lord in Malacca has his hand on the throat of Venice". Melaka had become a trading centre where exotic goods and products from the East were reaching Europe. So much so that the King of Portugal, King Manuel in 1509 dispatched a fleet under Lopez de Sequeira to request for permission from the Sultan to trade.

Melaka was under the reign of Sultan Mahmud Shah (1488-1511), the sixth Sultan of Melaka. The Bendahara was Tun Mutahir, the uncle of the Sultan. Using kris and spears Tun Hasan Temenggong and his warriors managed to repel de Sequiera and his men armed with matchlocks.

World events in science and discoveries 20 years before the fall of Melaka:

1488 - Portugal's Bartolomeu Dias rounds Cape of Good Hope, opening a new route to India.

1490-2 - German geographer and navigator Martin Behaim (1440-1507) constructs the oldest globe.

1492 -1502 - Voyages by Columbus, the Genoese-born explorer reach Bahamas, Cuba, Hispaniola (Haiti), Trinidad and Panama.

1495- Aldine Press in Venice prints the Greek Classics, spreading rebirth of Greek learning.

1495 - First known muzzle-loading rifles made for Maximilian, the Holy Roman Emperor.

1497 - John Cabot, an Italian navigator employed by Henry VII of England, lands in Newfoundland, which he mistakes for China.

1497 - Italian artist and inventor, Leonardo da Vinci paints Last Supper, Mona Lisa in 1502.

1497-8 - Genoese-born explorer makes two voyages in search of a North-West Passage to China and discovers Newfoundland.

1498 - Vasco da Gama of Portugal reaches west coast of India at Calicut after rounding southern Africa.

1499 - Switzerland gains independence from the German Empire.

1499-1501 - Florentine navigator Amerigo Vespucci (1454-1512) explores coast of South America, and gives his name to the continent.

1500 - Portuguese navigator, Pedro Cabral lands on the coast of Brazil and claims it for the Portuguese Crown.

1501 - In Venice, Ottaviano dei Petrucci publishes first printed music.

1506 - St. Peter's, Rome began to be built.

1509 - Earliest known pocket watch made at Nuremberg, Germany.

1509 - Dutch humanist and scholar Erasmus, the most influential man of letters in northern Europe writes *Encomium Moriae* ('In Praise of Folly').

1509 - Portuguese flotilla under de Sequeira's arrives in Melaka.

1510 - Venetian Renaissance at its peak.

1511 - de Albuquerque conquest of Malacca and end of the Melaka Sultanate.

In hindsight, we could deduce plausible explanations as to the success and longevity, or failure of a kingdom. External factors as well as internal strength or problems affect the stability and sovereignty of any nation. For the case of Melaka, it was the total lack of science and discoveries that led to its downfall.

Leonardo da Vinci's last words at his death 'I have offended God and mankind because my work did not reach the quality it should have.'

By RD  on February 9, 2010 1:08 AM

Dear Tun Dr.M

This is not the first time I have read & I have always agreed with your idea why we are 'lagging behind in science & technology'.

There is another problem which will further lead us to nowhere: doomsday. Recently, I received a forwarded e-mail, from 'Tmn2Surga', claiming that 'end of the world' is near. From the name of this website, it looks as if, they are in a hurry to go to heaven, coaxing people to join them. To make it more realistic, they even edited a photo of a Church, with bull horns in the sky.

This is what they wrote;

MAKLUMAT INI DARI USTAZ XXXXX XXX(famous name withheld), BELIAU BACAKAN ARTIKEL TTG FAKTA BAHAWA PLANET MARIKH (PLANET TERDEKAT DGN BUMI) TELAH MENGALAMI PUSINGAN TERBALIK PADA BULAN SEPTEMBER LEPAS. INI MENUNJUKKAN BAHAWA PLANET YANG BERHAMPIRAN DENGAN PLANET MARIKH JUGA AKAN MENGALAMI KEJADIAN YANG SAMA. MAKA AKAN TERJADILAH KEJADIAN MATAHARI AKAN TIMBUL DARI ARAH BARAT YANG JUGA MERUPAKAN TANDA-TANDA BESAR KIAMAT. PADA MASA ITU JUGALAH PINTU TAUBAT AKAN DITUTUP... KATA PARA ASTRONOMI PLANET, BUMI HANYA TUNGGU MASA SAJA. MAKLUMAT INI TIDAK DIDEHAHKAN SECARA MELUAS

DAN TELAH DIHENTIKAN PENYEBARANNYA OLEH 'NASA' KERANA IA MENGUNTUNGGAN UMAT ISLAM.. AMBILLAH PERANAN...[istighfar jom..] wallahu a'lam

Sabda rasulullah s.a.w yang bermaksud... .

" siapa yang bersolat ketika matahari hendak terbenam maka sebenarnya dia sedang bersolat di antara 2 tanduk iblis"

Therefore, I reply to all the recipients as follows:

Saudara Muslimku sekalian.

Jangan dok percaya benda2 macam ni. Ini yang buat orang Islam lebih ketinggalan di dunia. Bila dah nak kiamat buat apa kerja, belajar & cari duit dll. Hal dunia, kecuali sex, dilupakan. Beranak-pinak macam biasa. Semua beribadat macam nak mati esok. Duit dalam bank, sedekah kat masjid @ pergi Haji, 3, 4x. Tutup peluang orang lain. Tapi perut kena isi juga. Kalau lapar macam mana nak beribadat.

Kalau 100 tahun lagi baru kiamat, macam mana? Masa tu: Orang Melayu > Ramai jadi Ustaz/Ustazah & Ulama. Masjid kena bina banyak2. Kalau tidak, depa nak kerja apa. Lebih banyak Mazhab & fahaman muncul kerana berbeza pandangan, kerana banyak Ulama nak cari makan. Segala dalam Islam di buat kursus untuk kutip yuran. Orang Melayu sudah jadi Arab & bertutur Arab. Kita dok bunuh sesama sendiri, nak tunjuk kat Tuhan yang kita lebih Islam dari orang lain.

Bangsa lain > Doktor, Saintis, Engineer, Architec, Professor, Lawyer, Hakim & PM. Kita hanya tinggal Raja2, kot. Depa pun mungkin dah jadi Ulama, kerana nak hidup & berkuasa. Politik dah di tangan orang lain.

Sepatutnya, bila tau kiamat dah dekat, belajarlah bina kapal angkasa. Kiamat pasti ada, dan Tuhan tak pernah larang kita untuk cuba lari. Tak rugi, kita mati mencuba. Tiada siapa tahu, kiamat sebesar mana. 1 universe kita saja ka? Alam semesta termasuk berbillion bintang di langit ka?

Gambar tanduk tu, siapa yang pandai Adobe Photoshop, senang saja buat. Lepas tu, kenapa Gereja pulak yang di tunjuk. Kalau orang Christian, tengok, depa tak marah ke? Kalau bubuh gambar Masjid kita pulak marah. Ini semua nak melagakan orang Islam & Christian. Bukan semua penganut agama lain memusuhi Islam. Sebelum puak Taliban Afghanistan meletupkan patung Buddha di pergunungan Bamiyan, sebilangan besar orang Buddha, tidak bermusuhi Islam. Dalam kita sudah banyak musuh, mengapakah kita dengan sengaja mahu meramaikan lagi musuh.

Cuba kita fikir.

Terima Kasih

By zaki_77  on February 9, 2010 1:01 AM

The verse of 'iqra' first and foremost is designated to learning the fundamentals of the Islamic religion. This is because without understanding and practicing Islam properly, there is no success; neither in this life nor the next.

Secondly, to extend this verse to knowledge pertaining to the world sciences etc. then this is also accepted and a Muslim must have his/her priorities right: Firstly to learn Islam and all necessary branches in order to be able to live and practise as a good Muslim. Secondly to learn all other matters that will aide one's status and that of the ummah in terms of advancement etc.

So the verse has priorities; it is not right to have Muslims who are experts in various modern fields of study yet they do not pray nor know anything about Islamic belief and principles.

The Qur'an and Sunnah has given the Muslims the prescription for success and has also laid out specific causes and effects if they stray from their religious obligations. One can't cry foul over the Ummah's 'backwardness' when the same Muslims have forsaken their religion and have embraced haram practises like zina and riba just to name two.

