

Intellectual Revolution

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Rahmatan Lil 'Alamin, Ummatism and Islah

*“We have not sent thee, O Muhammad, but as a mercy to all mankind”
(al-Anbiya: 107)*

+ *Rahmatan Lil 'Alamin*

- **TAWHID:** The essence of Islam is al Tawhid. Muslim is definable by his adherence to Al Tawhid
- **Al Tawhid:** Acknowledging God as sole Creator of the universe and Equalizing all men as creatures of God.
- **MERCY:** To all the world, both believers and disbelievers.
- **UNIVERSALISM:**
 - The social order of Islam is universal, enveloping the whole of mankind.
 - Islamic social order holds Islam relevant to every era of human activity.
 - The qualities of humanness are possessed by all mankind by nature.

+ *Ummatism*

- **The ideal of the universal community is expressed in the word ‘Ummah’.**
- *“Thus have We made of you an Ummah, Justly balanced, that you might be witnesses over the nations.” (2: 143)*
- *“You are the best ummah brought forth unto mankind, enjoining good works, prohibiting evil and putting your faith in Allah” (3: 110).*
- *“Let there be of you an ummah, which calls men to good works and prohibits evil. Such are the felicitous” (3: 104)*
- **A universal society whose membership includes the widest possible variety of ethnicities or communities (*sya’b* or *qawm*) but whose commitment to Islam binds them to a specific social order (al Faruqi).**

+ *Ummatic Vision*

- **Muslim *Ummah*: a mission which upholds a vision for mankind.**
- ***“We have made you a mid-most (just) community” (2: 143)***
- ***“O believers! Be establishers of Justice, Witness for God” (4: 135)***
- ***“Indeed We have sent forth Our Messengers with clear messages, and We sent down them the Book and the Balance, so that men may establish Justice” (57: 25).***
- **Muslims have religious duties to undertake individually and collectively active struggle to establish justice.**
- **Injustice triggers the decline of civilization (Ibnu Khaldun).**

+ *Islah* or Renaissance?

- The great intellectual and cultural movements of the West like the Renaissance, the Protestant Reformation, the Enlightenment of the 18th Century and the Romantic Movement of the 19th Century could not have been possible without Europe's contact with Islamic thought.
- The knowledge gained in fields such as Science, Geography, Language and Economics in the Muslim world reached Europe and influenced the "Early Modern" period of European history.
- Characteristics of The European Renaissance: Individualism, self-expression and self-assertion, religious skepticism and free-thinking, love of power, fame and earthly glory, discovery and exploration.

+ Reform, Revival, Resurgence, Renewal and Awakening

- *Tajdid* (Renewal), *Islah* (Reform), *Sahwah/Nahdah* (Awakening), and *Ihya* (Revival)
- Islam had to have its own reformation, enlightenment and liberal consciousness.
- It is a process of modernization of the Muslim world with an Islamic orientation to design the scheme of modernization by conforming to Islamic norms.
- For Muslims all over the world, this will lead to the needed reform of Muslim thinking and, it will be a reform from within, not one imposed from outside.

+ Characteristics of the 21st Century

■ Globalization

- **Shortens geographic distances, Eased human travel through faster means of communication, Vast and free dissemination of information and Changes of lifestyle**

■ Competition

■ Inequality:

- **The richest 1% owned 48% of global wealth, leaving just 52% to be shared between the other 99% of adults on the planet. In 2010, the richest 80 people in the world had a net wealth of \$1.3tn. By 2014, \$1.9tn; an increase of \$600bn in just 4 years.**
- **Speculation represented about 99.2% of the activities of our equity market system, with capital formation accounting for 0.8%.**



Current State of the Muslims

Thawban RA, narrated that the Prophet SAW said: “Soon the nations will call one another against you, just as people call one another to eat from a platter of food.” A man asked: “Will this be because we will be few in number, O Messenger of Allah?”

He peace and blessings of Allah be upon him replied: “No, you will be large in number, but you will be ghuthaa’a like the froth scum on the surface of a body of water, and Allah will remove from the hearts of your enemies their fear of you and shall place in your hearts wahn.” Those present asked: “What is wahn O Messenger of Allah?” He peace and blessings of Allah be upon him replied: “The love of this worldly life and hatred of death.” [Sunan of Abu Dawood Book 37, No 4284]

+ Muslims World



+ Muslim Population

- 7 billion, (2.1 billion Muslims), 62% South and South East Asia and 20% MENA.
- 69% live in Muslim countries and 31% as minorities. Muslims in India 177million.
- Sub-saharan: 40% under 15 years of age. Pakistan: 60% below 30 years of age.
- MENA: median age 23, Asia Pacific region: 24
- Turkey : 30% under 18 years of age with median age of 28 while Germany, 44, Italy, 47, Japan, 45 and France 40.
- Unemployment among youths in the Arab world 26%. World Bank estimates that the Arab Region has to create over 100 million jobs by 2020.

