

## **SEMENANJUNG TANAH MELAYU 2**

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1. Someone asked what about the "Orang Asli" literally the "Original People". Weren't they in the peninsular before the Malays?
2. They could be. So are the Red Indians, the Maoris, the aborigines of Australia, the many tribal people in many countries of the world.
3. If we consider that the Orang Asli have more rights to claim Malaysia as their own then we should acknowledge and respect the rights of the Red Indians, the Maoris, the Australian aborigines and all the other aborigines to be given back the land we now call America, Australia, New Zealand etc.
4. Perhaps in recognition of their rights, they are now not so ill-treated and killed as they were when the Europeans seized their lands. But this is not the same as declaring that the countries belong to the people originally found there.
5. In Latin America there were native, indigenous or Orang Asli governments when the Europeans arrived. The Aztecs, the Mayas, the Incas had recognisable states. But the Spaniards and the Portuguese conquered their lands and set up new States and Governments. The world have recognised these states.
6. In Malaysia the Orang Asli are as much citizens of the country as are the people of other races. They had never set up their own states and governments.
7. When the Europeans came, the governments and the states they had to deal with were Malay. All treaties were made with the Malay Governments. Even the Japanese recognised the existence of these Malay States when they drove the British out of the peninsular.
8. Of course when the British came back, they had to gain the assent of the Malay rulers in order to set up the Malayan Union. All subsequent agreements were with Malay rulers and Malay political leaders.
9. It is important to note that the Malay rulers only recognised Malays as their natural "rakyat". They also recognised "Orang Asli" and non-Malays who had been assimilated as "rakyat". However, non-Malays who continued to identify themselves with their countries of origin were not regarded as rakyat.
10. It was only after the Malayan Union was formed that the concept of citizenship was created. Still those recognised as rakyat of the rulers were acknowledged through what came to be regarded as special positions.
11. This was enshrined in the constitution. But the constitution also made it clear that the non-Malay citizens also have special position. Thus they may retain their original identity, use their own home language (mother tongue?) and perpetuate their own culture. They also have the right to teach in their own languages in Government supported primary schools and can set up their own private secondary schools.
12. The setting up of schools which teach in their own languages is not to be confused with schools for teaching other languages.

13. We would like to see the end of all special privileges so that we can all be together. We should all be just Malaysians speaking and teaching in one national language, practitioners of one national culture, and owing loyalty only to this beloved country, Malaysia.

## **200 Comments**

**By andrewtay on April 10, 2011 10:12 PM**

Dear Mahathir

You are partly true. Usually a colonising power will consolidate its power by negotiating with the local majority. The Malays happen to be the majority at that time.

The definition of Malay is very vague indeed. The population of Malays currently in Malaysia is made up of migrant Malays who were once originated Indonesia albeit not all of them.

Those migrants saw that it was convenient for them to hold themselves out as Malay because they have many similarities with the other more established Malays in Malaya. It is partly due to language and religion similarities.

The similarity in culture shared among Indonesia and Malaysia are evident thus it reinforces the fact that some Malays are not by strict definition, a native of Malaya.

A few of my Malay friends have grandfathers from Indonesia and one has a lineage from Afganistan. In my view, they are well assimilated, through religion and inter-marriage, to gain acceptance as Malays whilst Chinese and Indians, albeit arriving before them or at the same time did not have any cultural or religious similarity.

One a side note, i realised a lot of Malays think that Chinese companies are bias and are sidelining them from the benefits of employment. Although i have to say some companies are indeed like that but there are also a companies which value skill over racial backgrounds.

Business should segregated from politics, creed and race. Business is about profit making. Thats the main purpose. It should not function as a propaganda machine or a tool to oppress or sideline another race.

When you work for a Chinese company, you must be well adapted to its culture. The driving force behind every Chinese company and every company for that matter is the skill, motivation and the hardwork of its workers.

To be completely upfront, most Chinese have the advantage already due to the cultural background. We can speak 1 or more additional languages than our Malay counterparts. That is already a solid advantage.

Even in Australia, most employers prefer workers who are multilingual especially in Mandarin and Hindi/Tamil. The gold rush in China and India has inevitably consolidated our

position in the job market (notice how there are now a lot of chinese accountants and indian engineers and IT expert in Australia).

China and India will dominate the world market and they will contribute to a lot of the world's FDI just as the West did in the late 70s to 90s. That is why the emphasis on English had been made back then. Now, the emphasis on English is not sufficient in itself just as degree qualifications. The more language you command, the more valuable you are in the long run.

The part the Malaysian government is taking in regards to Bahasa Malaysia as a teaching medium is a decision catastrophic consequences in the near future. Fielding graduates with inadequate command in English will be a cause of great concern as we are now unable to compete with Singapore. Later on Thailand will flex its muscles and we will soon lose out to them. In fact, the Government is silly enough to jeopardise our country's future development into a high income and hi tech society by fielding graduates lacking the command of English. It is actually contradicting its own policies. Laughable.

By JB\_FROM on March 27, 2011 11:17 PM

To Dr.Syed Alwi,

Mualaikumussallam,

Of course Malaysia is not Russia but based on your statement, a scientific advanced country should be successful. I am stating Russia as example that this is not the case. By the way Brazil is one of the BRIC country and they are not really driven so much by Science and Technology.

I am not being negative about Science and Technology. Definitely Malaysia needs Scientist, Engineers and Technical expertise. The Malay society must participate in this field to ensure that they are not left behind but one point that you missed in your calculation is that our country and in most country, the decision making is not made by Scientist or Technologist.

Therefore your comment that the what the Malay need is just Science and Technology is very general and simplistic.

What the Malay really need is to be the best in every field, Science, Technology, Commerce, Art and literature, and all others that make up a civilized and advance culture.

You kept mentioning the Chinese and Japanese. The Chinese and Japanese are successful because they want to be the best in every field. In Science, Commerce, Social Science, Literature, etc. Chinese are proud about their literature such that in this country, they will not gave up Chinese school. I know this because I am one of a few malay who attended Chinese School.

There is an arabic saying that one should be "Talibil Ilm" meaning "a student of knowledge". The problem is that the Malay is definitely not "student of knowledge". You can see this in the public libraries in Malaysia, the numbers of Malay spending time reading books compared to reading newspaper or compared to the numbers in coffee stalls talks about politics. This is a complete contrast compared to developed countries like Japan and UK

where the library is full of people reading and going in and out of the libraries borrowing books.

About your comment that the only way to integrate the Chinese into a cohesive Malaysian culture is Science and Technology is not it. Malaysia is rich in resource (Similar to one of the BRIC country Brazil), every aspect and field of studies need to be explored in order to maximize the country's wealth to compete with rest of the world and also to raise the Malay standard of living.

Finally, I would like to say to you that as you are a Singaporean, if you want to comment about Malaysia, you need to know every aspect of the country in order to make your point. Please leave out very sensitive issues and topic you do not understand about the country that only will aggravate our feeling leading to war of words as what have happened in this blog.

Wassallam

By parameswara 2 on March 27, 2011 9:47 PM

Dearest Tun

may I

//Dr Syed Alwi AhmadAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2011 11:12 AM

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1-Yes sir I concur completely.The Chinese and Indians during the glory days of the Malacca Sultanate were willing to live the way of the Malays as Babas and Chitties because the Malays were then a respected race.They wouldn't mind adopting the Malay culture if the Malays are still the deservingly respected people of Malaysia today.Who would take up something they feel is inferior to their culture?It could only happen by force like in the case of Indonesia.

2-But what great leap into Science and technology can the Malays hope to do to be better off than the Chinese?Don't you think we need nothing short of a miracle to pull off a stunt like that.Especially with more and more Muslim parents sending their children to Islamic stream to seek spiritualism and become hafizs the chances of these people to leap into science and technology would be greatly hampered.

3- Unless of course if these Islamic streams could be corrected to emphasize the pursuit of scientific knowledge and research as the way it had been done during the glory days of Islam during the time of Imam Al Ghazali when the pursuit of all knowledge that benefit the community were regarded as a Fardhu Kifayah.

4-This maybe our only opportunity to excel in science and technology, by making them understand that it is our primary jihad.I sincerely believe that while the right understanding and application of Islam will be the key to our liberation and magic, the wrong understanding of it will keep us in bondage forever.The situation the Muslims are in now suggest that Muslims are generally still confused of Islam?

5-For as long as we do not have these technological superiority we will always be frowned upon and would not be able to influence others to our supposedly better culture.Well,its going to be a rough journey ahead and maybe Tun could help organize a systematic approach of how it could be done to get the Muslims striving with their hearts and soul to excel in these all important sector.We need to put passion in it like only a jihad for the love of God can do.A mediocre approach will take us nowhere.Wallahualam.

Thanks Tun

By Dr Syed Alwi Ahmad on March 23, 2011 11:12 AM

Assalamualaikum,

Dear JB\_FROM,

Malaysia is NOT Russia. The problem in South East Asia in general and Malaysia in particular - is that the Overseas Chinese are very Western-oriented. One major and very significant reason why this is so - is because the Overseas Chinese are very impressed with Western technology and civilization in general.

Therefore - if the Malays in South East Asia want to integrate the Overseas Chinese into their culture - the Malays must first be as scientifically advanced as the West.

Russia does NOT face a similar problem and in fact - Russia is already beginning to grow economically (BRIC remember ?) and thats because she has advanced technology.

There is no short cut to this. Either the Malays master science & technology OR they will languish behind even further. You cannot survive purely on the basis of religion alone. The Mid-Eastern Gulf States are merely living on petroleum revenues. But Malaysia is NOT the Mid-East and neither can the Malays survive on petroleum revenues alone.

At the end of the day - the wisest thing to do - is to make a Great Leap Forward into Science & Technology. Failing which - the Malays may have to face a new kind of Colonialism under the guise of Globalization.

