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# RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS IN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE (PART 2: EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS)

This article is part 2 of "Research and Publications in Islamic Perspective" and is focuses on the experimental results, while part 1 was an introductory on this topic.

Hence, Islam emphasizes the need to **establish facts** based on **experience**. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said in the case of date trees pollination: *"You have better knowledge (of a technical skill) in the affairs of your professions"* (Muslim).

أَنْتُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِأَمْرِ دُنْيَاكُمْ  
(مسلم).

The results may not be based on expectations. So, we can learn from the hadith that the Muslim should not insist to prove his opinion if he finds better opinion.

The Muslim scholar has to ensure **accuracy and integrity** when he talks and writes. We find the Holy Qur'an teaching us how to be accurate in reports. Allah Almighty says: *"The desert Arabs say: 'We believe.' Say, 'You believe not, but you (only) say: 'We have submitted our wills to Allah', for faith has not yet entered your hearts ..."* (Al-Hujurat: 14).

قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا قُلْ لَمْ نُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا أَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ  
(الحجرات: 14)

The above verse tells us the importance of being accurate in speech and reports. Islam is not just words of the mouth; it requires one to have faith in one's heart and that will reflect in other parts of the body.

Similarly, Islam **demands concrete evidence** before making judgment. So, the researcher should not draw any conclusions without strong evidence. This is why Muslim scholars usually ask for evidence or proofs and for the authenticity of what someone says; without any authentic proof he should not rely on his findings. Allah Almighty teaches us this when He says: *"Say: 'Produce your proof if you are truthful'"* (Al-Baqarah: 111).

قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ  
(البقرة: 111).

And a Muslim **should not be biased**; he should not fabricate or alter the results for any reason. Allah Almighty says: *"... then know that they only follow their own lusts. And who is more astray than one who follows his own lusts, devoid of guidance from Allah?"* (Al-Qasas: 50).

فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّمَا يُتَّبِعُونَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنْ اتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ بِغَيْرِ هُدًى مِنَ اللَّهِ  
(القصص: 50).

The researcher is required not to change the results of his findings just to fulfill his personal interest.

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