+ World Development Indicators

- More than 76% of the global R&D expenditures is spent by developed countries, 31.7% (USA), 23.2% (EU), and 10.9% (Japan).
- The OIC countries account for only 2.1% of the world total Gross Domestic Expenditures on R&D (GERD), or 8.8% of the total GERD of developing countries.
- Israel (4.39%), Finland (3.78%) and Korea (3.74%) are the top countries in terms of allocating resources for R&D. Top countries in OIC are Tunisia (1.1%), Malaysia (1.07%) and Turkey (0.84%). The Muslim world spend only 0.5% on R&D while the non Muslim world spend 5% on R&D.
- The Muslim world spends less than 4% of their GDP on education.

+ World Governance Indicators

- Indicators. 1) voice and accountability 2) political instability and absence of violence; 3) government effectiveness; 4) regulatory quality; 5) rule of law; and 6) control of corruption.
- While developed countries outperform developing countries in all categories, other developing countries also do comparably better than OIC countries.
- In none of the categories, OIC countries as a group attain a positive score.
- Voice and accountability and political stability categories are the weakest categories for OIC countries.

+ Democracy Index

- Freedom House's annual survey of political rights and civil liberties
- 4 Muslim countries are free: open political competition, a climate of respect for civil liberties, significant independent civic life, and independent media.
- 14 are partly free: limited respect for political rights and civil liberties.
- 9 are not free: basic political rights are absent, and basic civil liberties are widely and systematically denied.
- The Index of Election World: 13 Countries have democracy and 44 do not. Of these 44 countries: pseudo democracy, absolute monarchy, and dictatorship.

+ The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)

- Among the 65 countries surveyed in the study, 5 of the 10 worst performers on the overall reading scale are the OIC member countries.
- Turkey as the best performing OIC member country occupies only the 44th position.
- More than 30% of Malian youths aged 15–19 years who completed six years of schooling could not read a simple sentence.
- In Pakistan, tests of grade 3 children found that only half could answer very basic multiplication questions.

+ Corruption Perceptions Index

- **Transparency International: 177 countries.**
- **Ranges from 10 (Least Corrupt) and 0 (Most Corrupt).**
- **8 Muslim majority countries were among the 10 most corrupt nations.**
- **Only 6 Muslim countries are above the borderline.**
- **Israel scored a 61 on the index and ranked 36th least corrupt.**

+ The Global Competitiveness Index

- The index covers 114 indicators under 12 pillars namely “institutions, infrastructure, macroeconomic environment, health and primary education, higher education and training, goods market efficiency, labour market efficiency, financial market development, technological readiness, market size, business sophistication and innovation”
- Average GCI score of 3.90 in 2013, as compared to the rest of the world 4.2 and developed countries 5.0.
- Only Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia and Brunei scores above 5.

+ The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

- The total patent applications in OIC countries reached almost 60,000; account for only 0.6% of total applications filled in the world.
- Countries with higher number of patent applications attained better positions in global competitiveness rankings.
- USA, Japan, China, and Republic of Korea accounted for almost 70% (7 million patent applications)
- Israel 978 patents, higher than the total patents held by all the Muslim countries in the world.

+ Logistics Performance Index (LPI)

- 45% of the OIC member countries had poor logistics performance with score below 2.47.
- Malaysia (3.59) and Somalia (1.77) were the two OIC member countries with the highest and lowest logistics performance index values.
- In contrast, 85% of the developed countries are considered to be logistics friendly with scores above 3.34.
- Transportation infrastructure in the OIC countries is incompetent and the transportation system as a whole offers poor connectivity.

