

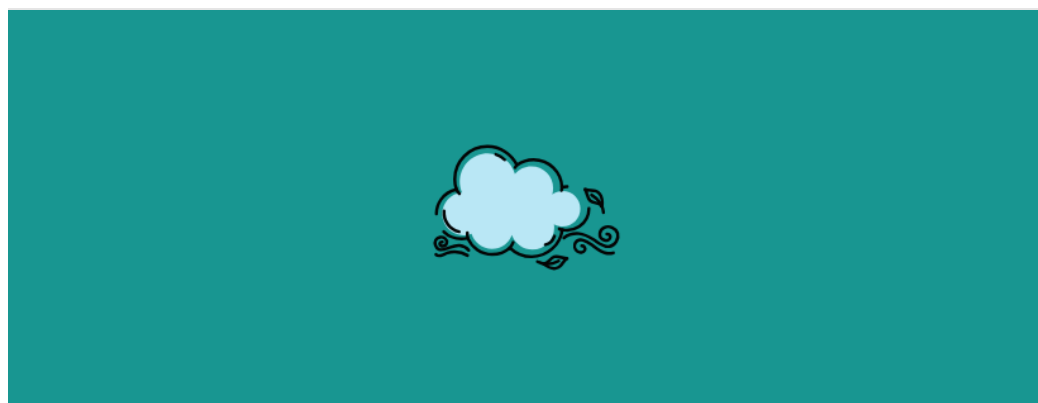
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There is no doubt that the universe moves within a precise, well-organized system that never derails, **“Indeed, all things We created with predestination.”** (Al-Qamar: 49). Certainly, covid-19 pandemic has been created with predestination, and it carries a message from its Creator to the inhabitants of the earth. **“And never would your Lord have destroyed the cities until He had sent to their mother a messenger reciting to them Our verses. And We would not destroy the cities except while their people were wrongdoers.”** (Al-Qasas: 59)

Since the emergence of the pandemic, which has disturbed the movement of mankind, suspended their activities, and threw terror in their hearts from facing death or losing their economic privileges and social relations, people have been wondering about the reason behind its emergence and spread. They believe that it is the consequence of their sins which deserved punishment from Allah SWT by taking away the asset of security and reassurance. **“They who believe and do not mix their belief with injustice – those will have security, and they are [rightly] guided.”** (Al-An'aam: 82).

Thus, it is clear that religious interpretation is important in absorbing the surrounding events. Even ordinary people have realized the accelerating changes around them. They always talk about natural disasters and epidemics that our

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world is witnessing today, and then their observation ends with repeated words, **About Us** **Contact Us**
"What is happening is the result of the injustice we are practicing. What is happening is one of the signs of the end of the world."

The phenomenon of resorting to religious interpretation, which is rapidly spreading especially with the existence of social media, contains a set of important questions: Is there really a relationship between disasters and epidemics and the unjust human acts? Is humanity really heading toward the end? And which end are people repeatedly talking about? Is it the second coming of the Saviour, the Christ, the Antichrist?! Is it the near coming of the Hour? Is it the Day of Resurrection?

Sociologically, these questions certainly can shape people's beliefs and awareness. They are considered a social phenomenon that needs to be studied empirically to clarify its true dimensions and to know to what extent it occupies their thinking. However, sociological understanding cannot provide religious answers in response to those questions. Accordingly, there must be qualified individuals who possess the legitimacy to answer these questions through convincing evidence and proofs.

This account leads us to point to the position of the International Islamic University Malaysia and, specifically, to the Kulliyah of Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences which is considered the most specialized to answer such metaphysical questions by looking at the world, thinking about it and comprehending it, as commanded in the holy Quran. **"Have they not travelled through the land and observed how was the end of those before them?"** (Al-Ghaafir: 82). **"so will they not understand?"** (Yasin: 68). The prophetic biography also tells how prediction induces searching to answer the questions that occupy the human mind. For example, the Christian monk Bahira had realized the status of the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him, before he became a prophet, and the Jews were waiting for the coming for the prophet. Prediction guided by the Qur'an is an essential part of our religion. Historical references to previous nations which were inflicted by the divine's punishment were merely a warning for the coming people so that they do not practice the same tyranny. **"And We send not the signs except as a warning."** Quran (Al-Isra'a: 59). The occurrence of coronavirus is a good case in point.

From the foregoing account, we realize how challenging the responsibility which falls on the shoulders of the Kulliyah of Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences to provide convincing answers to metaphysical questions, especially with the expectation of further disasters and epidemics in the future. Otherwise, the public will be misguided by some of the ignorant who market themselves through social media, and this situation will create fake awareness in the society and widen the gap between the educated and society.

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