Wassalam  
Dr Syed Alwi Bin Ahmad (Alsree)

By Kassim Mohd Hussain on March 23, 2011 9:10 AM

Salam Tun,

Kindly allow me to respond to the flwlg :

Quote

By fun\_jonny68 on March 20, 2011 11:22 PM

In my opinion, a society that is admired or accepted by others possesses several criteria:

- Progressive
- Moderate
- Modernized culture and economies
- Separation of religion and state

Because of the above, you see countries like USA, Japan, South Korea and others have successfully done so, and so, other races have great admiration for them.

If you want the Malay culture to be accepted or admired by other races, then we will need to ask if it progressive, moderate, modernized, and/or separation of religion and state.

To be frank here, who wants to accept a culture or religion that promotes stoning and hand chopping, forced burial ceremony, or cow beheading if we're given a choice?

Unquote

The Malays are not forcing anyone to accept their culture but a person like you is free to visit other countries and make comparison whether it is worthwhile to continue being part of Malaysia.

I will not question your intelligence how you perceive on being progressive, moderate and modernized.

But your comment and allegation on TRUE ISLAM is rather unfair that spurs me to refer you to this website : [www.submission.org](http://www.submission.org)

You will be able to find all you need to know about TRUE ISLAM - Peace Bro!

By amin tan on March 23, 2011 7:10 AM

Dear Tun,

May I refer to SAMURAIMELAYU on March 14, 2011 2.17am

Sorry for my belated support for your comment. While my family was watching live the badminton single final between Datuk Lee Chong Wei and Lin Dan of China from Subang Jaya, my daughter, who is a medical doctor working in Northern General Hospital in Sheffield, was wildly cheering away for Malaysia.

She was wearing tudung among a few Chinese girls from Malaysia seated among spectators from China's bench. Indeed, she described the atmosphere as what you described.

amin tan

By JB\_FROM on March 23, 2011 1:06 AM

To Jalil7,

You have given a quite lengthy reply.

Let me just be clear to you about my perceptions on Dr. Syed Alwi. I am in the opinion that he is not sincere on his comments about the Malay. What he is trying to do is merely to project his arrogance about Singapore.

Normally, I am not very negative about Singaporean as I am from JB, I have a lot of relatives from Singapore and it is not good business to have bad terms with Singaporean. I am making an exception in Dr.Syed Alwi's case.

Some of his comments is irresponsible and coming from an academician, it is appalling. For example the comments that 'the malay is spending too much time in religion' can be interpreted differently by different people. Religion is a delicate and sensitive matter, he should exert more care talking about this topic. By the way, the malay people are not spending too much time in religion, in reality, they are spending too much time in politics.

About Science, you want an example a country which excel in Science and Technology but fail as a nation then I give you the Soviet Union.

Yuri Gagarin is the first man to go to outer-space, and yet the Soviet Union broke apart. Is it because of Science and Technology..... I think not. Vladimir Putin, manage to turn around Russia's economically, did he just focus only on Science and Technology?

I am not against Science but a doctor have to find the root cause of an ailment before recommending the prescriptions. (In Dr.Alwi's case , he gave medicines without knowing the problems, what does he know about Malaysia, he is Singaporean).

About your comment that M.Nasir is a Scientist. O.K let me quote my oldest and favourite book by Frederick J. Bueche on what Scientist do (not from Wiki this time)

1. Gathering precise data.
2. Making the data coherent by unifying them in terms of concise laws.
3. Devising theories to further interpret and unify the laws and data.
4. Testing these proposed theories by still new experiments.

For example, Isaac Newton comes up Newton first law, "an object in motion will stay in motion and an object at rest will stay at rest unless acted on by an unbalanced force",

He have to go through all these steps to ensure that his theory is full proof. (His theory was later challenged by Einstein with his theory of relativity. Now Newton Laws of motion is only applicable to a body of mass which is NOT approaching the speed of light)

In summary, M. Nasir is not a scientist as he did not go through the path as above. Some of musicians wrote in their lyrics remarkable feats for example swimming sea of fire or going to the moon for love. This, however broke the law of Science.

About the orang Asli, if they collect data, study them orderly, make hypothesis and validate those hypothesis through experiments, then of cause we can call them Scientist as well.....

By jolly on March 22, 2011 10:13 PM

Hi Tun,

If you would allow me to respond to Temenggung, thanks Tun.

Hi Temenggung,

I think we Malaysia work hard in the day and "berpesta" in the night to celebrate! Don't be so serious..

Anyway. I wonder if your facts are right.

Firstly, in America, as long as you sit for the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, you can get into any U including Harvard or MIT. You don't need to show proof that you attended a "school" or study the man-edited history before.

Secondly, there are no "ministers" in the US. They are called secretaries. How about the President of the US? If an African race can become the President, no need to argue whether the US, the yellow, brown or blue can never become someone someday.

Thirdly.. CNY holidays? If you can shine the twin-towers in red and yellow like the New Yorker does to the Empire State building during CNY, then only you come back and talk to us about CNY.

Americans BTW, don't have chinese graveyards dated 15th centuries in their towns and cities.

Finally, in the US, as long as you have money, you can even put up road signs in chinese characters. BTW have you ever been there before? You don't sound right. Are you really sure you know your facts right that there are no TV stations dedicated to the chinese in America?

Well. Let me tell you a secret. You know why the British cared about pulling together other races in the 1950s before granting independence to Malaya? I guess they must have seen enough betrayal during WW2. Some not only surrendered the land to Japan just like that without giving a fight, but went as far as sending their sons to study in Hiroshima, and it is not hard to guess what happened next.

By amin tan on March 22, 2011 8:33 PM

Dear Tun,

May I refer to SR on March 21, 2011 1.46 pm. You say "racist idiots like Amin Tan and few other minions that write in this page. If heaven and hell did exist,all u racist fools will burn in it for sure... can't you just live and let live"

Pretty strong language there you use against me. I am sorry if my writing has hurt you in any way. I am no racist. i am a muslim. I am only propounding and defending the sanctity of islam. I was only replying to ekompute who claimed islam has failed.

I am sad to learn the existence of narrow minded and unwise people like you in our multi racial society. Living in Malaysia, you should explore more about the muslim religion by reading, reflecting on the Holy Quran. Islam is the most widely practiced religion here in Malaysia. I hope you are not muslim hater like Andrey Teh. Your last sentence 'can't you just live and let live' sounds reasonable and sensible. There is also one revelation in the Holy Quran having similar meaning in Surah Kafirun the meaning of which I have already explained. I am not antagonistic or anti non muslims. I invite you to buy a english translation of the Holy Quran and study with a view to truly seek the truth. I assure you, you will not regret. I am sure islam is the biggest thing missing in your life. I hope you don't hate me. Tell me why you say I am a racist idiot. In what way have my writing being anti any race at all. I was only comparing Malay in Kelantan and Chinese in Penang or China in their piety. Please be truthful to yourself and examine everything i have written and reflect and reread many times what I have written and eventually You would agree with me and convert to islam.

amin tan

By temengung on March 21, 2011 6:54 PM

Dear Tun,

In America or in the UK, we don't hear the Chinese Americans or the Chinese British request (just to name a few):

- # a vernacular or an independent Chinese school,
- # a Chinese minister/congressman,
- # Chinese New Year as a national public holiday in the USA
- # airplay for chinese dramas or songs on the radio or television

But in Malaysia although they have everything to their mouth content from setting up the vernacular Chinese schools to freedom of religion/speech they seem to ask for more then the moon and sun.

Instead of asking this and that, they should be thankful being so called living in this country as a Malaysian compare to their fellow Chinese brothers in Thailand, Indonesia or even in Philippine instead of questioning the rights of the Malays.

Thank you

By Duyam1968 on March 21, 2011 4:25 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya tidak faham seseorang bercerita berkaitan sejarah hanya berdasarkan logik. Sejarah mestilah dibincangkan berasaskan fakta sejarah atau daripada mereka yang hidup pada zaman tersebut.

Jangan cuba putar belitkan sejarah. Berbincanglah berkaitan sejarah walaupun ianya pahit untuk diterima. Macamana pun seseorang itu hendak menyembunyikan atau memutarbelitkan sejarah, yang pasti perkara yang benar akan timbul.

Seseorang yang buta sejarah apabila berbincang pasal sejarah maka pendengar yang arif akan mengertawakan sahaja. Janganlah beremosi sangat kalau ianya tidak menurut kehendak diri terutama berkaitan bangsa. Dan janganlah pula mengagungkan sejarah kerana "sekarang" ini amat penting untuk menentukan "esok". Asyik mendendangkan sejarah, tidak betul juga. Nanti tergolong dalam golongan "syok sendiri". Dan kebanyakan sejarah menggambarkan perkara ini dan akhirnya empunya diri yang tergadai.

Wasalam.

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By sudin on March 20, 2011 8:59 PM

Salam Tun.

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B.Hussein Obama is very much looking forward to end once and forever the long-time accusation that he's a Muslim sympathiser, and has waited long for this opportunity. Now he can tell the jews "see the mid-name Hussein means nothing to me".

'Hussein' added further, "my then promise of 'change' & friendlier US is just election gimmick, and I've not pulled out our dear forces from Iraq & Afghanistan" to the loud cheers of jewish lobbyists, while successfully managed not to make the others notice that his left hand is 'glued to his back'.

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The US/jews will probably pump-in billions to ensure the new Egyptian president after September 'voluntarily' visits the US first & foremost for 'economic & bilateral talks'. Pak Dol 'no quality' PM5, Gusdor, Habibie all went there before they can warm their official chairs!

