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ISLAM, Knowledge and Other Affairs is a collection of speeches delivered by former Malaysia Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad throughout 2004. The speeches are divided into three parts – *Islam, Civilisation, Politics and Values; Vision 2020, Economy, Development and the Malaysian Recipe for Growth; and Trade, World Economy and Globalisation.*

Tun Dr Mahathir has always been one to speak his mind, articulating his thoughts and arguing his points with clarity and intelligence. And as he goes against the tide of conventional thinking in this collection of speeches, he imparts wisdom that comes from a man who believes that God will not change one's fate unless he himself makes the effort to do so.

He expresses his fears of Islam becoming a religion of rituals, arguing that the preoccupation with inward interpretation of religion and the refusal to pursue excellence in other sciences and branches of knowledge cause Muslims to lag behind.