By asi  on [February 9, 2010 12:07 AM](#)

Salam Tun,

Kalau tak silap, pada zaman Nabi Muhammad SAW terdapat golongan orang Islam, kerjanya beramal dan wret setiap masa di masjid, sedangkan pengikut Islam lain sedang berperang demi untuk menegakkan syiar Islam dan mengerjakan peraturan dan amalan Islam secara nyata dan berupa fizikal. Quran di turun dan ditulis dalam bahasa Arab. Bagitu juga ilmu sains dan matematik ditulis dalam bahasa Arab dimasa itu. Penganut Kristian dan bangsa lain berusaha mempelajari bahasa itu sehingga dapat mempelajari ilmu-ilmu tersebut sapertimana yang Tun nyatakan. Sekarang ini, bahasa Arab tidak lagi merupakan bahasa ilmu utama sebaliknya bahasa Inggeris telah menggantikan bahasa tersebut. Oleh itu untuk mendapatkan ilmu pengetahuan sains dan matematik perlulah menguasai bahasa Inggeris. Kalau hendak buat terjemahan ke bahasa Malaysia, mistilah terlebih dahulu mahir berbahasa Inggeris dan faham terminologi sains. Itulah yang dibuat oleh penganut Kristian lampau mempelajari bahasa Arab untuk mendapatkan ilmu tersebut. Orang Jepun pula amat kuat buat pemerhatian dan belajar melalui reverse engineering teknologi yang perolih dan ditiru dari Barat. Berani saya katakan, sebilangan besar peminat blog Tun pandai Bahasa Malaysia dan di masa sama bijak berbahasa Inggeris.

By imtiyaz4fun  on [February 8, 2010 11:39 PM](#)

Sir,
you are my Guru (master guide)

Please publish one comprehensive book on islam-west-n-rest , the past present and future, crisis, debacle, challenges and opportunities and future.

i have followed many of your past speeches and try to digest each and every word spoken by you.

i want to understand the modern world and islam from your perspective and historical back ground.

please sir publish a book in english which may also be available in pdf format over internet.

If you cant manage sufficient time and resources for it, then sir atleast suggest some of good books which we should read.

Thank you sir,
Imtiyaz Ali
Young scientist from India

By GhazaliRidzwan.com on February 8, 2010 11:18 PM

Thank you for posting your knowledge and information Tun. It truly is a great resource for everyone and those who read. May Allah's peace & blessings be upon you.

In addition to the points posted by Tun, I believe here are some **other points that lead to the decline of the muslim ummah:**

1.Colonialism – Much of this current situation in the Muslim lands stems from the colonial era and is summed up best by David Fromkin, Professor and expert on Economic History at the University of Chicago: "Massive amounts of the wealth of the old Ottoman Empire were now claimed by the victors. But one must remember that the Islamic empire had tried for centuries to conquer Christian Europe and the power brokers deciding the fate of those defeated people were naturally determined that these countries should never be able to organize and threaten Western interests again. With centuries of mercantilist experience, Britain and France created small, unstable states whose rulers needed their support to stay in power. The development and trade of these states were controlled and they were meant never again to be a threat to the West. These external powers then made contracts with their puppets to buy Arab resources cheaply, making the feudal elite enormously wealthy while leaving most citizens in poverty." Throughout the 18th century European nations competed with each other in conquering territories, enslaving the host population and stripping the conquered people of their mineral resources. In November 1917 when the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia, Lenin's communists discovered amongst the documents of the czarist foreign ministry a secret document that outlined plans to carve up the Ottoman Empire after the war (WW1) and the distribution of its constituent parts to the victorious allies. The details were worked out in February 1916 before the beginning of the war. The Sykes-Picot Agreement was a secret understanding between the governments of Britain and France defining their respective spheres of post-World War I influence and control in the Middle East. The region was carved up and given boundaries, dividing the people in the region who had lived as one nation for over 1000 years. Historian Mehran Kamrava outlined the geopolitics at the time, "It is here that geo-political boundaries clash violently with demographic realities, constructing a number of societal problems, many of which have not been resolved to this day. In some cases this was due to historical ignorance, but in others it was a deliberate choice to weaken the occupied people. France divided Lebanon and Syria against religious demographics in this very fashion to guard against anti-French resistance rallied under Sunni Muslim solidarity. The British created Transjordan from the western portion of Palestine and gave it an entirely separate government under the Hashemites. The national boundaries created during this time visibly outline those still seen today, and are the source of much conflict due to mistakes made in their drawing."17 The effect of such colonialism has meant that although the colonial nations eventually physically departed from such lands their influence has remained and the colonised nations remain linked to the nations that enslaved them. It remains in the interests of the West even today to ensure the colonized nations do not develop and gain independence.

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again. With centuries of mercantilist experience, Britain and France created small, unstable states whose rulers needed their support to stay in power. The development and trade of these states were controlled and they were meant never again to be a threat to the West.”

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2. During the colonial era most of the colonial nations made use of elements form the conquered territories to deal with the day-to-day running of colonies. In the post WW2 era although many of the conquered territories were given so called independence, an architecture that was nurtured over a generation was left in place ensuring the colonised nations remain linked to their masters. To maintain superiority, control and influence over the region, the West placed corrupt leaders into positions of power and supported the overthrow of those that were not seen as favourable. This has also served to keep the host populations at bay, in return for militarisation, power and personal wealth for the elite. The struggle to control access to important resources such as oil has even led to competition between the West. The links between the British and the house of Saud are no secret, it was the British Empire that brought the Saud family into power and provided them with the arms and technical help to dismember from the Khilafah. The Saud’s close work with the British empire at the time was repaid through giving Trans-Jordan to King Abdullah and Iraq to King Faisal. Similarly the US brought Gamal Abdul Nasser to power overthrowing the pro-British King Farook, during the same period in Operation Ajax both Britain and the US collaborated in bringing the Shah to power over-throwing the democratically elected Mohammed Mossadeq. In Iraq Miles Copeland, a veteran CIA operative, through a number of his publications exposed the coups the US initiated which include bringing Saddam Hussain’s Baath party to power. In the Far East for long the US provided military assistance to the Suharto regime. Such foreign interference which continues today has meant Western agents abandoned the nation’s interest and because rulers were never independent this stifled the prospect of any industrial development that would have benefited the nation. On the few occasions where a Western inspired coup turned its back on the West it was very quickly on the receiving end of a counter coup – as the Shah of Iran found in 1979. Such interference continues today and continues to act as an obstacle to any development in the Muslim world. A recent case of this was the Anglo-America plans to bring Benezir Bhutto to power in 2008. In order to replace General Musharraf dozens of meetings took place in the UK and Dubai between former US and UK ambassadors in order to agree the terms of her return. Sir Mark Lyall Grant former British ambassador to Pakistan led the negotiations and confirmed the meetings that took place between the Bhutto faction, the Musharraf faction and representatives of the US.¹⁸ Zardari confirmed the deal in September 2009.¹⁹ It is such agent rulers that have been a disaster for the Muslim world and will ensure no independent development will ever occur.

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3. The IMF and World Bank through their structural adjustment polices and many other highly questionable polices in countries such as Pakistan, Turkey, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Egypt have ensured such nations never develop the necessary fundamental industry to

even start an industrial revolution. Both Bretton Woods institutes prescribed policies of concentrating on exports and focusing on repaying the loans borrowed. In the nations that comprise of the Middle East and North Africa 14% of regional export earnings go to debt service. In Lebanon, debt service accounts for 47% of the government's budget. Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey all spend more on debt service than they do on education; all spend twice as much on debt service than they do on health care. Sudan and Yemen are among the 41 countries identified as Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs). Pakistan continues reeling with external debts of over \$50 billion. The loans and development advice provided has only caused more structural problems to the economies of the Muslim world and this has severely stunted any development, the loans in reality are the obstacle to development. The Brookings institute confirmed in a report "The United States has viewed all multilateral organisations including the World Bank, as instruments of foreign policy to be used in support of specific US aims and objectives...US views regarding how the world economy should be organised, how resources should be allocated and how investment decisions should be reached were enshrined in the Charter and the operational policies of the bank."²⁰

4. The Muslim rulers and many who have positions in the governments across the Muslim world have been unable to develop anything in the realm of policy. This has resulted in no consistent basis from which policies could be derived giving the nation direction. As a result many of the Muslim economies are full of contradictions and the economy as a whole fails to move in a unified direction. Examples of this include:

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Pakistan continues to import Coal even though it has the world's largest Coal field and the world's largest Coal reserves after the US.

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Iran is flush with huge oil reserves and Gas, but due to a refinery shortage it imports gasoline and diesel to keep its cars and trucks rolling.

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Pakistan is the world's 14th largest agricultural producer; however 52 million people live in poverty.

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Saudi Arabia has been endowed with mineral wealth which is a prerequisite for industrialisation. Saudi Arabia has not only failed to develop but 20% of its population live under the poverty line.