By amin tan on March 20, 2011 8:25 PM

Dear Tun,

May I continue to refer to ekompute March 16 2011. 4.39pm

ekompute-may become a false prophet

Mr ekompute, let me suggest to you to elucidate the issue of islam you must refer to the Quran. Quran is the word of God. You cannot question the word of God. You have to listen and obey. The moment you try to be too clever and find your own interpretation without ever referring to the Quran, you expose yourself as being naive so much so even being offensive and insulting to the muslims. How can you say God is Agong. Smaller Gods like sultans and menteri besar. No such thing, Mr ekompute. There is only one God, Allah. The moment you compare God with agong and you mention there are smaller Gods, then I think you are creating a new religion, similar to Musailama, the false Prophet during the time of Rasullullah. It is syirik to say there is more than one God. Syirik is the most serious sin that enable a person go to hell permanently.

Whatever the muslims do or try to do, they are trying to carry out the command from Allah and you don't try to interpret negatively like you compare not eating pork is just a habit. You said islam fails because during Ramathan muslims actually consume more food. Whereas, the purpose of fasting during Ramathan, says the Quran, is to make us more pious. Whatever the muslims do you try to find your own rationalization which is wrong. You cannot compare your own thinking to that of Allah. Otherwise, you would be or you might as well be God. To know the reasons why muslims behave in such a way, you research in the Quran and not relying on yahoo or any where and proclaim your sources to be superior. Don't say other sources are superior than the Holy Quran. It is offensive and insulting. Just like you want to research a Mathematical problem, you don't look up in Bahasa Malaysia book but you look for Mathematical books.

amin tan

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By ChedetTheGreat??? on March 20, 2011 2:10 PM

Good day Tuan Haji & readers,

Do go through the below site to read the "other side" of the story.  
[http://www.harakahdaily.net/v2/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=31426:kes-liwat-tuduhan-palsu-konspirator-jahat&catid=90:mohd-rashidi-hasan&Itemid=128](http://www.harakahdaily.net/v2/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31426:kes-liwat-tuduhan-palsu-konspirator-jahat&catid=90:mohd-rashidi-hasan&Itemid=128)

Thank you for the spot, Tuan Haji.

By waja64 on March 20, 2011 11:06 AM

is the word "ayahanda" only meant for royal uses? so the rakyat also can use the word as well?  
or bila Dia jadi raja?

By kangkong54 on March 20, 2011 10:48 AM

Yg Bhg Tun,  
Berharap Tun boleh memainkan peranan utk semua Warganegara Malaysia memrealisasikan Gagasan 1Malaysia. Dimana gagasan ini berteraskan Perlembagaan Malaysia, bertujuan menyatupadukan semua warganegara Malaysia utk maju kedepan dalam mencapai Wawasan 2020.

Penerimaan terhadap perbezaan antara kaum dan sesama kaum sendiri perlu dilaksanakan bermula dari perkara kecil sehingga semuanya mantap. Semangat kenegerian perlu dilihat secara positif, jangan dijadikan alasan utk bersatu, contoh peminat bola sepak negeri kelantan sudah pasti sebilangan besar terdiri dari rakyat kebawah duli Sultan Kelantan. Bagitu juga dari segi percakapan sudah pasti orang jawa bila berjenaka sesama mereka akan menguna loghat jawa.

Orang Cina dan India, misti memahami sejarah Negara ini sebelum bertindak atau mengeluarkan kenyataan. Adalah wajar Orang Melayu mendapat Hak Istimewa spt Per 153, setelah bersetuju menerima kaum cina dan India sebagai Warganegara Persekutuan Tanah Melayu, kepentingan mereka tidak dinafikan seperti menguna bahasa ibunda, mengamalkan adat resam mereka, dan anutan agama masing2. Per 3(1) Dinyatakan dgn jelas bahawa agama lain boleh diamalkan dgn AMAN dan DAMAI. Disini jelas perkataan AMAN menekankan amalan agama lain perlulah mengikut undang negara eg pembinaan rumah berhala mistilah mendapat kelulusan. dan DAMAI memberi makna bhw agama lain tidak bolih diamalkan dgn maksud utk menandingi Agama Pesekutuan.

Saya yakin kita akan dapat bersatupadu pabila setiap Insan mempunyai Nilai Positif saperti HORMAT-MENHORMATI, KESEDERHANAAN, RENDAHHATI DAN BERBUDI BAHASA..tambahlah lagi nilai2 positif utk kita kearah mencapai KEHARMONIAN KAUM.

Usaha PERPADUAN amatlah penting dicapai serentak dgn usaha kearah NEGARA MAJU WAWASAN 2020. Untuk Maju kita perlu memberi penekanan pd 8 NILAI ASPIRASI..BUDAYA PRESTASI TINGGI, BUDAYA KETEPATAN, BUDAYA ILMU, INTEGRITI, KETABAHAN, KESETIAAN, KEBIJAKSANAAN DAN BUDAYA INOVASI.

Harap kita bersama berusaha mencapai IMPIAN BERSAMA.

By abima on March 20, 2011 4:20 AM

Assalamualaikum ayahanda tun and all

just my 2 cents comments on ecompute based on his comment on amin tan

FACTS

The fact is that you are still not a muslim plus you are now the citizen of hell, our hell not your hell if you have one.

now you have 2 citizenship, if you not happy with your malaysian citizenship then feel free to go to your other country if you know which country that i referring to.

my facts is based on god will which is IT IS A GOD WILL THAT YOU ARE NOT BECOMING A MUSLIM, PERIOD!

#### CONTRADICTION

your point of arguement or supporting point is based on internet information as we know that not everything on the net is correct even your supporting point is based on wiki or yahoo answer, do you know that you can edit any information on wiki?and yahoo answer, anybody like you can give answer to a question on yahoo answer.

do not argue something that based on laws like constitution as constitution is not a wiki or yahoo answer that you can simply edit like a notepad.

yahoo answer my a#s!!!

By Adam on March 19, 2011 6:26 PM

Dear Ekompute,

**QUOTE: "Even the Japanese recognised the existence of these Malay States when they drove the British out of the peninsular."**

**Let's call a spade a spade. The Japs did not come to the peninsula to drive the British out. They came to conquer and subdue the Malays states, period.**

What Tun meant by this was that, The Japanese RECOGNIZED these MALAY STATES, under their respective SULTAN or rulers. It is not about why the Japanese came here. Why twist it out of context?

Of course if we talk about the 'reason' of their coming was NOT to subdue the states then. If we use your 'logic' we could say that they came here because they are running out of natural resources to fund their Manchurian war.

So lets call a spade a spade shall we? :)

By kangkong54 on March 19, 2011 2:32 PM

Salam Yg Bhg Tun,

1>MB selangor sanggup memberi jawatan SUK Selagor kpd bkn Melayu!..bangsa Cina terkenal hebat dlm apa bidang yg mereka ceburi..Melayu perlu bertuankan Pemimpin Cina..Lim KS & Guan Eng.

2>Nizar..berbakti pd kaum cina dgn memeberi pajakan tanah 999 th..

3>Anuar menyatakan Malaysia ini bukan Melayu punya, tapi cina punya, india punya.

4>Nik Aziz bersetuju dgn penggunaan Klaimah Allah dlm bible...

5>PAS bersama dgn Pakatan Rakyat...PAS memperjuangkan Liberalisasi.

Mereka semua ni bersatu utk mendapat kuasa memerintah Negara> dpt 2/3 majoriti mereka akan pinda Perlembagaan ie menghapus per 153, pinda per 3(2)

Mereka dpt menerima siapa jadi pemimpin,walau kaki main belakang ke atau perempuan jalang ke...

Melayu yg beragama Islam dan berIman dan Bertaqwa...hati2 dgn tipudaya kafir, ambil iktibar kekacauan diNegara Islam..

By halidevidsen on March 18, 2011 5:02 PM

Salam Tun

ekompute telah respon kepada komen saya

izinkan saya untuk menyuarakan pendapat saya

i'm glad you can see the difference between the two types of school mentioned but can you see what it means? It means it's 1 up for non-malays; it means the preservation of the non-malay culture is stated in the constitution; it means the constitution is good but I guess it's not good enough is it?

We may not be praying to the same God but why don't we stick to something we have in common The Constitution for perpaduan's sake.

Terima kasih Tun

By Adam on March 18, 2011 3:26 PM

Since they want so badly to use our \*censored\* name, in ther book, then why prevent us to use the p\*\*ri\*h word in interlok? :)

Was not Anwar argument was that, we cant prevent others to use whatever name they want? so why the double standard Kit Siang?

See? They are not like what you think, PKR is corrupted, Selangor Government is corrupted. Perak when it was under PAS is very corrupted, where timber mining was allowed, and even divide the land among their cronies. In Kohilal, corruption is rampant, stealing money, "cah keting".

Guess what DAP did? gave contract to his son company. :) so much for transparency? LOL!!

**Parti kambing rakyat..opsss..sorry maklumlah tak pergi Ox-fart. opss.... Parti keadilan rakyat!**

Ladang Rakyat, in the name, but in reality is "ladang Husam".

By wajaperak on March 18, 2011 10:45 AM

Assallammualaikumwarahmatulahiwarokatuh..

Tun..tolong Tun..Tolong saya..Tolong..

### **Izinkan saya ketawa di dalam blog Tun..**

Hahahahaha..

[[Can we therefore agree to bring our discussion and disagreements to a higher level, so as not to turn Tun's blog into a pasar malam affair? Let us agree to disagree. If everyone sings the same song, this blog will become a church. Let's turn this into a useful platform where all of us can learn, and do cite authoritative sources, wherever possible, rather than voice baseless opinions]]

Cis..Alangkah lucunya kenyataan ekompute ni...peh..

A)Kenyataan no 1: ekompute masuk ke dalam blog Tun dan menyerang Islam dengan menggunakan IKOD ( Ikut Kepala Otak Dia ) tanpa merujuk mana-mana ulamak hanya sekadar menggunakan rujukan Internet dan kefahaman sendiri.Apa maknanya ni..Hypocrite of the highest order?..No..Absolutely not..It is special privileges the he accorded himself for a virtue by being kafir..That is disobedience..

