

ONE Pearl from the Precious String

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Al-salāmu ‘alaikum wa Raḥmatu’Llāhi wa Barakātuh. Islamisation-Herald meets you again, now with issue 9 No. 3, December 2025 | *Jumādā al-al-Ākhir* 1447, bringing for you ter another pearl of wisdom from *Allāh yarḥamuhu* Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Kamal Hassan¹. Issue 8 No. 3 presents the second of four principles in dealing with differing schools of thought on IOHK. The third principle is as follows:

“8.2 **Depersonalisation** of the discourse after recognising and acknowledging the positive contributions of ALL the major proponents. The [Ummatic] project of IOHK in IIUM is a **continuous process** and its future progress **could NOT be predetermined** or dictated by the early proponents. The depersonalisation emphasis will help to **prevent** the **tendency** among some **ardent followers** or disciples of the major scholars to promote or popularise their own school of thought to be regarded as the **only** genuine or orthodox school of thought, bearing in mind that **ONLY the Prophet ﷺ is ma‘šūm** (infallible)”. ”

“8.3 Keep the discourse **open** to **new and useful ideas** as long as they are based on **authoritative Islamic sources of knowledge**, bearing in mind that human knowledge **continues to grow** and even some aspects of Western-originated sciences could also undergo **major paradigmatic changes** in the future, while the door of **legitimate ijtihād** is open to the **qualified scholars** and **intellectuals**.

Any tendency to claim finality or orthodoxy in the [IOHK] project would be **unjustifiable** and **premature**, bearing in mind that **shortcomings** and **weaknesses** could be **found or detected** in the works of **even the best scholars in the field**². ”



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