5. The absence of any structured way of generating wealth and distributing wealth has created a situation where everyone in the Muslim world needs to fend for themselves and attempt to make the best out of a chaotic situation. This has compounded the problem further as many resort to bribery, stealing and fraud to make ends meet. This situation has allowed a minority in most of the Muslims lands to live in comfort and luxury at the expense of the rest of society. This situation means many of the elites refuse to invest in capital intensive industries and would rather place their wealth in the West and in the global financial markets.

6. Many of the Muslim economies are not built on their strengths. Many of the African nations have been forced to concentrate on single commodities rather than build their economies upon minerals and resources they have in abundance. Nigeria and Egypt have neglected their agricultural potential in order to build a service based economy. In the Middle East the abundance of fossil fuel has not translated into the development of industry, in fact countries

such as Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states are so focused towards oil this has stopped the development of other sectors which would have created millions of jobs. Pakistan and Bangladesh's strengths lay in their agricultural landscape and mineral resources however recent government have geared the economies around foreign direct investment (FDI) and telecoms. Whilst the Western world is dominated by the service sector this has been after industrialising. By not structuring the Muslim economies around their strengths such resources have been squandered and on most occasions have been at the centre of Western interests.

7. The removal of Islam as a comprehensive system through the Islamic system of governance – the Khilafah in 1924 has stunted development. This is because Islam was the trajectory that drove development in the Muslim lands. After the death of the Messenger (saw) the expansion of the Islamic lands resulted in many economic, political and social problems not previously confronted by the Messenger(saw). The expansion of the Khilafah into new lands brought it into contact with foreign cultures, customs, languages, traditions and political structures. These included Greek, Persian, Roman, Berber, Asian and Assyrian. This created internal challenges of distribution and production of wealth, rights of minorities, administration of an expanding ruling apparatus, judiciary, appointment of local governors and accountability. Such issues were tackled through the process of Ijtihad, leading to the development of some of the most accomplished scholars in Islamic history. Islam itself drove many developments, the need to find the Qibla for the five daily prayers led to developments in the compass. Islam acted as a comprehensive basis which continuously solved all problems Muslim encountered. It was in this scenario that many prematurely reasoned that all issues had been addressed, this understanding stalled creativity and was ebbed away only to be replaced by intellectual apathy. The industrial revolution created a number of bizarre views and opinions leading to the demise of the Khilafah as a system. Ever since Muslims have been unable to tackle scientific, economic and social developments in a coherent way.

The Solution

I believe that true Islam was the catalyst that led to the development of the Muslim lands in history, and its absence today remains one of the most fundamental reason stifling development today.

And one important factor that propelled the Islamic civilization in science and technology is because the muslims were united under one khaleefah.

1. Over the last decade, the call for a united Islamic world i.e. the Khilafah has gained momentum and this momentum continues to grow. The possibility of a united Muslim world behind one ruler (Khaleefah) is something that the Muslim Ummah can achieve as this was achieved in the past and even western historians have testified to this fact. The Muslim lands currently posses:

- The Largest population in the world, 1.6 billion
- Largest army in the world
- Control of half of the world's oil and many other natural resources
- Control key strategic naval straits (A third of the world's oil travels through the straits of Hormuz which is between Iran and UAE) and airspace

- Largest land mass
- Nuclear weapons

2. The golden period of the Ummah saw many technological developments. Muslims utilised technology which Europe at that time could not even dream of. For example, some of the technology we take for granted today would not have existed if mathematical concepts such as algebra did not develop during the golden period of Islam. Computers which are used today would not have been possible if mathematical concepts such as algorithms did not exist. Many scholars such as Donald Routledge Hill express the view that Islam was the driving force behind the Muslim achievements while Robert Briffault even sees Islamic science as the foundation of modern science.

Oliver Joseph Lodge wrote in the *Pioneers of Science*: "The only effective link between the old and the new science is afforded by the Arabs (Muslims). The dark ages come as an utter gap in the scientific history of Europe, and for more than a thousand years there was not a scientific man of note except in Arabia"

2. Through the application of Islam, the Ummah was bound by the Islamic systems, this allowed Muslims and non-Muslims to live in peace and security. The Muslim Ummah has to return to its previous position, the one of leadership and honour as this is the only position that will save the Muslim Ummah from the crisis it is currently facing.

3. If the Khilafah existed today, it would embrace technology, develop an economy that distributes wealth efficiently and establish law and order. The key to a successful state is to have a government that actually takes care of its citizens, as this will allow the Ummah to make advances since their basic needs are being taken care of. Islam makes it an obligation upon the ruler to fulfill the rights of its citizens and this is the reason why the Khilafah was successful in the past. The Khilafah will make use of its resources so that the needs of its citizens are met. Whereas today, the Ummah with its great reserves of mineral resources labours in poverty. No individual or company will have a monopoly over basic utilities that are essential to the Khilafah such as the water sources and oil wells because the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said in a hadith narrated by Abu Dawud:

"The people are partners in three things: water, green pastures and fire (energy)."

The Muslim lands have no shortage of energy resources; however most of the Muslim lands suffer from load shedding and crumbling infrastructure. The majority of the Muslim world faces an energy crisis. The root problem of the energy crisis within the Muslim world is the attempts by many governments in privatising such resources. Privatisation has led to increased prices of such basic commodities which ensures the masses labour in poverty.

4. The Khilafah brings its assets together and develops the necessary infrastructure so that the citizens of the Khilafah can benefit from them. The large oil reserves (56% of world oil reserves are in the Middle East, Source: EIA) which exist in the Middle East will be used to fulfill the basic energy requirements of the citizens of the Khilafah as energy commodities will be transferred to all parts of the state. This energy policy is one example of what the Khilafah can do to develop

A number of Muslim countries such as Pakistan, Indonesia and Turkey have developed aspects of their industry that has allowed them to make technological advancements, especially in their military industries.

Pakistan has been successful in developing defence hardware such as cruise missiles which are capable of carrying nuclear warheads, aircrafts and the famous Al - Khalid tank (ranked 7th amongst tanks). If the Muslim armies were to unite under one leader, this army would be the largest army in the world with a force of over 3 million personnel.

5. The Muslim lands have many strengths and advantages. One key advantage that a united Muslim world has, is control over strategic international airspace and naval straits. During the time of Sultan Muhammad Al Fatih, the Muslims had control over the straits of Bosphorus and ships of other nations could only pass through the Bosphorus if the Islamic state gave permission. In the same way the Khilafah will have control over key strategic straits such as the Bosphorus and Hormuz and control over the airspace that comes under the lands it controls; hence the Khilafah will decide which nation can travel through its straits and fly over its airspace. As a result countries such as the US will find it hard to launch attacks on the Muslim world as the Khilafah will restrict American manoeuvrability.

If the US was not allowed to pass through the straits of Hormuz and use the airspace of Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, it would have been very difficult for the US to attack Iraq and Afghanistan. Fighter Jets cannot fly non-stop from the US to Iraq or Afghanistan, hence the US requires local air bases and aircraft carriers for its operations.

6. The Khilafah will face many challenges on its emergence and this cannot be underestimated. Due to this, achieving technological development and improving the current situation of the Muslim world will take time, however the key issue is that a united Muslim world has the potential to become a super power. In the current climate the Muslim world has achieved certain milestones and if a sincere Islamic leadership arises, this leadership will guide the Muslim world to new heights and the Khilafah will become the beacon of light for the whole of mankind InshAllah.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "Indeed Allah gathered up the earth for me so that I saw its eastern and western parts, and indeed the dominion of my Ummah will reach what was gathered up for me from it." [Sahih Muslim]

By [Rimba Emas](#) on February 8, 2010 11:16 PM

SALAM BUAT TUN BERDUA MOGA DIRAHMATI ALLAH S.W.T.

1) AGAKNYA YANG MENOLAK SAINS DISEBABKAN NAMA ITU TIDAK ADA DALAM AL QURAN, SEBENARNYA TERDAPAT BANYAK PERKARA SAINS (DIBERI NAMA OLEH MANUSIA) ADA DALAM AL-QURAN.

2) WALAU BAGAIMANA PUN ADA PERKARA-PERKARA YANG DIURAIKAN OLEH AHLI-AHLI SAINS ITU ADA YANG BERTENTANGAN DENGAN KEHENDAK DAN LARI DARI KEJADIAN SEBENAR OLEH YANG MENJADIKANNYA.

3) INI BERMAKNA SAINS HANYA BERASASKAN KEMAMPUAN MANUSIA MEREKA CIPTA MELALUI BERJUTA-JUTA SEL OTAK YANG DIKURNIAKAN OLEH YANG MEMCIPTAKANNYA.

4) JADI SAINS HANYALAH SEBAGAI ALAT UNTUK KEBAIKAN MANUSIA ITU SENDIRI KETIKA BERADA DIBUMI INI. WALAU BAGAIMANA PUN ADA PENEMUAN-PENEMUAN YANG DICIPTA BOLEH JUGA MEMBAWA KEPADA KEBURUKAN.