B)It is ok for anybody for having differences of opinion.That is what the world is for.We seek the best from the differences.But what we have here is not.Ekompute runs down Islam and refused to address the answers when it is given to him.e.g The main reason the food consumption is up in Ramadhan because Muslims gives away more food than normal to more recipient.But ekompute refuse to address this fact but keeps harping the fact..

### **Because you eat more and I here the mighty ekompute judges you guilty of tarnishing the purpose of fasting that I am responsible to uphold of it's sacred value..See the big I**

By contrast Muslim is decreed to fast ...may you **becomes 'bertakwa'**..

C)Barking up the wrong tree.True indeed Mr ekompute.You are barking up the wrong tree.The tree here in Tun blog is "addressing the issues"..But what we don't want is a loose and "unmastered dog" rummaging the trash can and emptied them in vain attempt to find the "bone of contention"..The word is communication..The dog have to earn it's living..it have no way to knock the owner gates and shows it's pity countenance to get any leftover..Meaning to get into the owner heart and earns it the term of endearment to be adopted..  
Meanwhile the owner who is kind enough

### **Did not call the proper Department AND HAVE THIS DOG GET SHOT.. For fearing of rabies contamination..**

In between the dog hopes of getting adoption by rummaging the trash can and raise "the wake up call",the dog will not comprehend the Muslim household who have showed pity and great compassion not to have the dog shot.So..How long will the Muslim master will shows patient to a creatures who have no ability to comprehend??

Am I calling you donkey? Kaldai? And Dog?..No Mister..It is your own colluded judgement..I am calling this allegory of parabale because it's similarities..

Look at your mirror everyday.There.. looking back at you is a most handsome and virile man alive..

**But not everybody agrees with you..That is what life is all about.**

The disputes of perceptions one sees in life as the images of mirror looking back at you..

I can go on and on..But Mr ekompute..when one deals with **other's..one must be very careful..**

**Brazen statement:Tun..mintak maaf..muka Tun ni tak hensem lah..**

**Brazen answer :Cis..jadi muka kau banyakkkk punya hensem??**

After carefully constructed and rephrased statement's..

Tun..I finds that your countenance does not reflect the beauty and intelligence a prominence should have **Like me..Ahem..Ahem..**

And the answers will be:

Mr ekompute..Even Narcissist and egomaniac have their own code.For this I am thanking you for comparing Tun countenance with your's as a measured degree of respect.I am thanking you but no thanks.Tun countenance is proper face as it is and we would like them in situ.

Now..you like the answers a brazen one,asks brazenly..

You wants a proper one..Asks nicely and Mr ekompute...How..I am spelling it HOW..?

**HOW DIFFICULT CAN IT BE?..**

Woof.Woof..Er Sori Tun..Ini laungan serigala..

THE CALL OF THE WILD...MINE..OR YOUR'S???

Ribuan terima kasih Tun.

By jalil7 on March 18, 2011 5:17 AM

Salam Tun,

I feel compelled to respond.

By JB\_FROM on March 16, 2011 7:11 PM

To Jalil7,

>The definition of Science is as below,  
[shortened for brevity]

*To correct you, it is not about a way of thinking.  
It is a discipline and it is concerned about physical world and what is around us. M. Nasir is not a Scientist. I am very sorry for you too.*

Very interesting. If you think science is not a way of thinking, a disciplined thinking, then be happy with your own version of Science. But Dr Syed is trying to put us on the right track, if you feel or think he is wrong, submit your proof why you say so.

The definition is most clear. There are many Scientists throughout this world, I doubt they agree with you on Science. I think you grossly misunderstood Science.

*To illustrate to you a bit about Science and Technology.  
[shortened for brevity]*

I'm afraid your account of the history of Science is way off the mark. Maybe Dr Syed can enlighten you. There isn't enough space here though.

>Is this Science enough for you?  
As I said, that is not Science at all. You are off track by light years.

>I am in the field of Science.

Interesting. But I doubt it.

>Science alone will not make the  
>world a perfect place....you  
>should ponder about that yourself.

I do not need to ponder on that.

If you mean to say that religion is needed to make a perfect place, there isn't such a thing as a perfect place, a perfect government, a perfect system. There is no "perfection". There are no "absolutes" in the real world.

Does Science give us all a better place, a better realisation of where we are headed and what we can do about it? I think certainly.

The connection of every human to God is entirely personal. In that domain Science takes on a different dimension, a much bigger one. Religion and spirituality gives us a purpose. Science enables an ascension to a higher purpose, thus achieving a higher degree of humanity.

*The Japanese, European are more civilized than us not only in Science and Technology but also in culture(working culture), governance, values, knowledge and way of thinking.*

The more advanced civilisation are all over the world are always the ones better in Science and Technology. Or do you even want to dispute that ?

*Again I will like to reiterate to you that M Nasir is not a Scientist, so is Micheal Jackson and Justine Timberlake.*

It is like this. They do not hold test tubes, but they do know what is good music. How do they "know" ? You would be surprised how these people make top hits over and over again. They employ Scientific methodology and thinking. If you make a study on their methods ( the whole team, not just the main artist ) you may be surprised.

It is just your mind and the media has put them in a different box, called artists. That is well and good. It is convention. But they employ scientific methods and are very very good at it, which is why i consider them scientists, get it ?

Many Orang Asli are also scientists. They know medicinal values of plants and animals around them, and even western scientists learn from them. They have hunting skills even Einstien cannot match as Tun once said. They have home grown technologies. They understand and respect nature. Natives all over the world understand and respect eco-systems.

Or perhaps you want to laugh at me or feel embarrassed when i say my orang asli ancestors are scientists ? Go ahead.

Now, just what kind of Science is it are you talking about ?  
I do not think we are on the same page at all.  
Maybe you are talking as Science as read in Wiki.  
What not ask Dr Syed to define Science if he has the time.

>Please do not embarrassed us with this nonsense.

I am not so sure who is actually talking non-sense.  
If you feel embarrassed, that is perhaps your personal problem.

And so, by extension of logic, is Dr Syed is also perhaps an embarrasment to you ? Is he stupid is promoting Science and Technolgy for Malays ? If so, i will surely say so in another blog when i see him again.

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Back to the future...

Again, Dr Syed calls for Malays to be well acquainted with Science and Technology. In line, other Malay leaders call for Malays to master English, and master means proficient enough to engage in a lengthy discussion in English.

These are two key instruments if you like, for success that will save the Malays from further decline and darkness and indeed is applicable to any race. It will arrest the backward slide of Malays that begun perhaps some 30 years ago, due to abandonment of English, Science and Maths, coupled with an increase in religious pursuit leading to nothing. It is going backwards.

For the Malays who wish to be successful, they make take heed and pursue this path Dr Syed recommends.

Maybe you JB\_FROM do not agree. But why do you want to stop or try to stop Malays who wish to be successful from taking this road ?

You know a better road ? Then i challenge you, show us Malays another road. Mana ?

Terim Kasih Tun.

By Rahman on March 18, 2011 2:54 AM

Ekompute,

1. Does the constitution today define a Malay as a person who habitually speaks Malay, practices Malay custom and tradition and is a Muslim?

2. Has the definition of Malay in the constitution been amended throughout the 53 years since Merdeka?

3. Was it not simple for Tun Mahathir be a Malay when he was actually from Indian origin?

Do us a favor by answering those with a yes, no or not sure first - then explain as lengthy, if you want. This should be just a piece of cake for you...

PS. Some people went back as far as 500yrs to establish existence of Malay. Then others went back as far as 1000yrs to establish existence of Indian. But why stop there? As far as I know, if we go back far enough in history, we'll find out that our ancestors are either monkeys or human.

By amin tan on March 18, 2011 2:47 AM

Dear Tun,

May I refer to ekompute March 16, 2011. 4.39 pm.

Mr. Ekompute,

First and foremost, I wish to apologize if my writing has hurt you in anyway. What I have written was never meant to hurt but may be to elicit some answers from you. Most of what I said were from the Quran in combination with sunnah and islamic history. You said I made a mistake because according to you there was a contradiction in my previous statements. To me it is not a contradiction. As I said in my earlier writing, You may go to heaven and I may end up in hell. That is how powerful Islam is. It is all the will of God. The best of human, Abi Talib, Prophet's uncle never became a muslim and refused to mengucap dua kalimah shahadah when he died. On the other hand, the Prophet's arch enemies became muslims and died shahid, died in battle fighting for islam. Abu Sufian and Wife, participated in the great battle to defeat the mighty Roman army in Syria in the battle of Yarmuk. Ikrimah bin abu Jahal and son Amir died in the same battle where the muslims army outnumbered by 10 to 1 and yet they completely routed the Romans. At the battle of Yarmuk, the Romans were 400,000 soldiers and the muslims were only 40,000 warriors commanded by Abu Ubaidah as commander in chief and field commander Khalid Ibni Walid, the greatest general the world ever known. At Yarmuk, 6000 veteran from Medinah joined the fight against the Roman. Abu Sufian and wife Hind, and Ikrimah fought many battles against the Holy Prophet and in the end they became devout and dedicated muslims. Maybe just like you at this point in time, you are not yet muslim. Maybe, insyaAllah one fine and holy day you too may be like Ikrimah, become a muslim. Don't exclude yourself to be a muslim but don't count yourself to be the the enemy of muslims, ever.

Pork eating is forbidden in islam as mention in Surah Al Maedah. It is not a habit as you mention. A muslim should never doubt or question the command of the Quran on pork eating. samiakna wa atokna, says the Quran in Amanah Rasul, Surah Al Bakarah. Listen and obey. Effectively, to be a blind believer as you put it. I agree with you if you look from the view point of non muslim or non spiritual view point. However, the Quran also says human are daif, weak and imperfect. As I mention in my other comments, the ritual of fasting during Ramathan is not about food consumption as your assumption and preoccupation. It is spiritual and it is meant to be spiritual as says the Quran about fasting during Ramathan "la al lakun tatakun" meaning may you be pious. I will stand by the Quran, come what may. You are sticking to your 'superior' reasoning of your brains. Human brains of nuclear technology against a few seconds of earthquake and subsequent tsunami bring out the stark disparity in dimension between your brains and reasoning and that of Al Mighty.

