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Towards Islamization of Library and Information Science: Philosophy and Principle of Record and Archive management in Islam

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Abstract: This paper attempts to discuss the concept of Islamization of knowledge, its history, models and need for Islamization of knowledge and Library science. It explains the Philosophy and Principles underlying in Quran and Sunnah about Record management and archive management. It aims to discuss importance of record management in Islam.

Keywords: Archive Management, Islamization of Library science, Islamization of knowledge, Philosophy of Islam, Record management.

Introduction

Islamization of knowledge is a couple of buzzword and burning concept of 21st century among the scholars of the world. It has been considered as the most challenging job for Revival of golden age and new renaissance of Muslim ummah in the 21st century. As it is the age of Information explosion and knowledge management, everyday new challenge and threats are adding with old one. Situation is becoming more challenging and worsens for ummah. Islam had strated Islamizing knowledge by Hazrat Muhammad (SM). Islam has given enormous emphasis on record and archive management as Allah (SWT) started record and archive management from the first day of human invention in this world.

Background and history of Islamization of knowledge

Islamization of knowledge is a hottest term of this time. It consists two words 1. Islamization 2. Knowledge.

Islamization means 1. To add Islamic concepts and values in all discipline of arts, social science, science and technology 2. To discover the basic concept underlying in Quran and Sunnah on these discipline 3. To use the concepts and technology of disciplines and subjects for Islam as well as for global peace.

Knowledge is the ability to take effective action with pre-introduced Patron in a systemic and skilled manner by the help of latest technology and manner.

Some people out of ignorance think that islamization of knowledge is new concept but Islam came and met people with customs, beliefs, skills, knowledge and mythologies. The prophets(sw) was preached Islam and also Islamized the knowledge, belief, action and faith of the people. After prophet Muhammad(sw) his companions continuously tried to Islamize knowledge. All caliphs had massive effort to Islamize knowledge.
Even with the passing away of the companions of the prophet, the islamization process continued. Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali had tried to Islamite philosophy and sufism. A significant effort was made during the reign of al-mamun the seventh Abbasid caliph which heralded the golden era of Islamic civilization.

Subsequent of this effort a number of Muslim scholars made contributions as of knowledge, for instance. yakub al-kindi composed 265 treatises on music, astronomy and medicine while Abu Ali-Hussain ibn Sine (Avicenna) wrote a book which became a guide for medical study even in European universities until 1650ad.

Unfortunately, at a later stage. Muslims became lazy and uninterested in the pursuit of knowledge in all fields of human endeavor. Muslim nations were colonized and with this an alien educational system was imposed on them. The nations are now faced with an educational crisis.

In 20th century jalfar seikh idris was the first scholar to attack the cultural bias of western social sciences in a paper entitled “the process of islamization in 1975”.

The phrase islamization of knowledge was used and proposed recently by the Malaysian scholar syed mahammad naquib al-attas in his book “preliminary statement on a general theory islamization” first published in 1969. Later on it was fully proposed and synthesized the work of idris and atlas by the great Islamic scholar ismail Al- Faruqi in 1982. Al- Faruqi has given basic principles and models for islamization at knowledge.

Need for islamization at knowledge and Library and Information Science:

Islamization at knowledge is first need at 21st century at global people. Because knowledge is perfect permanent neutral and universal.

New Renaissance of Muslim ummah: We can revive our golden future and take place new Renaissance of Muslim ummah only by Islamization of Knowledge.

To stop arms race: To bring to an end of present arm race and to start a knowledge race islamization of knowledge can play vital role.

To begin science research only for sustainable development human civilization: According to Islamic values and spirit Scientific research will be only for sustainable development of human civilization. Islamization of knowledge can ensure it.

Capacity building and professionalism development: Capacity building and professionalism can be developed by Islamizing Library science because Library science is the route of all knowledge.

Revive Islamic concept, value, principles throughout the subjects: To Revive Islamic concept, value, principles throughout the subjects is required for islamization of knowledge and Library science.

Rapid expansion of knowledge: Rapid expansion of knowledge makes enormous necessity for islamization of knowledge.

Invention of IT and explosion of information: Invention of IT and explosion of information make unequal race in the world. By Islamizing knowledge justice can be established.

Arms race and invention race: By decreasing arms race invention and knowledge race can be upgraded by Islamizing knowledge and putting basic concept, principles and method in all discipline.
Recommendations for islamization at knowledge and Library and Information Science

1. There should be a global body for islamization of knowledge and library science to foster the basic concept and discover new dimensions.

2. Research and funding: Basic research must be launched on islamization of Library science and funding must be available.

3. Conference: A global conference on islamization of Library and Information science may arrange for in-depth discussion.

4. Global standard scientific lab is essential for islamization of knowledge in all over the world.

5. IT literacy and knowledge management skill is essential for this purpose.

6. Basic research literacy is indispensable for every Muslim educated people for islamization of knowledge.

7. There should have concrete, accurate field-wise plans for producing scholars and PhD holders from Muslim society.

Philosophy and principals of Record and Archive Management in Islam.

