

## **Integration of Revelation and Human Knowledge**

### **Abstract**

Human knowledge and revelation are precious gift of Allah to mankind. They are considered as reliable sources of different knowledge. In fact, revelation at least in its Islamic form seeks its justification in empirical reality; it sees empirical reality as manifestation of a transcendental reality. Therefore, human is linked to the truth of God either through revelation or reason. Yet, in this twenty first century, it is undeniable fact that, human reason which is the main source of human knowledge has gained momentum in some worldviews, on the ground that, human intellect is able to guide people to some extent to the broadest universal truths (such as existence of God), and it has also contributed immensely to the scientific development and technological advancement. As such, various disciplines of knowledge have been discovered by the virtue of human reason. However, it is worthwhile to remember that, this unique faculty of thinking that bestowed by Almighty Allah to human being (intellect) may not be able sometimes to provide insight of metaphysical worlds, such as hell, heaven, creation and eschatology etc... in details. Hence, the role of revelation is emerged to remedy such deficiency that can not be solved by human intellect alone. Thus, it is inadequate to reject revelation and contrast science with revealed knowledge. i.e the reality should not be confined exclusively to the realm of visible world and scientific empirical phenomena, under the *raison d'être* that human reason can not ascertain transcendental reality. As a matter of fact, in Islam, both reveled knowledge and human acquired knowledge can work together for the sake of better understanding of this universe, and for the betterment of humanity at large. Based on this fact, this humble book will comprise of various chapters provided in the course outline; the book will adopt textual methodology, and relies on various books written by very reliable scholar, materials and references collected from various libraries. Finally, the book will highlight the possibility of integration of human acquired knowledge and reveled knowledge, and that will be followed by some suggestions and recommendations.

### **Problem of the Research**

Nowadays, and with swift development in science and technology, the concept of knowledge has become controversial issue, because the supremacy of human intellect seems to dominate the mind of majority of people. In contrast, revelation for some is invalid (if not outdated) and can not meet the need of human being in this twenty first century. As such, many people are fascinated by such advance level of development achieved by human knowledge and modern science. Therefore, the main hypothesis of this book is why human reason (that produces modern science and human knowledge) and revelation should be integrated. As a matter of fact, it is beyond reasonable doubt that human intellect has contributed immensely in discovering many truths, and it has paved the way for new knowledge to emerge especially, in physical world and natural phenomena. Moreover, the success of modern science and human knowledge are very obvious in economic, social, political, industrial artistic development of our contemporary globe. However, it is important to argue that the achievement of human intellect or accomplishment of modern science is mostly restricted to one part of our universe, i.e physical world. It means this faculty of thinking (human reason) in many occasion may not and sometimes is not able to provide correct answers to some metaphysical questions, such as hell fire, hereafter, Paradise or even God and angels. Therefore, it is crucial to argue at this juncture that such deficiency and shortcoming of human reason can be covered and overcome by revelation. Based on this fact, this humble book aims to demonstrate and justify why revelation which is

the source of revealed knowledge and human reason which is the source of modern sciences should be integrated.

### **Significance of the Book**

This humble research is not only important to academicians and intellectuals; however, it is also significant to university students who are specializing in various disciplines. Indeed, some modern western ideologies have truly affected the true concept of knowledge, therefore, this book will play a vital role on students by allowing them to compare between the western concept of knowledge and Islamic concept of knowledge. It will also enable the students to realize the reality of the existence that is not only confined to the physical world, nor restricted to the visible and transitory phenomenon. Finally, the significance of the book will revolve around the need for integration of human reason and revelation, which might be the right solution for various problems faced by modern man.

## **Objectives of the Book**

The following points are the objectives of the book:

1. To explain the true meaning of revelation, human knowledge and human reason.
2. To explore the integration of revelation and human knowledge in Islam.
3. To include the concept of Islamisation to each chapter of the book
4. To investigate some Quranic verses on compatibility of revelation and human reason.
5. To discuss the history of conflict between revelation and science.
6. To suggest effective solution and sound recommendation for contemporary human knowledge and modern science.

## **Methodology**

To achieve the objectives of this book, textual and analytical approaches will be applied, that is by analyzing some Quranic messages that endorse integration of human reason and revelation, and to what extent the text of Qur'an has strongly supported human reason (which is the main source of modern science) for realization of truth. As far as integration of revelation and human reason is concerned, the research will also refer to some authentic sources and reliable references written by remarkable genius scholars. i.e this humble research is purely library based research that applied simple language which is compatible to all readers,

## **Research Output**

The expected research output will be publishable in six chapters, and which will be a good reference for academicians, university students and others in sha Allah.