I believe the Quran is the revelation from Allah and Mohammad is the messenger of God. As such 'listen and obey' in loghatul Quran 'samiakna wa atokna'. But a muslim should continue to read, reflect and try to comprehend. In another philosophical revelation in surah Asr or 'the time' Indeed mankind is in the loss except those who believe and do righteous deeds(obey the Quran and sunnah) and remind one another to be patient.(of the eventual triumph and victory of islam)

Mr ekompute, our argument is basically different because your reasoning is completely worldly and mine is basically spiritual and based completely on what is stated in the Quran and sunnah and islamic history. You can choose to agree not to agree as the Quran says in surah kafirun 'lakun di nukun wali yadiin.' Or, you can choose to be spiritual and accept that how great human reasoning may be they would always be far inferior to that of Al Mighty. That is the meaning of Al Fatihah, the muslims say in their 5 daily prayers which our Holy Prophet(PBUH) received from Allah in Heaven during his ascension of ISRAJ AND MEHRAJ. God is not like Agong as you put it. God is its attributes. It is described as 20 attributes of God in Surah Bakharah, the second surah in the Quran together with rukun Islam and rukun

iman. Mr. ekompute, we are only human and made of blood and flesh. We will grow old, weak, feeble and perish. We are only temporary, slightly longer than the rainbow, so to speak. Who are we to doubt and speak against the biggest and the greatest religion of all times, islam. Let islam be your spiritual guide and don't try to belittle and ridicule muslims who try their level best to be good muslims. Muslims should be humble and apologetic if they are truly guided by their religion and Fatimah.

amin tan

By YKL on March 18, 2011 1:40 AM

This is what I have to say to you all Tuan wannabe.

1) Carry on dreaming to become the Tuan of this country while the rest of the world progress and move on and Malaysia still remain as third world country.

2) Carry on telling the "pendatangs" to leave the country. Drive out all the foreign investment so that you have your entire ketuanan share. The Indonesian will then claim that Paramesara was from Indonesia and want to rule this country.

3) Constitutionalised all the land to be Malay reserve land and see who the real beneficiaries are. Definitely not the poor Malays. What had Halim Saad , Tajuddin Ramli , Daim Zainuddin, Mhd Taib done for you after amassing a filthy large fortune for themselves. Holding on to Kampung Baru as your reserved land and continue to reject development.

3) The national school system has no market value because of the poor standard even up to the university level. A large proportion of the public U graduates are not employable even locally. Ask the parents of the 65000 non Chinese students in the vernacular school why they send their children there.

4) Carry on blaming others for your miseries and failure. Didn't the PM , DPM and Tun themselves confessed that without the Chinese contribution, Malaysia will not be like what is today? Of course this was said only in front of the Chinese audience. When they turn around to face the Tuan audience, it is a totally different story.

By ekompute on March 17, 2011 11:32 PM

Ghafar says: "I entertain your predicament and anxiety of your intellectual moron or rather paranoia of ambiguity. Stop preaching and state your presumptuous comments in grounds where I could learn and think about in relation to Dr. Mahathir's writing."

Fantastic bombastic vocabulary that talks a lot and says very little. Not a single issue raised that can be debated upon, other than a personality attack. So pathetic the minds of some Muslims! And seems like his short post is his only sole "contribution" to this thread!

And thank you, Wajaperak, for having such high regards for my posts that you think that I am possibly a paid writer. Wish I were paid to do so! Nevertheless, it is gratifying to note that those posts are worth some payment, LOL. As it is, this blog is more interesting to me than the Church of Lim Kit Siang. Not that it is any different here but there is nothing much for me to comment there, given that Lim Kit Siang has never been in public office. I would

probably end up as a choir singer there, just like all the rest. Once I find an intellectual sparring partner elsewhere, I will leave. As it is, very, very few has come close to a meaningful and mutually beneficial debate... it has been more of an exchange of ignorance so far.

By adik adik on March 17, 2011 9:23 PM

THE FACTS  
ONE SHOULD COMPARE  
AN APPLE WITH AN APPLE.  
A PEAR WITH A PEAR.  
AN ORANAGE WITH AN ORANGE.

LEADERS LIKE LEE LOVES TO COMPARE MALAYSIA TO SINGAPORE.  
INTENTIONAL IMAGING THEIR PROGRESS AGAINST MALAYSIA.  
INTENTIONALLY HIGHLIGHTING THE CORRPTIONS OF MALAYSIA,  
AS IF SINGAPORE IS NONE.

WHY NOT COMPARE SINGAPORE WITH BRUNEI.  
BRUNEI IS A SMALL COUNTRY AS EQUIVALENT TO SINGAPORE.  
BRUNEI GOVT FEEDS ITS PEOPLE,SINGAPORE GOVERMENT FEET IT,S CITIZEN.

COMPARE MALAYSIA TO PHILLIPHINE,OR THAILAND,NOW.  
TRUE HONEST POLITICIAN LIKE LEE, SHY TO COMPARE THE FACTS.  
THE REALITY.AS IT GIVES HIM A BLOW.

COMPARE AN ORANGE TO AN APPLE,DOES NOT REVEALS MUCH FACTS.

By Dr Syed Alwi Ahmad on March 17, 2011 7:53 PM

Dear JB\_FROM & MHI & Malaysians,

You can say whatever you like. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating and not in the talking. For as long as the Malays - whether in Malaysia or Singapore or Indonesia - are scientifically backwards i.e. unable to be a scientifically advanced race - the Malays will NEVER be able to integrate the Overseas Chinese.

Singapore is still NOT able to compete with Japan etc thats true - BUT that is NOT the issue. The issue here is that the Overseas Chinese are impressed by Western and Japanese technology. And until the Malays of South East Asia can become as scientifically advanced as the Japanese and the West - we have very little hope of ever integrating the Chinese. Thats the bitter truth for all of us.

Islam is NOT anti-technology. Thats true. But the Malaysian Malays spend too much time on Islam-related issues instead of Science. Thats a bitter truth that you have to swallow.

As for the Hadramis etc - I really don't care about them. Why ? Because I am MALAY by Dr Mahathir's definition !

Best Regards  
Dr Syed Alwi Bin Ahmad (Alsree)

By cherrycherry on March 17, 2011 3:52 PM

Tumpang lalu Tun M dan semua,

Nan Yang Siang Pau tarikh 12-3-2011 dengan penulisnya HUANG ZI sangat-sangat kurang ajar !!! (Sila baca Utusan Malaysia hari ini di m/s 13).

Memanglah sudah terang lagi bersuluh bila orang Melayu tidak menerima orang Cina kerana banyak faktor dan salah satunya ialah apabila tulisan Tun M tentang layanan buruk yang diberi oleh Singapura terhadap lawatan Tun M dulu disanggah oleh penulis ini dengan LEBIH MEMPERCAYAI jawapan Singapura.

Amat jelas si penulis ini mempercayai Cina Singapura daripada Melayu Malaysia yang daripada negara sama yang dia sendiri diami dan cari makan.

Dipanggilnya Tun M sebagai Pak Mahathir. Kami akan memanggil bapa beliau lebih rendah dari Apek jika kami mahu. Si penulis akan menjadi tua juga akhirnya dan jangan ingat boleh hidup sampai bila-bila serta bersifat kurang ajar.

Saya sekeluarga telah berkunjung ke Galeri Perdana di Langkawi dan merasa marah serta lucu bila lihat hadiah Singapura kepada PM Malaysia iaitu Tun M ketika itu berupa Kain corak batik tangan? yang diframekan (tak indah langsung).....apa halnya ni? bukan mengimpikan hadiah yang mahal tapi tak setanding dengan taraf negarawan....berbanding dengan cenderahati dari negara yang kurang membangun lebih baik dan bermutu tinggi.....inilah jiran kita Singapura.....LIHATLAH PADA PERBUATAN MEREKA.....jangan tertipu atau terpedaya....macam Pak Lah nak tunjuk bagus ajak Singapura main golf konon macamlah Singapura nak berlembut hati dan menjadi jiran yang baik serta-merta???

Tepuk dada tanya selera.  
Buat baik berpada-pada, buat jahat jangan sekali.  
Anda fikirlah sendiri.....

By ekompute on March 17, 2011 3:44 PM

QUOTE: "Even the Japanese recognised the existence of these Malay States when **they drove the British out** of the peninsular."

Let's call a spade a spade. The Japs did not come to the peninsula to drive the British out. They came to conquer and subdue the Malay states, period.

An even more apt sentence than the one I had proposed in my earlier post is "Even the Japanese recognised that the states that they were conquering were Malay states when they attacked the peninsula." Driving out the British was purely incidental. They didn't come with the intention to free the Malay states from British colonialism, as what Tun's statement appears to suggest. Had the British not been there then, they would still come. It was not at all a humanitarian mission, so let's call a spade a spade.

By ekompute on March 17, 2011 2:38 PM

QUOTE: "When the Europeans came, the governments and the states they had to deal with were Malay. All treaties were made with the Malay Governments. Even the Japanese recognised the existence of these Malay States when they drove the British out of the peninsular."

The more I read this passage, the more I want to laugh, especially the part where it says: "Even the Japanese recognised the existence of these Malay States when they drove the British out of the peninsular."

The way Tun writes affectionately about the Japanese, as in "even the Japanese **recognised** the existence of these Malay States when **they drove the British out** of the peninsular" sounds to me that he is very appreciative of the Japanese aggressors more than he loves his fellow Malaysian Chinese and Indians. I don't know why. It could just be deep-seated colonial mentality. To me, it is merely changing one colonial master for another even worse one, a sort of from the frying pan into the fire. If I were to rewrite Tun's sentence, I would probably write it as "Even when those bastard Japanese invaded the Malay States..."