5) MEMUDAHKAN PEMAHAMAN ILMU SAINS INI MENJADI BERGUNA JIKA IA TIDAK MELUPAKAN KEPADA YANG MENCIPTAKAN SEMUA ISI BUMI INI (ALLAH S.W.T) DAN DAPAT MEMBERI PETUNJUK KEPADA YANG MENGGUNAKANNYA UNTUK SESUATU KEBAIKAN.

6) SESUATU ILMU SAINS YANG MENDALAM MENKAJI ILMU YANG BUKAN CIPTAAN MANUSIA SEPERTI PEMBENTUKAN CAHAYA, WARNA, ANGIN, AIR, ALAM CAKRAWALA, MANUSIA, JUGA YANG TIDAK DAPAT DILIHAT OLEH MATA BOLEH MEMBAWA KEPADA PENEMUAN YANG MENGINSAFKAN KITA AKAN KEBATASAN AKAL MILIK KITA.

7) SEJARAH SAINS KADANG -KADANG SEBAGAI BUKTI KEBENARAN AKAN SESUATU FATWA OLEH KEJADIAN PERISTIWA-PERISTIWA YANG DICERITAKAN DIDALAM AL-QURAN.

8) CUMA KITA LUPA BAHAWA ALLAH S.W.T ITULAH PENCIPTA SEGALA KEJADIAN YANG KITA KENAL SEBAGAI SAINS YANG SEBENARNYA DALAM AL-QURAN DI KENAL ILMU MILIK ALLAH S.W.T.

WALLAHU'ALAM

By malaysian_nasionalist  on February 8, 2010 10:07 PM

Dear Tun,

It appears that the spin machinery at Washington Post are hard at work to make Malaysia seem like a one party communist regime in desperate need for an injection of democracy.


Although my view is that our political system here has room for improvement, the way these people describe the situation is just pushing it too far.

I hope you don't mind me going off topic from the actual blog post, but I feel quite strongly about this, and I know you and any other nationalist would feel the same too.


The article can be viewed here:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/06/AR2010020602537.html?nav=rss_opinion/columns

Best regards.


By shahrul  on February 8, 2010 8:39 PM

even before islam, we can a great engineering from the middle east, east asia, and africa. Only wars torn civilization apart. It is happening in Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan. And yet some people says Muslims are lagging behind in science and technology?

By patriot  on [February 8, 2010 8:14 PM](#)

Disini adalah seorang statesman sebenar: Malaysia telah lupakan Tunku, Tunku pun tidak akan kenali Malaysia sekarang. Betul tak?

Here is a real statesman: Malaysia has forgotten Tunku, and Tunku would not recognise Malaysia: Do you agree?

By checker  on [February 8, 2010 6:44 PM](#)

Salam Tun & fellow CheDet's Bloggers,

I read somewhere, the story about the post-mortem carried out by the Christians Kings & Church on the defeat of the crusaders by the Muslims. The Christians were puzzled how despite their numbers and well-trained & well-equipped armies made up from various European countries could be defeated by groups of " normadic Arabs" on horses & foot. What Muslims have that they did not have? They sent spies to live among the normadic tribes attempting to find the answer to that puzzles. Reporting on their return, they concluded that as expected, they have superiority in every aspects required to win the battles but the crusaders do not have ONE that the Muslims have - QURAN which gave them the courage and strength of unexplainable height. Having known that fact, strategic action plans were drawn-up by the Christians as how to win the future "battles" - find ways to "take" away the Quran from them. So it was adopted and implemented.

So we can see now how the plan were being executed. They identified 3 categories; the learned ones (Ulamak), the young ones (youths)and the middle-age adults. Let divide the ulamaks in their views about Islam (Mazhab come really handy)and let them fight who is right and who are wrong. Result we have currently the problem with Syiah & Sunni as part of that as a clear example. Lets pollute the minds of their youth with western cultures and worldly things to enjoy so that they have no time to read and understand Quran even they can reject it. And lastly, lets confuse the adults and convince them secularism would the best choice for them in order to enjoy and advance to a better life. So we can clearly witness the current scenerio as their proven success in winning that "battles" through cunning & shrewed ways. That could sum up the causes why the Muslims are in this current stage.

The answer? Therefore similarly conduct the post-mortem to find the solution. Bring back the "missing" Quran which I believe can be found in the true solution to our saviour, Insyallah.

May Allah bless us all.

By arik  on [February 8, 2010 6:42 PM](#)

Pandangan saya...apa yg ditulis oleh Tok det betul

Bagi saya sebagai seorang manusia yg beragama islam... kita selalu tersalap anggap dari sudut pemahamam terhadap agama Islam

Kita selalu beranggapan agama kita membatasi kita utk mempelopori atau mempelajari sesuatu bidang dan juga ilmu pengetahuan yg tidak berkaitan dengan islam.....itulah yg berlaku....dan sebab itulah orang beragama islam ramai yg ketinggalan diabad ini....

Pandangan saya utk menjadi seorang islam yg sempurna...kita bukan sahaja mewajibkan diri kita mempercayai Allah....malah kita juga diwajibkan mempercayai Ilmu pengetahuan itu adalah sumber kekuatan sesuatu bangsa.....Al -quran itu sebenarnya hanyalah ilmu pengetahuan yg boleh mengubati jiwa kamu dan didalamnya mempunyai perkataan yg benar dari yg benar...dan jika kamu mengikutinya kamu akan beroleh keuntungan utk diri kamu sendiri dan kamu mendapat minda rahmat atau cahaya rahmat dari tuhanmu jikalau kamu mengetahuinya.....

jika kamu mempelajari ilmu selain Al-quran ianya tidaklah menjadi satu kesalahan walaupun ianya tidak terdapat didalam Al-quran.....kerana Allah hanya menilai siapa diantara kamu yg paling baik pekerjaannya dimuka bumi ini.....Disisi tuhan orang yg baik itu ialah orang yang boleh memberi kebaikan kepada orang lain...dan dimana sahaja ia berpijak.....pasti kebaikan ada bersamanya dan mereka itu takut kepada tuhannya serta taat kepada nabinya
Kerana apakerana Pengetahuannya.....

By akee  on [February 8, 2010 5:53 PM](#)

Direct religious knowledge can make faster money & power than those non-religious knowledge. So they have given up non-religious knowledge & goes for direct religious related knowledge. non-religious knowledge such as science formula always tell the TRUTH, where direct religious are blur & can easily manipulate from the TRUTH to gain costless power.

By Gravity  on [February 8, 2010 5:41 PM](#)

YABhg Tun'

We are indeed still behind (not to mention the word LACKING)is due to fact that our realisation came into being when the gap has been too wide to chase! Our scientist are handful by now and to narrow down the gap is evitable as long as we dont have the repeating disorientated ulamas and 'political gurkas' that today said something and the next day said something else as far as the unity and 'off-shore-oil' is concern !

By sam  on [February 8, 2010 4:38 PM](#)

Dear sir

I am not sure it is a great thing to muslim or malays, for you to keep on motivating or leaving them in an unrealistic world. Thinking they are one of the greatest race of mankind.

If it is not because of your continuos motivation of "Malaysia boleh" or so to speak " malay boleh", we would not be so divided today.

we will not have so many little malay napoleaon. You have created such market politically.

These are the thing you left for this country besides all the highways and towers. It is you that make our current PM, Najib cannot focus on economic reform.

Sir, if your arguement for the above stand, then the chinese would be the first to blame the west for taking their innovation (paper , etc etc)

Chinese would be the greatest race in the world, look at how many thing (like tea)in other country like Japan were originally from China.

But... is chinese the greatest race ? no ! the real fact is ...china is a third world country, a poor and dirty country.

Wake up sir, go down to the earth like Zaid , Najib and Razaleigh. Work from scratch. Stop asking for help. That is the way for the Malay race to prosper.

I apologise if some of the malay feel uncomfortable with my thinking. It is time for the Malaysian to hear the truth, see the truth. Enough of imagination

Thnak you

a true malaysian
sam

By Riza Ahmad on February 8, 2010 3:57 PM

dear tun and readers,

thus, we need to start some where, tun already did something so why don't we... <http://kerjaya-muslim.blogspot.com/>

By Khairil Anwar on February 8, 2010 3:22 PM

Salam Tun,

One of the problems that is dividing the country generally and the Ummah specifically in my opinion is also the legacy caused by our past Penjajah's policy of Divide and Conquer. DS Najib is fortunately heading the right way way with his 1Malaysia concept but more needs to be done.