+ OIC Economic Outlook

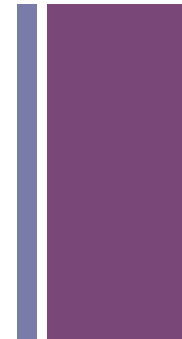
- **The total GDP of the group of the OIC countries (1.5 billion population and 22% of the world population) is \$9.8 trillion representing only 11% share in the world total GDP.**
- **The number of unemployed around the world is estimated to have reached 201.8 million in 2013. Youth unemployment in OIC countries estimated at 15.6%.**
- **3 out of every 4 USD of intra-OIC exports come from only 10 countries. 4/5 of OIC exports and imports come from only 10 countries. Only 9% of global exports.**
- **The average OIC per capita income was US\$3,600 52 while the average of the rest of the developing world was about US\$5,600.**
- **The OIC GDP of US\$3.2 while the United States, US\$13.9 trillion. The entire Islamic world's GDP is only 23% of that of the USA.**

+ An Economic Islamicity Index

- Measuring 208 countries' adherence to Islamic Economic principles using as proxies 113 measurable variables.
- 1) Economic opportunity and economic freedom; 2) Justice in property rights and the sanctity of contracts ; 3) Better treatment of workers 4) Higher education expenditures 5) Poverty eradication 6) Distribution of wealth and income 7) Better social infrastructure 8) Higher savings and investment 9) Higher moral standard, honesty and trust 10) Financial System: risk sharing and the abolition of interest 12) Higher trade/GDP, higher foreign aid/GDP and higher degree of environmental preservation.
- Non- Islamic, rich and developed, countries are performing well under principles embraced by Islam.
- The highest ranked Islamic country is Malaysia (33), followed in order by Kuwait (42), Kazakhstan (54), Brunei (55), Bahrain (61) and (64).



No. of Countries	COUNTRIES	EI ² RANK
1	Ireland	1
2	Denmark	2
3	Luxembourg	3
4	Sweden	4
5	United Kingdom	4
6	New Zealand	6
7	Singapore	7
8	Finland	8
9	Norway	9
10	Belgium	10
11	Austria	11
12	Hong Kong, China	12
13	Canada	13
14	Australia	14
15	Netherlands	15
16	United States	15
17	France	17
18	Cyprus	18
19	Chile	19
20	Iceland	20
21	Japan	21
22	Estonia	22
23	Switzerland	23
24	Lithuania	24
25	Czech Republic	25
26	Germany	26
27	Israel	27
28	Spain	28
29	Portugal	29
30	Slovenia	30
31	Korea, Rep.	31
32	Latvia	32
33	Malaysia	33
34	Italy	34



+ E-HDI

- Life expectancy Index
- Education Index
- GDP Index, Carbon Dioxide emissions
- Freedom Index
- Family value Index
- Faith Index

+ Adult Literacy Rate

- World Literacy rate 84.1%: 88.6 for males and 79.7% for females.
- 775 million illiterate adults: in 10 countries 5 are Muslim countries.
- Afghanistan 28.1%, Bangladesh 56.8%, Indonesia 90%, Saudi Arabia 86.6.% UAE 77.9%, Egypt 72% Algeria 69.9%, Yemen, 63.9%, Nigeria, 61.3%, Sudan, 61.1.%.
- More than half of the females are illiterates in Yemen, Sudan, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

+ Tertiary Education

- Level enrolment ratio: Developed nation range from 50%-72.6%.
- Muslim countries: 3.3%-48.3%. In fact Pakistan 5.2%, Bangladesh 7.9% and Afghanistan 3.3%.
- Gross graduation Ratio: Developed countries 50-60% while Arab countries below 30%.
- Number of Researchers per million. European countries 3000-7000. while most of Muslim countries only from 90 to 500. Indonesia, 90, Pakistan 161.9, Nigeria 39.
- Phd holders per million European Countries 3000-5000 while Muslim countries, less than 500. Pakistan 78 and Bangladesh 51, Malaysia 154.

+ ICT Use in OIC Countries

■ World Bank WDI:

- With respect to mobile cellular subscriptions and internet use, OIC countries are performing fairly well. Some OIC countries show even better performance than developed countries.
- More than 85% of people in Qatar, Bahrain and UAE have internet access.

■ Google's report:

- Pakistan tops the list of most porn-searching countries and leads the way in porn searches for animals like pigs, donkeys, dogs, cats and snakes.
- Six of the top eight porn-searching countries were Muslim states. The country at number two in the list was Egypt, while Iran, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Turkey came in at numbers four, five, seven and eight, respectively.



The Causes for Decline

“Those who break Allah’s covenant after it is ratified.. and do mischief on earth: These cause loss (only) to themselves” (al-Baqarah: 27)



The Need for Reform

“God does not change the condition of a people until they change their inner selves” (al-Ra’d: 11).



'It was not the Muslims that had made Islam great. It was Islam that had made the Muslims great'.
(Muhammad Asad)