By the way, neither China nor any Chinese has ever attacked the Malay archipelago. If anything, China had been the big brother, the protector of the Melaka Sultanate, against would-be aggressors like the Siamese and the Majapahit empire. One may even conjecture that the Melaka Sultanate might not have survived otherwise. Well, maybe Tun only appreciates aggressors and that's why he cannot appreciate non-aggressors like the Chinese. And lest Tun forgets, he is both Malaysian Indian by ethnicity and Malay by constitutional definition. Can an ethnic Indian ever become an ethnic Malay, or for that matter, can an African like Obama become a Caucasian by virtue of him becoming the President of the United States? Did Michael Jackson become a Caucasian after bleaching his skin?

And if the Japanese did recognise the existence of these Malay States, they should not even be attacking them in the first place, right? And why should they be treated more courteously than fellow citizens? Ketuanan Melayu, remember? Not Ketuanan Jepun!

Oh yes, talking about recognizing the existence of these Malay States, this is how the Japs recognize the Johor Sultan, according to Wikipedia: When the Japanese invaded Malaya, General Yamashita's troops was warmly received by Sultan Ibrahim at the end of January 1942. Yamashita and his officers then stationed themselves at Istana Bukit Serene (the Sultan's residence), and the Sultan Ibrahim Building (the state secretariat building) to plan for the invasion of Singapore. From 1943 onwards, however, the Japanese began to experience economic difficulties and military defeats in the Pacific War, and they then gave orders to the Malay Sultans to contribute an annual stipend of \$10,000 to support their war efforts. Shortly before the Japanese surrendered in 1945, Sultan Ibrahim was expelled from his residence at Istana Bukit Serene and was forced to reside at Istana Pasir Pelangi, his son's residence. So bitter was Sultan Ibrahim who was once publicly rebuked for leaning on his walking stick before Japanese officers (even our Sultan need to respect those f@#\$%&g Jepun soldiers, I don't give two hoots about them Japs, not like Tun... is that why the Malays were better treated during the Japanese occupation) that he asked for permission from the British to fly the Union Jack on his car to attend the Japanese surrender ceremony on 12 September 1945.

By Ghafar on March 17, 2011 2:36 PM

To Ecompute ,

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By eanisazman on March 17, 2011 12:18 PM

Salam Tok Det,

and Bloggers,

Have anyone still doubt the fact that Malays founded the country. That they are the one who established the states and formed the country Persekutuan Tanah Melayu. The Orang Asli do assist in forming certain part of the states and they later being assimilated as 'Rakyat' to the country. The later generation from different origin were also assimilated as 'Rakyat' into the country.

But the later generation may have different feelings towards this assimilation process. I don't know for sure whether non-Malays recognised the connecting point between ourselves but the 'ketuanan Melayu' has recently being questioned.

The history Tun M is trying to teach us was based on facts and remains facts. But he also mention the same concern between us as stated in para 13. However, by reading through comments from fellow bloggers; it seems that pressure has started to be exerted on the Malays to end it now.

The Malays like me, was curious because there are a lot of anxiety over our identity today. What is the criterias of Bangsa Malaysia?

Maybe, it is our next generation that could perfectly live as one, strongly unite with each, love and proud to be themselves as Bangsa Malaysia. Maybe not. Who knows.

As what I can tell right now, this topic is a very emotional topic to be discussed. But I think if we can respect each others, try to accept the facts, and move on from there until we can reach the unity, equality or something like that, we can actually be known as one. How can there be anymore 'special privillage' if we are all one race right? It sounds like over the years we still do not mix with each other very well right? Maybe that's where we start again.

By HBT on March 17, 2011 7:58 AM

Ayahanda Tun,

1. From thestar online....and Singapore may be importing mixture of coal especially from China and oil to generate its electricity.
2. To go a head or not with nuclear energy, we leave it to DS Najib as Muslim PM in the multi-ethnic country to decide with increasing global warming crisis and Japan is not spared either.
3. Solar energy is expensive, labour intensive and not practical.

4. As trading nation, PM Najib should look into importing coal from China and other part of the world that produce coal to increase our oil and gas reserve to generate our domestic driven market in Peninsula by lowering down our oil consumption in generating electricity utility since many of our major industries have moved out from Peninsula after 1997 crisis.

5. Hydro is practical and non-expensive with huge reserve, hence, to bring down manufacturing cost, industrialists may opt to move their factories to Sarawak, and will make Peninsula as Trading/Distribution Hub.

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Dr Mahathir: Better not to have nuclear plant

CYBERJAYA: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad Wednesday reiterated his view on not having a nuclear power plant in this country.

II. "You know my view about it. We do not know enough about the reaction of this material," he told reporters here when asked on his views on building the plant.

III. Dr Mahathir said the radiation leaking from the stricken Japanese nuclear power plant due to the tsunami after the 9.0-magnitude earthquake seemed to lend support for his concern.

IV. "Once it is activated, it becomes radioactive. People do not know how to get rid of the waste," he said.

V. He noted that during his premiership, the Government had decided on four fuel strategies, namely oil, gas, coal and hydro, and nuclear was not included.

VI. "We have bad experience already with nuclear. I don't know whether people are aware about it or not," he said.

VII. Asked whether he would advise Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak not to have nuclear power plant, Dr Mahathir said, "I'm not an advisor. That is why I use my blog."

VIII. Malaysia plans to build two nuclear power plants that will generate 1,000 megawatts each, with the first plant ready for operation in 2021 and the second plant, a year later.

VIV. It is part of the overall long-term plan to balance energy supply. - Bernama

Good day Ayahanda Tun.

By MHI on March 17, 2011 7:27 AM

Dear Idea,

Memang ramai Melayu yg tidak sedar, kelompok mereka masih memerlukan dasar afirmatif. Sememangnya 'tongkat' itu satu perkara yg memalukan tetapi sewajarnya sikap bodoh sombong yg menolak tongkat ditolak dgn menilai realiti dan kemampuan diri.

Orang Melayu juga sedar 'tongkat' itu sepatutnya tidak digunakan terlalu lama, dan antara mereka juga teruja untuk berjalan sendiri tanpa bantuan. Sikap itu wajar dipuji, tetapi perlu dilihat secara berhati2, memerhati di belakang memastikan mereka benar2 bersedia. Sikap ini juga menunjukkan sikap orang Melayu yg ikhlas untuk membangunkan negara.

Sy juga berharap, untuk melihat secara realiti dalam hayat saya, kita mampu menolak 'tongkat' tersebut, sebelum Melayu terus dilabelkan sebagai bangsa yg 'Tempang Kekal' di Tanah sendiri. Itu kita tak mahu

By mednahr on March 17, 2011 7:00 AM

Salam Tun,

Trima kash krana tulisan tun slalu mberi inspirasi kpd generasi lbih baru spt kami dlm mghadapi cabaran pyokong pbgkang yg tak hnti mmutarblitkan crita asalkan mguntgkan prt mreka. Mreka ini yg suka mbeza2kan dan mgagungkankhebbtan pmimpin spura esp lky idola mrka

By lawi on March 17, 2011 6:30 AM

My very dear Tun,

Please allow me,

To Ekompute,

I realise you have knowledge on Islam. Yes, you kept repeating regarding the Prophet, s (pbh) last sermon. That particular statement, the Prophet (pbh) was referring to muslims (an Arab or non Arab, a black or white, whatever colour, race as long as they're muslims they are considered brothers.

They can pray in the same mosque, stand side by side, drink from the same well, eat at the same table (regardless of colour or race.)

There's a certain race, although they have the same religion, but because of their caste system, followers are not allowed to share the same well, whatmore other things. (This is what the Prophet (pbh) was concerned.

Although Muslims are considered brothers one has to respect each other. When one enters a brother's domain, you still have to acknowledge he's the boss. Permission is needed to enter certain parts of his house, or utilise his belongings what more if he's married. Whatmore he's a non brother (does this explains 'Ketuanan Melayu'?).

You kept mentioning about muslims not adhering to certain Islamic way of life---Why do you think God Almighty created Hell.

You should also read a blogger's comment on the No 1 anticorruption country.

It's been advised, those who want to study Islam in depth should have a Guru. (mind the choice of Guru).

Thank you.

Thank Tun, and May God Bless Tun and Family.

By Eiman Singa on March 17, 2011 6:00 AM

Merujuk kepada buku Tun

"there are always lessons to be learn, if only we have the wisdom to see them".

"Malays must take the next phase on history and their future into their own hands. They must master the knowledge, wisdom and understanding that can enable them to do so effectively. They must acquire important skills that will empower them. But these alone will not enough. The Malays must revisit their past and learn from history's tough lessons in order to secure their place in the world".

Well done Tun for your creative thinking.