The education system is the best place to start changing. A 1School stream must be reintroduced and the Govt must have the political will to see it through. It will take at at least 20 years for us to actually see the change. We cant afford to continue to divide ourselves as we are doing now. We will be easy pickings for others who just hate us for the peace and harmony that we have achieved so far.....

By kinrara7 on February 8, 2010 3:15 PM

Saya teringat surah al al-ashr: Demi masa,[1]. Sesungguhnya manusia itu benar-benar berada dalam kerugian,[2]. kecuali orang-orang yang beriman dan mengerjakan amal saleh dan nasehat menasehati supaya mentaati kebenaran dan nasihat menasihati supaya menetapi kesabaran.”[3]


Masa dan ruang itu relative (analogi general relativity), jika kita banyak membuat kerja maka masa akan semakin panjang, tapi kalau kita hanya berehat tidak berbuat apa2 maka masa akan menjadi singkat.

Kalau kita sibuk berbincang perkara sia2, masa akan berlalu begitu sahaja. kita terlampau taksib dengan klasifikasi ilmu fardu ain dan fardu kifayah. kita lupa yang Allah sentiasa mengikatkan kita memerhati alam ciptaanNya untuk membuktikan kebesaranNya. Untuk kita memahami bagaimana untuk melihat ilmu alam kita memerlukan kekuatan dalam pengetahuan sains. Abad

ke 20 dan 21 ini telah banyak membuktikan akan fakta ini tetapi ilmu ini cuma ada pada bukan islam.


Eropah sedang sibuk dengan membuktikan M theory atau String theory dan lain lain yang boleh membuktikan dimensi alam semesta yang baru (11 dimensi). Sangup membina makmal canggih seperti CERN untuk pelanggaran partikel seperti proton untuk mengesan partikel yang jauh lebih kerdil daripada atom. Umat islam berada dimana? sibuk berbincang tentang siapa lebih islamik? siapa lebih alim?.

Benarlah kata Nabi umat islam akan lemah bukan kerana sedikit tetapi cintakan dunia.

By mmf  on [February 8, 2010 3:07 PM](#)

Tun,

I find the parallelism in Paragraph 8 very deep ;-) and very close to home.

By tha-b  on [February 8, 2010 2:32 PM](#)

Salam Tun,

Ini adalah pandangan Tun sendiri. Kejayaan sebenar adalah dalam mentaati perintah Allah SWT dan meninggalkan laranganNya seperti ditunjukkan oleh Rasulullah SAW.

Para sahabat RA telah berjaya. Jika dibaca kisah para sahabat RA seperti ditulis oleh mashaikh yang mursyid, kita dapati mereka telah melakukan sesuatu yang membatasi hukum alam.

Seperti orang musyrik membuat cerita-cerita karut seperti Lord Of The Ring, X-Men dan sebagainya. Mengatakan manusia mempunyai kuasa yang luar biasa. Sebenarnya kuasa-kuasa seperti itu telah diperoleh oleh para sahabat RA.

Ini adalah kerana keyakinan para sahabat RA kepada Allah SWT amat tinggi sehingga Allah SWT membantu para sahabat RA ketika memerlukan.

Keyakinan yang amat tinggi inilah membuatkan para sahabat RA dapat mengalahkan tentera musyrik yang berjumlah lebih besar. Para sahabat RA telah menawan kota Rom dan Parsi yang mempunyai tamadun yang beribu tahun.

Sesuatu yang tidak masuk akal.

Oleh itu, kita mesti meyakini segalanya dari Allah SWT. Kekuatan, kebijaksanaan, kebesaran, kelemahan, ketidakpandaian, kehinaan segalanya dari Allah SWT.

Allah SWT boleh menjadikan sesuatu dengan bersebab, tanpa bersebab, dan berlawanan dengan sebab.


Keyakinan inilah kita kena usaha.

Wasalam.

By [Muhammad Tarmizi bin Kamaruddin](#)  on [February 8, 2010 2:23 PM](#)

In the documentary "Science and Islam" in the History Channel, there is also a point of view where not many people know about it. Around the 15th century, the European manage to produce movable type printing machine (thanks to Johannes Gensfleisch zur Laden zum Gutenberg) and the European can copies book more neatly, more quickly, more efficiently and

more productively (mass production). However, the typesetting (font) for Arabic script is very hard to implement by using that movable type printing machine, and when the Islamic scholars print the first "machine-printed" Koran, the result was very ugly and they feel unsatisfied with the result. Since then, people saw the disadvantages of Arabic script and they quickly switch to Latin (as alternative). Latin is far more easier to print (and to learn). Therefore, people start to translate Arabic materials to Latin. European scholars produce their research about science, physics, mathematics, and others all in Latin.

By amin tan  on February 8, 2010 2:17 PM

Dear Tun,

Prophet Mohammad was born in Mekah 570 A.D. During this time the Byzantine empire covered up to Syria to the west and Persian Empire to the East. Arabia was sparsely populated desert, except for Mekah which was too far and insignificant for the Roman of Byzantine Empire or the Persian to conquer. Muslim indeed had 'muslim Empire' after the Prophet wafat. The Muslim army under the command of Saifullah Khalid ibn Walid defeated the Roman army in Syria and Persian army were also defeated to the East. During the time of Prophet Mohammad and his Companions Abu Bakar, Omar, Uthman, Ali and Muawiyah Islam was at its peak. Khalid fought more than 40 major and minor battles and won all the battles completely. They managed to do this because they followed the teaching of the revealed knowledge of the holy Quran and the examples(sunnah) shown by our great Prophet Mohammad, the greatest of men ever born.

During pre islam, the Quraish of Mekah practised idol worship and preoccupied with material wealth only. They did not believe the existence of akhirat. In islam there is no West or east or no race or assabiah. There is only islam or kafir. It is all a different value system. islam is not racist. Islam is the only religion and for everybody , East or West. To be continued with Tun's permission.

amin tan

By dtan  on February 8, 2010 2:05 PM

Dr Mahathir,

Sir,

In what went wrong,... ~ Bernard Lewis makes a compelling case that it was the early successes of the Muslims that planted the seeds of their own decline. Islams' hegemony in the Dark Ages made it treacherous if not impossible for European Traders. They found a way to circumvent the Islamic world altogether. How? by developing naval and navigation technologies. Thanks to the Chinese, learned about gun-powder, explosives and medicines throughout the Orient. Risk and Innovation propelled them forward. In the meantime for three hundred years. Muslims had no idea that the world was moving forward and continued to regard the Europeans as infidels and barbarians.

I would add, the exchange of ideas in Muslim courtyards (Majilis) was where engineering and technology concepts flourished. It is unfortunate

that as you said, 'fatwas' stymied the Muslim world as a whole. It was the Italians. The Roman Catholic Church that established the first University in Bologna in 1290.

By [donplaypuks](#) on February 8, 2010 1:46 PM

Tun

I regard this simple article as your best post after that on outlawing speculative trading in foreign currency, futures in commodities etc., artificial derivative products, over gearing practices of banks and the tyranny of large hedge funds.

It's important for M'sians to realise that it was the Muslim scholars who translated old Greek texts, especially those on Maths (Euclid and others), Astronomy, Science and Philosophy. Therein is a priceless contribution to the Renaissance period in Western history (from which they never looked back and to the current wealth and store of knowledge, not to mention the global emphasis on EDUCATION and knowledge.

It's a pity that a Fatwa was issued in the 15th century pretty much put an end to the Arab world's thirst for knowledge, leading to stagnation in their contribution to the Sciences and Arts.

Now, our own new Minister for Education has abandoned the teaching of Science and Maths in English which will in turn impinge adversely directly on our students' ability to be globally competitive, including taking advantage of the internet. I believe the Minister took a doctrinaire approach to suddenly put a halt to an experiment that was not give sufficient time to run its course and produce the desired results; he pandered to the wild call of UMNO right wing politicians while deliberately ignoring the wishes of millions of other M'sians throughout the nation.

Few (really only a handful) today object to BM being the national language or its wide spread usage in the school and tertiary education curricula. Equally, we have a duty to provide our children with the best possible schooling and education experience that can secure them a fruitful and well remunerated job, locally and internationally.

Perhaps you should use your influence wisely to call for a National Referendum on this issue. Whichever way the result goes, all should accept the wishes of the majority and move on!!

dpp

We are all of 1 race, the Human race

By [hishamnoh](#) on February 8, 2010 1:20 PM


i'm 20 years old.still young for the world.it is a new knowledge from this post.i am totally agree the connection between religious and knowledge

By [kalam putih](#) on February 8, 2010 1:20 PM

I think Tun less information about islamic state (Khilafah) - www.khilafah.com - thats why Tun can said "(there never was an Islamic empire in the sense of the other Empires - only an Islamic community - the Ummah)"

By [udayraj](#) on February 8, 2010 1:09 PM

Why can't we all be just be people? why do we have to look at things from point of race, religion, country. Why not just from point of view of a person? Looking from space, it is just people one can see irrespective of their religion. Humanism is the biggest religion of all. Treat others as you will like to be treated.

