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Education in “Muslim” Countries

Asking questions is discouraged

I have been linked with Education; for sometime now I have noticed several things regarding the attitudes in education as well as general attitudes in life.

The Muslim countries of the world are at the bottom of the list when it comes to education and development. Many people have tried to blame the west for the backward Muslim attitude. However, this problem is not an external problem, but an internal one. There are other countries in the world, which are poorer than some Muslim countries, but when it comes to education they are far ahead of Muslim nations.

India is one example. They were also under colonial rule like Pakistan and are among the poorest countries in the world. However, their education system is better than any Muslim country in the world. They produce more world class scientists and researchers than all the Muslims countries combined. If you go to any major

university in the world, you are bound to find Indian professors in the faculty.

What is their secret? This question had been on my mind several years ago and I did some research on that. I noticed several differences in ATTITUDE and no major differences in content of what was being taught at their universities compared to Muslim Universities.

The main difference was that Indian education system encourages QUESTIONING old Masters, whereas, the Muslim countries' education system DISCOURAGES asking new questions and it encourages following what people in the past did. This attitude is not limited to universities but is also prevalent in other social things, including religion.

Questioning oneself and others is the first and the most important aspect of intellectual and spiritual growth. The growth of a person or a nation depends on how much they are ready for self-criticism. This aspect has

been totally missing from the Muslim attitude of late. In fact, the Muslims get upset and angry at the very suggestion of self-criticism. They are happy to blame others for their own shortcomings.

However, now after more than 1400 years it is quite clear that the Muslim intellect is behind the rest of the world; the freethinkers are very few. The only people visible are those who follow authority and do not question (both at an academic level as well as a spiritual level).

We should look at history, and learn from it. It has always been very important to be able to look at previous ideas and question them. If those ideas or theories were true, then questioning them would not change anything as the truth can stand any questions. Galileo came up with the truth because he questioned the ideas of authority.

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Newton was a great scientist. But Einstein questioned Newton's ideas. All the prophets and messengers questioned the religious authority. The Quran is full of these examples. An example is given in verses 6:76-79 for Prophet Abraham who was not satisfied with the practiced religion, and looked for the truth.

This example of Prophet Abraham is very important as it sheds light on several things:

1. He was open minded in his questioning.
2. He ONLY sought God's guidance.
3. Since what his people believed was not the Truth, it could not stand his questioning, and thus he was able to, with the guidance of God, arrive at the Truth.

What do Muslims believe in? Is it the truth? If it is the truth, then it should be able to stand any test and any question. If they have any fear from any questions, then that means that they are not standing by the truth and it is time for them to re-examine their belief. Since the Quran is the Truth, God openly invites all human beings to ponder/think/question its content. In addition to that God strongly discourages blind following of religious authority, even our parents (5:104; 12:40; 17:36).

In these and many other verses in the Quran, God encourages us to use our brains and common sense.

Why do they not study the Quran carefully? If it were from other than GOD, they would have found in it numerous contradictions (4:82).

Here again invitation is made to ponder and question the Quran. God is inviting people to look at this Book and ask your questions. You will not find ANY discrepancy in this Book as it is the Truth and it is also NOT afraid of being questioned.

We made the Quran easy to learn. Does any of you wish to learn? (54:17, 22, 32, 40).

Again notice that the Quran is not asking people to follow blindly, but the invitation is being made to use our understanding.

They will also say, "Our Lord, we have obeyed our masters and leaders, but they led us astray. (33:67)

This is the state of people who without questioning followed other humans.

Unfortunately this aspect of questioning and testing the truth is almost extinct in the "Muslim" world. Even when Muslims debate about religion, they quote "authority" more often than the Quran. You will hear, "Shaykh A said this," and "Hadeeth X says that." You will seldom hear "The Quran says this and let us think about it and humble ourselves to that."

May God guide us all.

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[5:104] When they are told, "Come to what GOD has revealed, and to the messenger," they say, "What we found our parents doing is sufficient for us." What if their parents knew nothing, and were not guided?

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

Idolatry and the Trinity

The Trinity is a false doctrine or belief, it leads to the road of idolatry and eventually Hell if believed until death. The Trinity causes idol worship, as God is One not a combination of three.

The Quran, the proven Testament, states the following in verses 4:171-173:

[4:171] O people of the scripture, do not transgress the limits of your religion, and do not say about GOD except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was a messenger of GOD, and His word that He had sent to Mary, and a revelation from Him. Therefore, you shall believe in GOD and His messengers. You shall not say, "Trinity." You shall refrain from this for your own good. GOD is only one god. Be He glorified; He is much too glorious to have a son. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and everything on earth. GOD suffices as Lord and Master.

[4:172] The Messiah would never disdain from being a servant of GOD, nor would the closest angels. Those who disdain from worshipping Him, and are too arrogant to submit, He will summon them all before Him.

[4:173] As for those who believe and lead a righteous life, He will fully recompense them, and shower them with His grace. As for those who disdain and turn arrogant, He will commit them to painful retribution. They will find no lord beside GOD, nor a savior.

Who are the pagans? According to the Quran, they are the following:

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[5:72] Pagans indeed are those who say that GOD is the Messiah, son of Mary. The Messiah himself said, "O Children of Israel, you shall worship GOD; my Lord and your Lord." Anyone who sets up any idol beside GOD, GOD has forbidden Paradise for him, and his destiny is Hell. The wicked have no helpers.