By sulastini mdnor on March 17, 2011 3:29 AM

Salam to my dearest Tun,  
I hope you still remember me, the girl who cried when meeting you for the 1st time at Yayasan Kepimpinan Perdana. I'm the one who organize the meeting between our batch Russian Program students and you during my study in INTEC,UITM. Now we are happy and healthy in Volgograd, Russia in our 2nd year..^^

I just found out that you went to Moscow last few days and meet the students there. I'm so sad that we in Volgograd didn't get the chance to meet you there. I hope one day you will come to Volgograd when we invite you to our graduation ceremony with Tun Siti Hasmah..Volgograd is a very nice city to visit too~

Just want to inform you that now we are doing some charity work for muslim community here in Volgograd. We help in the process of building the mosque here. We already collected about RM 448 000.00 these past 4 years, but we still short 500, 000 rubles in completing the mosque, that is around RM54 000.00. I'm really appreciate if Tun can also help this muslim community here in any ways that possible. This is collaboration project between Persatuan Perubatan Islam Malaysia Volgograd and Kelab UMNO Luar Negara Volgograd. This is our Malaysian student website on this work  
<http://www.musliminvolgograd.com/kirovsky-islamic-centre/>  
I hope Tun will stop by and take a look.  
We miss you and pray for your Health. I hope on meeting you again and to buy your new book when I'm back for this Summer Holidays..^^  
We Love You Tun~!  
our regards and love to Tun Siti Hasmah~

By MHI on March 17, 2011 1:55 AM

Dear Dr Syed Alwi Ahmad,

nampak seperti ada kepincangan dr syed memahami tentang islam. sehinggakan menganggap teknologi dan islam itu 2 perkara berbeza.. sedangkan Islam itu cara hidup dan ilmu/teknologi itu merupakan satu tuntutan dlm islam.

jika dr melihat ianya berbeza mungkin kerana pemahaman/praktis umat islam itu yg membuatkan ianya seperti 2 perkara yg berbeza. islam hanya dilihat dlm ceramah/masjid. dan itu bukanlah cara hidup islam yg menyeluruh.

Umat Islam Malaysia sangat mengerti tentang kepentingan teknologi dan menyedari diri masih dlm peringkat teknologi user. jika dr menyelusuri topik2 lama Tun, betapa Tun sangat menekankan inovatif sebagai jalan pintas utk orang Melayu menguasai teknologi. ianya bukan hanya dlm bentuk gesaan semata2 tetapi disusuli dgn pelbagai tindakan.. PPSMI, UIA, Proton, Petronas, dan pelbagai pelan lain antara usaha2 yg dilakukan. ilmu itu tak semestinya teknologi..

By zulkiflee\_Arif on March 17, 2011 1:11 AM

Assalamu'alaikum Tun,

mohon izin mengulas hati,malaysia....anda merajuk hendak balik negeri? baguslah,anda termasuk golongan orang yg sedar diri.selama ini saya sangka kaum pendatang seperti anda tidak punya rasa sedar diri atau ada perasaan malu,seperti yg ditunjukkan oleh ekompute dan sivarajah arasu.rupa nya saya silap.masih ada juga kaum pendatang yg memiliki budipekerti tinggi setinggi budipekerti orang Melayu.

sebagai keturunan Pendatang,anda dan orang-orang seperti anda memang tidak dikehendaki berlama-lama di Negara kami.kita tiada ikatan apa-apa.bangsa kita berlainan,Agama kita tak sama.budaya pun sangat berbeza.dan nilai kita juga tak sama.Malu bagi kami,Bangga bagi anda.

keberadaan anda disini dibawa sebagai buruh British pada lahir nya hanyalah untuk bekerja saja.tapi hakikat sebenar tujuan British adalah menjadikan anda sebagai "buffer" dalam permusuhan mereka dgn Agama Islam.sebab itu hanya orang dari India yg beragama Hindu saja yg mereka bawa ke Tanah Melayu.

adapun rakyat India yg beragama Islam seperti leluhur Tun,mereka datang ke sini adalah dgn tambang mereka sendiri.dan itu saja sudah cukup memberi lebih hak kpd Tun dan kaum India-Muslim berbanding dgn leluhur sivarajah arasu yg datang sebagai kuli British.apa lagi dgn pertalian Agama yg kukuh sesama Islam,mereka tidak dianggap sebagai orang asing seperti pendatang lain.malah seperti yg anda lihat,Tun disanjung tinggi sebagai Pemimpin Melayu,lebih pribumi dari Melayu jati.

itu lah orang Melayu.kami tidak racist.asal saja se Agama,kami tak mengira bangsa.pintu untuk menjadi "Melayu" sentiasa terbuka melalui Islam.namun begitu kami tak paksa anda masuk Islam atau keluar Malaysia.tepuk dada,tanya selera.buatlah pilihan yg bijak.

untuk pengetahuan anda,orang Melayu walaupun tak suka dgn keberadaan orang asing di bumi kami,namun kesopanan yg amat tinggi mendorong kami menyembuyikan ke-tidak-sukaan itu.dari zaman sikomunis Chin peng hinggalah kami kehilangan Singapura ketangan Lee kuan yew,orang Melayu bersikap gentleman dgn menganggap semua itu sebagai fair-fight.kita terima kekalahan dgn dada terbuka.

tapi sejak akhir-akhir ini dimana Lee kuan yew mula melancarkan perang saraf dgn dakwaan bahwa Kerajaan Melayu mendiskriminasikan kaum pendatang dgn dasar yg melindungi Bumiputra,dan hasutan itu di terima baik oleh China dan India Malaysia hingga tertubuh nya Hindraf dan mendorong keberanian akhbar dan ahli-ahli politik China bermain api perkauman,maka orang Melayu terpaksa berterus-terang tentang ketidak-sukaan kami terhadap kaum pendatang.

kemudian bila sampah-sampah kecil seperti ekompute,d.tan,s.tan dan sivarajah arasu yg merasa diri nya setaraf dgn Tun,mula mempersoalkan hak Melayu atau mengatakan Melayu juga bangsa pendatang,dan kerajaan yg kami sanjung gagal bertindak meng-ISA-kan para pencetus provokasi ini,apa lah daya kami menahan api kemarahan yg membara selain berdoa semoga anda sekelian keluar dgn rela hati meninggalkan Negara kami ini.

sebab itu,hati.malaysia,saya gembira benar bila anda bercadang hendak tinggalkan Malaysia.nasihat ikhlas saya untuk anda dan semua anak-cucu kaum pendatang,bekerja keraslah untuk kumpul duit dan kemudian pulang lah ke pangkal jalan,ke tanah leluhur anda,India atau China.dan kalau boleh saya nasihatkan,cadangkan lah kerjasama antara PM Wen jiabao dan PM Manmohan Singh untuk ratakan Himalaya,boleh jugak buat Negara baru bagi kaum pendatang yg tak di ingini di Nusantara.moga dgn begitu,anda tidak hantui dilema sebagai orang terasing.

terimakasih Tun.

By nuna on March 17, 2011 12:59 AM

salah seorang my chinese friend fiercely stating this:

'Orang cina sudah dapat penang dan sampai matipun orang cina takkan lepaskan penang. penang akan jadi hak milik orang cina sampai bila-bila.'

ini adalah minda orang cina. sama juga yang terjadi pada singapore. singapore was part of malaysia but after became theirs they proudly think mereka lebih hebat and literally kutuk malaysia dari segala segi walhal air masih bergantung pada malaysia. if we cut their water source, what will happen to their great country? boleh hidup? memang dasar bagi betis nak paha, gigit tangan yang suap makan.

saya berhaluan kiri bagi semua benda tapi kalau orang cina nak rampas malaysia (dan mereka memang berangan sejak zaman dulu kala lagi) then we should do something, right?

kekalkan hak milik bumiputera, jangan bagi muka pada mana-mana bangsa dan layan mereka selayaknya sebagai penduduk kelas ke-2 atau ke-3 dalam malaysia. walaupun ekonomi dipegang oleh orang bukan melayu (urgh kenyataan yang memang tak boleh diterima) tapi profit dan cukainya perlu dikongsi sama rata oleh orang melayu. dah namapun bumi malaysia. kalau ada bangsa lain yang tak puas hati, silakan pindah keluar dari malaysia. amerika begitu demokrasi sehinggakan black ppl boleh jadi presiden. jadi maybe mana-mana yang tak puas hati tu patut pindah ke amerika. kat sana anda mungkin boleh dapat hak samarata yang sangat-sangat anda mahukan.

By ekompute on March 17, 2011 12:24 AM

Hi Shah2010, thank you very much for your invitation to correct you if anyone should think that you are wrong on the issue of racial discrimination and on the concept of equality of outcome. May I take this opportunity also to thank Tun for being so indulgent.

Let's hear what Irving Kristol has to say about democracy. To him, "democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions - it only guarantees equality of opportunity." His views therefore contradicts with yours. And who is this Irving Kristol? Lest you think I am very

knowledgeable, no... I don't know Irving from Adam. I was surfing the Net a moment ago and I found that quotation, so I referred to Wikipedia to find out who he is.

Well, Wikipedia says, "Irving Kristol (1920 – 2009) was an American columnist, journalist, and writer who was dubbed the "godfather of neoconservatism"... after his death, he was described by The Daily Telegraph as being "perhaps the most consequential public intellectual of the latter half of the 20th century".

No, no, no... not that I care two hoots whether he is the grandfather of neoconservatism. What I want you to see is just another point of view and I quote him because if I had said the same thing, someone will call me a keldai or an anjing, LOL.

May I also acknowledge your affability in inviting members of this blog to challenge your contention. This is a progressive attitude. We learn together. It's not about who wins because at the end of the day, who holds the gun, who wins. If he says my watch belongs to him, then it is true that my watch belongs to him, and if he says black is white, then black becomes white. But more importantly, this blog is a good platform for us to learn from one another... not so much from each other's personal opinions, but from facts raised in the course of our disagreements.

By pakbelalang on March 17, 2011 12:03 AM

This is what you said Tun. You are absolutely right. Now what happens in Japan. I think the govt, must stop pursuing the idea of constructing nuclear plant. Forget it !!

#### NUCLEAR POWER

By Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on May 24, 2009 12:22 PM | [Permalink](#) | [Comments \(179\)](#) | [TrackBacks \(0\)](#)

1. With the price of oil going up higher and higher, many in this country are thinking about power generation. At one time the Malaysian Government had decided on a four fuel policy for the generation of electric power. We wanted power plants to use either fuel oil, gas, coal or hydro power. We had excluded the use of nuclear power.

2. Why did we reject nuclear power?

3. I am not a nuclear scientist but I believe I know enough of the dangers of using nuclear (fissionable) material.

4. When Hiroshima and Nagasaki were atom-bombed, the scientists who invented the bombs thought that the destructive effect would be only from the huge explosion due to fissionable material. So did their victims - the Japanese.

