The Pursuit of Knowledge in a Globalizing World: An Islamic Perspective

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The obligation of living in the globalizing world of the 21st century is for each individual to contribute to the prevention and solution of local, regional and global problems. Increasing complexity does not permit any exclusion – secular or religious. ‘Muslim Journeys’ have evolved over a period of about 14 centuries inter-connecting antiquity to modernity across the occident and the orient. This has included the entire spectrum of the ‘knowledge structure’ including exhortation, pursuit, epistemology, research, application and dissemination. In an interdependent world of values and facts, it has become a pressing imperative for the travelers in the Islamic value system with its super-ordinate concern for stewardship, to energize the pursuit of global responsibility vis a vis knowledge and the sciences. This presentation attempts to analyze the ‘Muslim Journeys’ linkage between the classical-medieval-modern period. It aims to identify the core values from an Islamic perspective, which may drive the knowledge enterprise in spirit, form and dynamics. The talk is concerned with the sustainability of humanity in a pluralistic, global civilization with increasing social, economic and ecological challenges.

About the Speaker...


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