[5:73] Pagans indeed are those who say that GOD is a third of a trinity. There is no god except the one god. Unless they refrain from saying this, those who disbelieve among them will incur a painful retribution.

[5:74] Would they not repent to GOD, and ask His forgiveness? GOD is Forgiver, Most Merciful.

[5:75] The Messiah, son of Mary, is no more than a messenger like the messengers before him, and his mother was a saint. Both of them used to eat the food. Note how we explain the revelations for them, and note how they still deviate!

[5:76] Say, "Would you worship beside GOD powerless idols who can neither harm you, nor benefit you? GOD is Hearer, Omniscient."

According to the Quran, you have only one Lord and master.

[2:107] Do you not recognize the fact that GOD possesses the kingship of the heavens and the earth; that you have none besides GOD as your Lord and Master?

You are not supposed to make any distinction among God's Messengers.

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

As stated in the Quran there is only

One God.

[2:163] Your god is one god; there is no god but He, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

[2:165] Yet, some people set up idols to rival GOD, and love them as if they are GOD. Those who believe love GOD the most. If only the transgressors could see themselves when they see the retribution! They will realize then that all power belongs to GOD alone, and that GOD's retribution is awesome.

God bears witness that He is One, according to the Quran.

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

It is stated in the Quran:

[5:44] We have sent down the Torah, containing guidance and light. Ruling in accordance with it were the Jewish prophets, as well as the rabbis and the priests, as dictated to them in GOD's scripture, and as witnessed by them. Therefore, do not reverence human beings; you shall reverence Me instead. And do not trade away My revelations for a cheap price. Those who do not rule in accordance with GOD's revelations are the disbelievers.

Who can you then worship? According to the Quran:

[6:102] Such is GOD your Lord, there is no god except He, the Creator of all things. You shall worship Him alone. He is in control of all things.

Also [9:30] The Jews said, "Ezra is the son of GOD," while the Christians said, "Jesus is the son of GOD!" These are blasphemies uttered by their mouths. They thus match the blasphemies of those who have disbelieved in the past. GOD condemns them. They have surely deviated.

[9:31] They have set up their religious leaders and scholars as lords, instead of GOD. Others deified the Messiah, son of Mary. They were all commanded to worship only one god. There is no god except He. Be He glorified, high above having any partners.

According to the Trinity there is three in the God Head, but the Proven Testament, the Quran, states:

[10:68] They said, "GOD has begotten a son!" Be He glorified. He is the Most Rich. To Him belongs everything in the heavens and everything on earth. You have no proof to support such a blasphemy. Are you saying about GOD what you do not know?

And [10:105] I was commanded: "Keep yourself devoted to the religion of monotheism; you shall not practice idol worship.

Also [16:51] GOD has proclaimed: "Do not worship two gods; there is only one god. You shall reverence Me alone."

And [16:52] To Him belongs everything in the heavens and the earth and therefore, the religion shall be devoted absolutely to Him alone. Would you worship other than GOD?

Some worship statues as their idols as stated in the Quran Sura 26:69-77.

[26:69] Narrate to them Abraham's history.

[26:70] He said to his father and his people, "What is this you are worshipping?"

[26:71] They said, "We worship statues; we are totally devoted to them."

[26:72] He said, "Can they hear you when you implore?"

[26:73] "Can they benefit you, or harm you?"

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[26:74] *They said, "No; but we found our parents doing this."*

[26:75] *He said, "Do you see these idols that you worship."*

[26:76] *"You and your ancestors."*

[26:77] *"I am against them, for I am devoted only to the Lord of the universe."*

You shall not worship idols, the Quran states in Sura 28:88.

[28:88] *You shall not worship beside GOD any other god. There is no other god beside Him. Everything perishes except His presence. To Him belongs all sovereignty, and to Him you will be returned.*

Who should you worship?

[30:40] *GOD is the One who created you. He is the One who provides for you. He is the One who puts you to death. He is the One who resurrects you. Can any of your idols do any of these things? Be He glorified. He is much too exalted to have any partners.*

It is also stated in the Quran Sura 39:44.

[39:44] *Say, "All intercession belongs to GOD." To Him belongs all sovereignty of the heavens and the earth, then to Him you will be re-*

turned.

What is the right path?

[43:64] *"GOD is my Lord and your Lord, you shall worship Him alone. This is the right path."*

There is no Trinity as stated in the Quran Sura 47:19.

[47:19] *You shall know that: "There is no other god beside GOD," and ask forgiveness of your sins and the sins of all believing men and women. GOD is fully aware of your decisions and your ultimate destiny.*

Another proof of the absence of the Trinity is found in the Quran Sura 51:56.

[51:56] *I did not create the jinns and the humans except to worship Me alone.*

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There is no nonsense in the Quran such as idolatry and the trinity.

[59:22] *He is the One GOD; there is no other god beside Him. Knower of all secrets and declarations. He is the Most Gracious, Most Merciful.*

[59:23] *He is the One GOD; there is no other god beside Him. The King, the Most Sacred, the Peace, the Most Faithful, the Supreme, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Most Dignified. GOD be glorified; far above having partners.*

[59:24] *He is the One GOD; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer. To Him belong the most beautiful names. Glorifying Him is everything in the heavens and the earth. He is the Almighty, Most Wise.*

As stated in Sura 72:3 and 72:18:

[72:3] *The Most High is our only Lord. He never had a mate, nor a son.*

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

In conclusion the only religion approved by God is Submission to God Alone.

Glory Be to God.

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