By leekh  on [February 8, 2010 12:55 PM](#)

The Europeans have the Renaissance 500 years ago. They have transformed their religion. They have allowed the intellect to be free. But not in Islam. The religion claimed total dominance, absolute truth and does not tolerate an open mind. These are dark forces that refuse to debate, prescribe death for anyone daring to question, demand subservience from followers and everyone else.

For progress to happen a brave voice here and a lone voice there and a Marina rambling away somewhere is not enough. You need a huge pool of brave people to propose, counter propose, to refine and reshape. If one gets cut down, others will rise. A large pool will allow for the best to rise to the top. Using Islam as the justification there is no place for protest. Like it or not people are shaped by what they repeatedly say they believe. Thus the leader with an Islamic background are demanding more than loyalty, they demand total subservience.

This constant harping back to Islamic civilization and empire is wishful thinking! We dont hear Italians talking about the Roman Empire or the Chinese reminiscing their Chin Dynasty or the Mongolians or the Indians talking about their old emperors. They are all gone! We are living in a global age, we want to build relationships and community. We are one. We want to share ideas and progress. While on the one hand Tun wants to outlaw war, you are still holding steadfast to your "malayness". You are promoting and supporting people like Ibrahim Ali and Perkasa. These people want slaves not men to be their compatriots. They are drawing strength from you. While Islam is supposed to be universal yet the followers exhibit tribalism and racial superiority. So what hope is there? And when anybody dare raise a voice.....

So..there is no chance Tun.

I had one last hope that sometime during your premiership you would renounce your adopted Malayness and make everyone Malaysian. That would have been your ultimate achievement.

That would have made you a true giant among men. You might be able to stand beside Mendela and he will recognize as a fellowman. What a waste!

By mat  on [February 8, 2010 12:41 PM](#)

salam Tun,

gud article!

take a gud care of yourself Tun

danke!

By Capt.Jag2020  on [February 8, 2010 12:31 PM](#)

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other fields of knowledge besides the religious knowledge....the diffrence between Ibn Sina, Ibn By checker  on [February 8, 2010 12:23 PM](#)

Assalam'kom Tun & CheDet's fellowbloggers,

Sebagaimana yg saya selalu sebutkan tentang pesan Nabi SAW " Aku tinggalkan kalian 2 perkara - Quran & Sunnahku. Jika kalian rujuk kepada 2 perkara ini, kalian tidak akan sesat selama2nya, di dunia & di akhirat".

Untuk pengetahuan semua, saya mula mempersoalkan isu agama Islam bila saya berada di Mekah ketika menunaikan ibadah Haji ketika berumur 42 tahun. Sebelum itu saya tidak mempersoalkan lansung dan saya menjadi penganut yg taat sebagaimana yg telah diajar & ditunjukkan oleh ibubapa, datok nenek, uztaz & uztaz tanpa mempersoalkan apa2. Jika tak paham, tanya dan terima bulat2 apa jawapan yg diberi.

Ketika di Mekah, dengan hidayah Allah SWT, saya mula bertanya banyak perkara atas pelbagai amalan dan pendapat tentang Islam. Kebanyakan jawapan2 yg diberi biasanya tidak meyakinkan saya kebenarannya atas dasar:

ALLAH itu SATU dan dengan sifat2 kebesaran, kesucian & kemuliaannya, telah menyempurnakan ISLAM sebagai agama yg Allah terima. ALLAH turunkan NABI SAW sebagai RASUL terakhir untuk memimpin manusia ke jalan Allah, ALLAH turunkan QURAN yg Allah lindungi kebenaran kandungannya untuk menjadi panduan manusia. Jadi dimana kesilapannya yg menjadikan kedudukan Islam dan umatnya sekarang ini sunnguh rendah, sanggup bunuh membunuh sama sendiri, dan diperhinakan oleh bukan islam sedemikian rupa?

10 tahun kemudian baru saya dapat jawapannya. Tun telah pun memberi sebahagian jawapannya. Tindakan sekarang ini ialah menyeru umat Islam supaya balik merujuk kepada pesanan Nabi SAW di atas.

ALLAH perentah supaya kita berpegang kepada "tali ALLAH" bersatu jangan perpecah belah, Kita langgar dengan konsep mazhab dan kuasa kenegaraan. Allah perentah supaya kita jangan mengamalkan sesuatu yang kamu tidak ada ilmunya, kita langgar hanya kerana kuasa dan nafsu yg ditaja oleh syaitan. Allah perentah kita mendekatiNYA dengan mengamalkan ibadah2 yg di perjelaskan seperti solat 5 waktu dll supaya dapat pertolongan dan perlindungan Allah, tapi kita lalai. Allah suruh kita berdoalah kepada NYA maka akan ALLAH perkenankan, kita abaikan perentahnya tapi mengharapakan segala2nya dari ALLAH. Itu sifat orang2 Yahudi yg Allah laknati. setiap hari kita solat dan baca Alfatiha dan memminta pertunjuk dari Allah tapi kita tak paham ke apa yg dibaca?

Olih itu berbaliklah kepada Quran dan Hadith yg mengandungi banyak Ilmu untuk DUNIA dan AKHIRAT. Jadikan Nabi SAW sebagai icon kita. Cara? Perluaskan ngaji Quran & hadith. Tapi sayang kita telah dikejutkan dengan larangan dari jabatan agama JAIS melarang sesiapa untuk menyampaikan ilmu Quran & Hadith tanpa tauliah. Inilah puncanya yg terdekat dengan kita yg membantutkan Islam untuk berkembang dan dimertabatkan. Kita diperentahkan Allah supaya menyampaikan kepada sesiapa sungguh pun sepotong ayat (Quran). Tapi JAIS lebih berkuasa untuk menentukan siapa yg bolih menyampaikan. Pada keseluruhannya, Islam sekarang telah politikkan (kuasa) dan dikemersialkan (keuntungan biz)

Olih demikian, nasihat dari saya yang tak siapa ni pun supaya kita semua mulai mengaji Quran & Hadith, untuk diPAHAMI dan diAMALI bukan untuk dikatham, diperlagukan, atau dihafal sahaja sebagai hiasan dan kebanggaan.

Kalau berminat layarailah www.yayasan-ilmu.blogspot.com untuk sekurang2nya memahami banyak perkara yg memerlukan jawapan. Atau hubungi saya di orbee007@hotmail.com

Semuga Allah memberi kita petunjuk/hidayah, segala nikmat kesihatan,kebahagian,ketenangan fikiran,keselamatan dan kekayaan harta dan minda. Ameen...

By [dheepan](#) on [February 8, 2010 12:19 PM](#)

Agreed. I believe education and knowledge is the only way to open your minds and to move forward in life.

By [Capt.Jag2020](#) on [February 8, 2010 12:09 PM](#)

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other fields of knowledge besides the religious knowledge....the difference between Ibn Sina, Ibn Khaldun and al Khwarizmi (Just to name a few) is that they took the trouble to further the research of

the knowledge that have been mentioned in the Quran. So Iqra' in this sense has been interpreted and elaborated by these excellent scholars into the field of research and development. Now, I believe

we can clearly see the importance of good and right translation, interpretation, perspective and also

the understanding of the Quran. I also believe this can be taken into another level where the responsible bodies could really make a serious effort to study, learn, analyze, research and developed all the theories and fields of knowledge/studies that contains in the Mighty Book of Quran.

By Joe Therapist  on February 8, 2010 12:00 PM

Finally i Am able to say hello to your kind self TUN. I was having a tough time logging in. After reading much of your entries in your blog i understand why you do or say most of what you do in Public. I have a better understanding for your Reasons. This latest entry is another good example. How you see the way history unfolds itself is amazing. The way i see it is completely different. Are either of us right or wrong. No. It's just a different perspective. And that is needed for growth. But your article has highlighted how being closed minded has led to the ignorance of a once great Nation. Ignorance and Fear. Dare we learn from this 'Page in History', or do we Just make up our own Assumptions and walk around in Ignorance. Do we Have the Strength and courage to question the 'Powers that Be'?

By abangikhwan  on February 8, 2010 11:58 AM

Hi there,

I tend to disagree with some matter of history that was told in your recent article here.

The decline of the Muslims from their peak power was not due to their negligence of non religious knowledge.

The decline started when the Muslims in Baghdad was attacked by the Mongols. This is during the Abbasiyah era.