5. As a result the Japanese entered the destroyed cities to carry out rescue work and to clean up.

6. It was only later that they realised that the residual radiation would cause a variety of radiation sickness and diseases. The radiation remained harmful for a long period after explosion. Even today there are people who had entered the bombed area in those days who are dying of a variety of diseases, including cancer, contracted through exposure to radiation from the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs.

7. I think we all know about the Chernobyl disaster in Russia. Despite thousands of tons of concrete being poured into the site, the power plant is still emitting dangerous radiation.

8. Besides this we should know that radioactive material used as fuel for power generation remain radioactive and dangerous to health after the fuel has been exhausted. The waste cannot be disposed anywhere, not by burial in the ground nor dumping in the sea. It can be reprocessed by certain countries only. This requires the dangerous material to be transported in special lead containers and carried by special ships. Most ports do not allow such ships to be berthed at their facilities. Reprocessing means that the nuclear material again becomes active and harmful to health.

9. The fact is that we do not know enough about radioactive nuclear material. Once it is processed it remains a source of danger forever.

10. We have some experience dealing with radioactive material. In Perak we have a site where we had buried by-products of tin mining (amang) which had been processed to become radioactive and which was used to colour television. We had poured tons of cement on the buried material. More than one square mile of the burial site is barred to humans. The site is still radioactive and dangerous.

11. If we have a nuclear plant, besides not being able to get rid of nuclear waste, we may have accidents which can endanger people living even far away because of the material being carried by water (ground water) and wind.

12. I think the authorities should rethink the idea of nuclear power plants. Scientists do not know enough about dealing with nuclear waste. They do not know enough about nuclear accidents and how to deal with them.

13. Until we do, it is far better if Malaysia avoids using nuclear power for electrical generation.

By azlanbinadnan on March 16, 2011 11:55 PM

Cina tak pernah rasis, melayu saja yang rasis!

kita kena bagi Cina jadi PM dan TPM, baru depa puas hati!

lepas tu kita kena hapuskan raja2 Melayu!

hapuskan Islam sebagai agama rasmi!

ekonomi semua bagi kat Cina!

baru depa kata adil!

By JB\_FROM on March 16, 2011 11:09 PM

To Dr. Syed Alwi Alsree,

I missed out your earlier comment as below,

Your comment,

To be a scientifically advanced culture - you must produce substantial numbers of discoveries, patents, important research papers in international journals and so on. A BSc or a BEng does NOT qualify you as a scientifically advanced culture.

What has Malaysia produced in scientific terms that makes it anywhere near Japan or Korea or the West ? Absolutely nothing !

My Comment,

What kind of distinctive discoveries does Singapore made that stand out from the rest of the world. I did not see a lot of rocket scientist produced in Singapore.

Is the latest new development in Marina Bay, the casino, a Scientific Wonder?

Your Comment,

The sad truth is that the Malays spend too much time on religion - i.e. Islam - and too little time on Science.

My comment,

I've met a group of nice Middle East, Yameni people from Alsree tribe. Most likely related to you. They talk nothing but religion. I will forward this to them for their pondering. They are a complete contradiction to you. It would be interesting to see their respond.

I am sorry but it is puzzling for me to see you write in this manner given that you are who you are.

Your Comment

The Chinese are more attracted to the scientifically advanced West and Japan - than they are towards Malay culture which they perceive to be backwards.

My Comment,

As a Malay who spend in Chinese primary education. The Chinese a very proud of their culture and I am sure they are not looking anything in Japanese Culture as they felt that Chinese Culture are more superior and older then the Japanese.

In Malaysia, the Chinese will not give up their Chinese School because they would like to maintain their Chinese Culture. Most of them will move to the National School in the secondary level.

In summary, I think you are making an analysis without fully understand what you are talking about. It is analysis at a surface level.

The earlier leader of Singapore, who you called your nation builder, Lee Kuan Yew is a lawyer, while Dr. Goh Keng Swee is in the economics major. They are not from Science and technology background and the driver for Singapore development is Commerce.

Furthermore, I've been to your Regional libraries in Jurong and Woodlands. It is not predominantly occupied by Science and Technology books but includes Managements, Commerce, Art, a lot of Novels...all the package. Your comment therefore do not represent what is practice in Singapore.

By affindy on March 16, 2011 10:48 PM

Salam Sejahtera to all,

We grew up with all races. Our elders always teach us how to share and respect each other. While we were growing up we mixed around very well. The Malay Uncle cautioned us when we stole their fruits and teaches us how to share. The Chinese Uncle would teach us maths. The Indian Uncle would teach us English. We always laugh at each other during our activities. Today the younger generation questions everything agreed years before just because they think they have the right. Of course they have the right to say what they think but they must also be willing to accept the views of others. Attacking the other races are not going to solve problems. Tun did what he did and he explained it. If one decides not to accept it then so be it. Tun does not owe anyone an explanation. He is telling his story. If one is not interested then don't read it. The fact that you read it means you are interested in his views. Argue all you want but that does not change the story. If you feel strongly of your views then do something to change your fate.

The older generation did not complain about the situation and they did prosper in the country. They learned to share the wealth. It seemed unfair but in reality the non Malays did get their share and did very well. Greed has made the next generation unwilling to share the pie. They want more. When they are right they shout about it and when they can't compete then they say it is because of affirmative action. The fact that a certain race is selling things at higher prices to different races is not new and with this they ensured their survival. The other races just accept it as the way it is. Billionaires in Malaysia are mostly non Malay so it shows that the non Malays are still doing very very well in Malaysia.

Religion is an individual decision. One can always find fault with other religions due to poor understanding or refusal to understand but that does not prove that the other is better. You are what you believe. Good Luck with the religion you choose.

As for Tun, thank you for sharing your thoughts. You gave me the confidence and the opportunity to grow and prosper in Malaysia and for that I Thank you.

By Shukor on March 16, 2011 10:10 PM

"The whole point of special rights is that it must be special. If Malays make up 60% of the country's population, any right that is given is not really special after all.

Why is it?

Lets prove it with numbers. Lets say I have 100 people, 60 Malay, 40 non Malay. I give each a Malay a right to increase his share of wealth by 1% from whatever it was. Its a birth right (or for the likes of Dr Mahathir a constitution right).

So if each Malay had 10 units of wealth, this special right increases his wealth to 11 units." -  
By repoman on March 11, 2011 11:46 AM

WEI, BETUL KE KO KIRA NI?

"Tun is perhaps one of the worst leaders in the history of mankind" - By repoman on March 11, 2011 11:46 AM"

YOU ARE PERHAPS THE WORST HOMO-SAPIEN IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND

By JB\_FROM on March 16, 2011 8:11 PM

Dr Syed Alwi Alsree,

"The Overseas Chinese in ASEAN are very attracted to Western and Japanese culture but NOT to Malay-Muslim culture."

For your info, I am a one of the few Malay who attended Chinese Primary Education for 6 years.

Your comment is a piece of crap. The Chinese never consider their culture inferior then the west especially Japan. Lee Kuan Yew never abandon his Chinese Identity and he promote this attitude to all Chinese Singaporean.

China with Chinese Culture is fast replacing Japan as the world strongest economy.

Lee Kuan Yew said that Singapore is successful because of good governance. The rest of the world knows also that Commerce plays a big part of Singapore development not Science and Technology. Maybe you are smarter then Lee Kuan Yew.....you should elaborate more.

Furthermore, Singapore is building one of the biggest casino in Asean. What part of that is in Science and Technology?.

Maybe you should also tells the Arabs in Middle East or in South Yemen about your opinion also about religion.

By Idea on March 16, 2011 7:41 PM

Dear Tun,

I am responding to comment posted by ekompute on March 16, 2011 4:48 AM.

1. Ketuanan Melayu is about the ownership of the land. It is further illustrated in a movie called 'Hati Malaya'. Some people criticized its title as the country is now called 'Malaysia'. Nevertheless, the content is the truth of what happened in past.

2. It is very sad to think about Ketuanan Melayu when in reality many strategically located lands in this country belong to Non-Malays. In Ipoh, some urban lands were alienated to Non-Malays for some hundred years. The Malays, on the other hand, were given some remote lands. Over years, the property of urban lands will escalate along with the growing economic activities. Nothing much will happen to the remote lands. The wealth of Non-Malays will outgrow the wealth of Malays. Thus, amplifying the economic disparity between them.

By JB\_FROM on March 16, 2011 7:11 PM

To Jalil7,

The definition of Science is as below,

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, the definition of science is "knowledge attained through study or practice," or "knowledge covering general truths of the operation of general laws, esp. as obtained and tested through scientific method [and] concerned with the physical world."

To correct you, it is not about a way of thinking. It is a discipline and it is concerned about physical world and what is around us. M. Nasir is not a Scientist. I am very sorry for you too.

To illustrate to you a bit about Science and Technology. Sometime ago, Physicist studied about matter to find the building block of universe. They had discovered electron and with that they tried to harness and manipulate electron to electricity. Then comes electromagnetic waves(also from the discovery of electron). Manipulating Electron with semiconductors, transistors, etc , you'll get radios, handphones, light at home, television, household gadget, Iphone and Ipad which everybody seems to try to get their hands on. The discovery of oil have made it possible to generate large energy in the form of electricity, fuel combustion in cars etc....all this leading to what you see the civilization and the world around you.

After electron, Scientist are moving toward manipulating light replacing electron as it is more efficient and reducing heat. That is why you see Telekom is installing fiber optic as using light wavelengths you'll get Terrabyte of bandwidth. There are now thousand of fiber optic cables under the sea that make up most of the WWW possible.

Is this Science enough for you?

I am in the field of Science. Science alone will not make the world a perfect place....you should ponder about that yourself.









































































































































