Islam is the complete code of life. Quran and Sunna clearly state the problems of human life. Record and Archive management is one of the basic concepts of Islamic philosophy. From the beginning of Islamic religion Record and Archive is the main means of Islam. Quran and Sunnah has special concern and numerate revelation an record and archive management started with the invention and creation of human being in this world. How we have to discuss basic principles, philosophy and hosting at record and archive management in the height of Quran.

Each and every they must be recorded on the basic of importance.

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"يا أيها الذين آمنوا إذا تذكّرتكم بدينٍ إلى أجل زمنٍ فاكتشفوه وليكتبّوا بينكم كتابٌ بالعذال ولا يكتب كتابٌ أن يكتب كما علمته الله فليكتب وليعمل الذين عليه الحق وليستني وليستني إلا في بلاد ويستأنفون شهدان من رجلاء فإن لم يكونوا رجلان فرجلان وإن أرادا من الشهدان مثل ترضون من الشهدان أن يدرس فليكتب إذ لا يذكر إخافهم ولا يبتغي إخافهم إلا أن يكون تجارة حاضرة نذيرونها بينكم فليس عليكم جناح أن تكتبوها وأشئنها إلا إذا تابتم ولا يضاير كتابٌ ولا شهدان وإن نقلوا فإنه فسوقٌ فسموه وقلوا: "الله ويعملكم الله وساني أيّمٍ عليكم" [سورة الفئة: 282]

Meaning: O you who believe! When you contract a debt with one another for a fixed term, then write it down. And let a scribe write it down with justice between you. And the scribe should not refuse to write as Allah has taught him. So let him write and let the one who has the obligation (i.e., debtor) dictate. And let him fear Allah, his Lord; and do not diminish anything from it. And if the one on whom is the obligation is of limited understanding or weak or unable to dictate, then let his guardian dictate in justice. And call for...
evidence two witnesses from among your men. And if two men are not (available), then a man and two women from those whom you agree as witnesses - (so) if one of them errs then the other can remind her. And the witnesses should not refuse when they are called upon. And do not be weary of writing it - small or large - for its term. That is more just in the sight of Allah, and more upright for evidence and nearest in preventing doubt among you. However, if it is an immediate transaction which you conduct among yourselves, then there is no sin upon you if you do not write it. And take witness when you make a commercial transaction. And let neither scribe nor witness suffer harm, and if you do, then indeed it is sinful conduct on your part. And fear Allah. And Allah teaches you (herewith). And Allah is All-Knower of everything {182}

In another revelations in Sura Naba Ayat no-29.

Meaning:- But allj thiy we have enumerated in writing.

In Sura Bakara 282 Allah(SUT) also said.

Meaning:- And do not be weary to write it , whether it is small or large.

Allah (SWT) also said.

Meaning: everything you say are recording in Allah’s system Sura.

In Sara Kath Allah (SWT) Said

There Should be relevant record manager to take care of it

Allah (SWT) has give responsibility to record for good and bad deeds on “honorable writer”

As he said in Quran :

Meaning :- Nobe Recorder, They Know what ever you do” Infitar 11-12

(3) Justification must be on the basis of record

Justification must be on the basis of record Allah (SWT) said Record of noble person preserved in ((Illin)) and Record of evil person preserved in ((Sijjin))

Allah (SWT) said in sura Mataaffifin:

(3) إذا كنا كتاب الأزهر لفي جليبين (18) وما أذننا ما علمون (19) كتاب مرفوع (20) يشهد المطففين (21) {سورة المطففين:18-21}
Meaning “No I Inded He record of righteous is “ illyyun “ It is a register inscribed Which is witnessed by those brought near ( to Allaa “ 18,19 20)

Allah (SWT) also said in sura Bani Israel:

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Meaning:- Read your Record you are sufficient to Jaded your deeds “ Ayat -13

(4) Archiving is one of the important issue of Islam:

Allah (SWT) archived Quran in a place named “ lauhe Mahfuz “ that may be a Allah’s archive Allah (SWT) Said in Sura Buruj:

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Meaning:- Allah Proserved all Books sent to the all phrphets in “Lauhe Mahfuz”

So archival of important Resource approved by Quran and Sunnah

(5) Record must be true and accurate

Record must be true and accurate according to light of Islam In Sura Bakara :-282 Allah(SWT) Said “

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So Record must be true and accurate False record consideration is great sin according to Quranic Principle.
(6) Multi-dimensional Record Management System in Islam

Allah (SWT) said in Quran in various way about his record Management. He is Managing Record in three way

(1) Paper based
(2) Audio
(3) Video

On Paper based recording system Allah (SWT) revealed in Sura Mutaffifin (18-20)

No Indeed the record of the righteous is in “illyynn”

About Audio and Video Record Management System Allah (SWT) in Sura Jijal Said

Meaning:— So whoever does an atoms weight of good will see it .and Whoever does an atoms weight of evil will see it” Jiljal 7-8

Conclusion

Islam as the complete code of life has contribution in every Sphere of human life and sector History of Record and Archive management In Islam has started from the first second of Islam this is he first step in Library Science Islamization Rigorous and massive Step to be taken to Uncover the role of Islam in Library Science and discover Quranic knowledge on Library and information Science.
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