Of course, the point of decline differs from one opinion to another.

And the decline became more serious when the Muslims began to act like non Muslims.

I do believe that you can get an even better explanation from a historian or an ulamak.

Regards

By rakkata  on February 8, 2010 11:56 AM

Salam Tun,

Al-quran without science is deaf..

Science without al-quran is blind....

I believed Islam is technology while al-quran is the manual...

Those ulama's who made the fatwa definatly those who are deaf....

By MBG  on February 8, 2010 11:48 AM

Salam Dr. Mahathir,

I would like to thank Allah that there is a muslim leader like Dr. Mahathir. Sir, you always inspire us.

By [al-Din](#) on February 8, 2010 11:38 AM

Salam Tun,

Science, professionalism, and frauds

The practice of normal science or textbook science will not bring us to the frontier of technology. There are two prerequisites to enable non-normal (new) science to bloom, firstly knowledge and secondly the climate that allows constant disproving of hypothesis/ideas/findings to test their robustness and hence improve upon them.

Science is not the ultimate truth. We are using science to get closer to the truth. That is the dogma of science and a paradigm that scientists have to reconcile with. To quote Professor Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Atas in his book *Islam and the Philosophy of Science* stated that “For every truth there is a limit that is true to that truth; the knowledge of that limit is wisdom”. The ultimate truth belongs to the Almighty and His revelations.

In our quest towards scientific advancement we must work on the basis of truth and reject the untruth. This etiquette on truth has been expounded more than 2000 years ago by Aristotle (384-322BC), a Greek philosopher “To be acceptable as scientific knowledge a truth must be a deduction from other truths”. Truth leads to a climate of trust and accountability towards research and public beneficiaries.

Advancement in science is essential for national security. In our case, the priority is the advancement of science aimed at abundance in food supply. Often said it is a national agenda or policy but we have failed to make it a reality especially in rice production. The country’s system of rice production must jettison itself to be self-sufficient and not at the current 60% self-sufficiency. The country needs to study and revamp the whole array of factors influencing our staple food supply chain – land, water, research, technology, processing, marketing, laws and regulation, and enforcement.

The very basic tenet of science as exemplified in testing a hypothesis follows standard experimental procedures. Thus, there are not that many shortcuts towards excellence in science. Suffice to say that the road towards excellence and leadership in science is long and arduous. To be a scientist, one has to go through the grinds of a sound training obtained from established institution with well-known academicians. Equipped with a strong foundation a scientist is likely to contribute towards high throughput of quality research, technology generation and paper writing.

The hue and cry sometimes ago was that many professors and dons do not publish enough to meet their ranks (*The Star*, 21 Nov 2007). Whom to blame? The system or the so-called professors? To them the institution is a springboard for self-gain. Yes, scientists must write. Research results must be put in black and white and get published in acceptable publications so that new information can be disseminated and put to good use for the general public.

Writing sharpens the mind and the thought processes. It is not an easy task. It is an art. As in any work of art, practice makes perfect. It was noted that Abraham Lincoln once rewrote a letter a hundred times and yet did not send it for some reasons or another.

Improvement in writing comes gradually and seldom by leaps and bounds. It involves mental preparation beforehand – much reading and thinking about the subject matter over and over. The hardest act is to get into the physical commitment – getting glued to the chair and face the computer for hours on end, key in the data and the correct words, and out comes the draft paper! Usually, there is strong challenge or motivational force that moves us to write, be it to complete a thesis, for seminar presentation, or promotional inducement etc. Over time one gets the knack of writing and then it becomes a joy of doing it for whatever purpose. After a piece of good work is done (well), one tends to look back and in bewilderment say how in the world I could write that blurb!

A scientist is a professional that adds new knowledge to an existing pool of scientific knowledge. The Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defined professionalism as "the conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a profession or a professional person. Thus, it is an encompassing word that conjures elusiveness as the wind to grapple with. It has something to do with the fabric of an individual's conduct – education, training, attitudes, habits, interests, use and abuse of knowledge/power, et cetera, et cetera.

It has been said that man is an egoistic animal. Then, is ego a problem in science? A big dose of it, yes. A big ego acts as a shield or mental block to knowledge, enquiries, and curiosities. Prolonged overdose of ego works strangely on the mind and personality leading to dire consequences on science and professionalism. As result of knowledge withdrawal over time the negative effect would be a feeling of inadequacy and insecurity. The person develops into a know-all buffoon and higher-than-thou attitude. An insecure person in a position of leadership is dangerous for the organisation for insecurity breeds insecurity being proven so for umpteenth of times.

Being human we need to guard truth, trust and accountability with appropriate systems of check and countercheck, reward and sanction. Reward and recognition should be due when it is due. If the yardstick is the number of papers published so be it.

Is the academia free of frauds or corrupt practices? Surely not. Of greater concern in academia is perhaps the corruption of minds. As expected among the milieu of the academicians there are some who thrive and hide using gameplans and corrupt practices such as politicking, rumour mongering, and character assassination. Their moral conduct questionable. Along the way the minds of students and (young) academicians got waylaid as to the correct principles, ethics, and fine values of education and research.

Who are these people who resort to fraud to achieve their ends? They are the mediocre and deficient in output but ambitious. They exploit students to do research and publish papers. Oftentimes they take the limelight by presenting the papers as their own work ie. plagiarism (refer to Sunday Straits Times, 10 Nov 1996). They use all means of influence within and outside the university to gain positions and promotions. They are to be seen to have the connections and unceremoniously drop in names of VIPs during casual conversations. Per chance they are in

position of authority that is when they become dangerous and suppressive of threats real or imagined. They will find faults and use veiled threats and make people insecure.

If we allow those who commit frauds of science to go unpunished then the institution will suffer the tragedy of the commons. Meaning, that one additional fraud does not make any difference. Add one more, one more, and more, the cumulative effect of which would be tragedy beyond repair.

People come and go but the institution stays. The institution or organization should in fact get stronger from day to day. Hence, an institution must devise effective means to weed out frauds and pretenders who corrupt science and the minds of others. Otherwise, it is easy to aim and claim that we are world class.

[http://www.sustainable living institute \(SAVE\).blogspot.com](http://www.sustainablelivinginstitute(SAVE).blogspot.com)

By [ezani](#) on [February 8, 2010 11:31 AM](#)

Salam Tun

Actually from my 40 years life experience, I feel it is easy to quickly stick to a rigid routine in Islam thinking that if you follow this rigid routine everything will be OK. When you are threatened with an infinite lifetime in Hell, it is easy for people to become very scared and may not even be able to think rationally. Who is not scared of Hell? Who wants to go to Hell? Nobody...not even the bad guys!

However, it is very important to lead a moderate and tolerant lifestyle because the demands of God through Islam is not just one-time only but kita kena beribadat in a consistent and persistent manner (beristiqamah). Throughout our life, we are subject to many trials and tribulations and it may not be easy (nor possible) to maintain a perfect state of ibadat from baligh to death.

In this light, it is good to review the lifestyle of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). His lifestyle is varied and the Prophet is not one who just stays, eat and sleep in the mosque 24 hours a day from Prophethood to death. The Prophet has fought battles, shortened prayers (at Allah's Command) to 2 rakaat in battle, perhaps spent 10 and 20 days (upon year of his death) in the mosque full time during Ramadhan, fasts regularly but the Prophet has never been fanatic or extreme about Islam. Yes, his tahajjud is infinitely much better than ours since he can finish Baqarah and up to half of Ali Imran but we have never heard the Prophet to such extreme of finished the whole Quran in one night!

I believe the key to success for Malaysian Moslems is first to understand Islam from head to toe so that one knows how to apply the rules of halal and haram when faced a specific circumstances and one's Islamic knowledge in Tauhid, Fiqah, Munaqahat (Domestic & Family Matters) and Mu'amalat (Public, Community and Business/Trading Matters) and Tassawwuf/Tariqat is sound. Then only can one go walkabout on this earth and try to practise a moderate lifestyle and it is highly unlikely one will go astray from The Right Path.

I believe one weakness in Malaysia at the moment is the rift between UMNO and PAS, and the secular nature of UMNO. Both parties dabble too much in politics rather than concentrating on establishing the proper Islam on a firm footing in Malaysia and concentrating in the Islamic religion. You find UMNO trading with the West and following Western banking and finance methods (although things have improved a lot now with Islamic banking). Many of my Malay friends have also admitted that many of us are now more aware of Islam and our religion now than a decade ago during the days of agogo, night-clubbing, P Ramlee and Jins Shamsuddin acting in Shaw brothers cinemas!

What has happened in the Arab countries is also another matter to ponder. They only appear to be united but we have seen what Hosni Mubarak has done to our Malaysian doctors in Mercy Malaysia when trying to help our Palestinian friends.

This world does not appear as it seems but we must immediately correct many fundamentals in Malaysia right now (i.e. Najib and Mohyiddin as Muslims must correct) :-

(1) Gradually and progressively stop trading with the West and stop implementing a Western system of government

(2) Have resurgence of Islam with true balanced Islamic knowledge. Don't just hear from our ulamak kampung but invite Islamic scholars from Al-Azhar and Mekka/Madinah to give talks here

(3) Must improve Government image on Islam. Malay Muslim government officials especially leaders must give shining example of good Muslim

(4) Clean up Government and country assets from riba. Riba-tainted property is all over the place in Malaysia because the Govt has allowed Jewish banking system and trades with the West. Even our mosques tikar sembahyang many of which are purchased in bulk from Turkey must have used Letter of Credit. This is all UMNO's fault...tak prihatin agama, too friendly with the Chinese and absolutely kow tow to the West and bringing in the kebudayaan kuning.

By [Furydose](#) on [February 8, 2010 11:25 AM](#)

Too many Muslims have narrow interpretation of Islam. It's either you apply all of it or non-of it. This ultimatum they offered to leaders is not facilitating effective decision making especially in today's highly globalized world.

I think religion never gets in the way of something good, only a narrow interpretation of Islam coupled with the ignorance of today's issues limits our integration of the Muslim Faith with our current issues...

By [hannibalceno](#) on [February 8, 2010 11:20 AM](#)

salam tun....

semoga tun berdua dalam keadaan sihat...

saya cuma nak dengar pandangan tun mengenai isu terkini...

nik aziz nak ajak umno berbincang mengenai islam...


saya pun tak paham la depa ni....

dulu kata umno tak islam... depa islam...
dulu kata umno masuk neraka depa masuk sorga.....

la ni nak bincang apa lagi...
buat apa bincang dengan orang yang depa kata tak masuk sorga...

dan yang lebih heran bila ramai pemimpin umno sibuk nak jawab....
pi la jaga rakyat...
tak payah la dok sibuk ngan nik aziz ni....
kata nak bincang ngan umno pasai islam tapi syarat kena ada pkr dan dap....
pkr tu boleh terima lagi la...
yang dap dok tentang penubuhan negara islam tu pun nak bawak buat apa....
kalau tentang penubuhan negara islam... agak agak depa tentang tak islam?
nak bawak dua orang wakil dap yang boleh baca ayat quran tu sekali ka...
nak tunjuk walau depa tak islam depa boleh baca quran kat umno kot...

orang umno bukan tak tau cara nik aziz ni....
buat tak tau sudahla....jangan dok layan sangat...
dulu dulu dia ada pelawa jugak...
tengah sibuk geng umno dok seronok nak jadi juara layan dia..
tiba-tiba dia 'sentot' kata tak mau...
pi jahanamlah umno....
dan macam macam lagi...
hangpa tak ingat ka...
jadikan iktibar....
jangan dok jadi beruk mak yeh...
nanti kena juih dengan nik aziz baru termonyeh-monyeh....
jaga diri tun...

By dbkumar  on [February 8, 2010 11:16 AM](#)

Dear Tun,

My comments may not related to this but i just feel like to alert the ringing alarm on whats going to happen to our future children education..Tun..was a Minister of Education so my concern would be understood easily by your good self...Concern matters..FROM 70's TO 90's percentage of student getting A and past exam through self study and school teaching was excerlent but from 95 to date the trend for parents to send their children for extra class or tuition is "SCARY"..WHY ?..where do we went wrong..60% of students could not get through without extra teaching and this are some burdens to some low income family..LET'S put this a side..in this time of century with high tech teaching facilities how could we not achiving better teaching methotds or teaching methods that could overcome this..WHERE DO WE WHEN WRONG..TEACHERS,EDUCATION SYSTEM,STUDENTS or PARENTS ????

Is school just a pupet figure ? Why should i send my kids to school when he needs extra teaching after school ? Is it my kids are too slow in understanding ? Is it teachers are too relax and just follow the system ? Well their so many question that is coming if we could brain storm this ?WHO SHOULD WE BLAIM....OR HOW WE COULD OVERCOME THIS....


IN FUTURE... EVERY STUDENT WILL STUDY IN CENTER AND GO TO SCHOOL JUST TO SIT FOR EXAM..WELL MAYBE THIS COULD HAPPEN..???

THANK YOU

May god bless you with good health and long live...Tun

Regards

db kumar

By musato  on February 8, 2010 11:01 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Hos satu dokumentari pasal sejarah ketamadunan Islam telah berkata bahawa kita tidak perlu malu untuk mengaku dari mana ilmu ketamadunan itu datang kerana ilmu adalah kepunyaan semua ketamadunan.

Seperti yang diceritakan oleh Tun ini.Dari tamadun lain umat Islam belajar dan dari tamadun Islam juga tamadun Eropah belajar.Pi Mai Pi Mai Tang Tu.

Dulu ada perkara berkenaan perubahan pergerakan orbit yang telah diciplak dari buku sains Islam,tapi ada seorang ahli saintis Islam yang berusaha menyahut cabaran untuk membuktikan bahawa pendapat itu adalah salah.

Buktikan dengan kehebatan pengetahuan, bukan dengan tuduhan menciplak dan buat bising satu dunia tentang keburukan penciplak.Sampaikan apa kesudahan masalah ini?

Lebih baik minum teh dengan PM.

Terima kasih Tun.

By faa  on February 8, 2010 10:44 AM

Dearest Tun,

I have been hoping (all these years) that those religious schools (tahfiz, madrasah etc) could produce scientists. Islam and science is connected unlike other religion(s). My hope strengthen with Muhyiddin Yassin as the current education minister and a new personale who is well known as a "pendakwah" and a non political person as the Minister in the Prime Minister's department. I may sound an idealistic but I believe there is room for an idealistic person like me in this country. I believe it is about time that the Muslim community especially in Malaysia to embrace Islam as a way of living, starting from minor things such as the manners in aeting, visiting etc and caring for neighbours.

By M.Najib  on February 8, 2010 10:42 AM

Salam Tun, Hope both of you be in a very healthy condition...

May the day which come forward lead us to a new era of Science and Islam...

This is the next brief, simple but yet meaningful explanation from you about the situation asked by the commentator, from which you have already 'speak' bout it before this... I'm following your blog from the beginning of it up until now and will always continue doing it...

Hoping that the 'specific' commentator understand the answer that you give but at the same time a lot more viewers will open their mind about this issue... It's about time, supposedly long time ago that we, Malaysian's Muslim, should already open up our mind and take the issue as well as the positive side of it for us to be more respected and well received in such area...

I'm currently trying to make myself understand the philosophy and history behind all this 'Science and Islam'... Hope to hear more from you about this topic, especially on how we, the Malaysian's Muslim can improve ourself yet be visible in this arena...

All the best to you Sir, which I can get a chance to personally met you, along with a lot more whose same as me, dreaming off meeting our idol...

p/s : Like' the idea propose by our 6th Prime Minister in meeting his so called the 'online' supporters through the Tea Time Talked... Looking forward for it...

By ashburnadam  on February 8, 2010 10:32 AM

Assalamualaikum wrt buat ayahanda dan bonda.

1. Very well explanation, Tun. I just hope that your message can be heard to all muslim in the world. Just like you said, I think Malaysia should take Iran as an example for science and technology. Iran, as the world know, became the ninth country in the world sent their own satellite by using their own technology at their own launcher. But Malaysia still need to borrow outsider's technology to launch our satellite. Compare to Iran, our economy probably wouldn't support us to build our rocket launcher. But as time passed, Iran which has went under the war with Iraq, saw boost advancement in science and technology. It is proven when the number of publication on scientific research has increased tenfold which ranked first in the world. Most Iranian scientists publish their journals with high impact factor which proven to show that Iran has the quality and equality in science and technology and recognized by the world.

2. These journals mostly are not written in Arabic language or Persian language or other language but they are all in English language. If our journals in scientific research were written in Bahasa Melayu, I wonder, could the world recognize us; Malaysia as leading country in science and technology. But, I think, even if we write those journals in English, we still need more efforts in order to be a leading country in science and technology. Just now, the science and math has been reverted into Bahasa Melayu as medium language for teaching those subjects, I believe I share with your opinion, our country has taken a wrong path to move forward as developed country in 2020.

3. BN would see the future, people especially from educated ones will support them for no more. I'm afraid if PKR leads this country. But, for UMNO, it's over. I just can pray to Allah so that our beloved country will go to the right path in the future.

Source : <http://chedet.co.cc/chedetblog/2010/02/science-and-islam.html>