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Respected Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to the Aligarh Literary Festival scheduled to be held in the second week of March 2021 (9, 10, and 11 March), which will be organized by the Students Islamic Organization of India, AMU Zone in collaboration with the Centre for Educational Research and Training (CERT), Delhi. This program shall be held through online mode due to the current situation of the pandemic.

The post- Renaissance Europe started to consider religion as futile baggage which was a hindrance in the way of prosperity. With the onslaught of colonialism, this idea was imposed globally and continues to shape our worldview. However, it stands in contrast with the philosophical thought of a common Muslim wherein The acceptance of divine 'unity' or Tawheed is central to his life and his ideology. Through this discussion, we intend to understand the implications of the imposition of an alien worldview on the Islamic world, deconstruct 'intellectual slavery' and imagine the reconstruction of a civilization guided by Islam and its principles.

Your expertise and experience in this domain will be an excellent addition to our Literary Fest. It is our honor to invite you to be our Guest Speaker for a conversation on "Reinvigoration of the Islamic Civilization" with *Jb. Sheikh Seyyed Hossein Nasr* and *Professor Yusuf Amin*. Our participants will remain indebted to your presence and valuable talk.

We look forward to a positive response if you could kindly RSVP by 28th February 2021 and from there we can provide you with any additional information you might require.

Yours faithfully,
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REINVIGORATION OF THE ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION: THE ISSUES OF TRANSCENDENTAL, TRANSCENDENT, TRANSCENDENCE

- 1. It is claimed that the philosopher's source of knowledge about God is human reason and sense perception**
- 2. Hence, August Comte's theory of Law of Three stages of development is accepted.**
- 3. Social Contract theorists, Hobbes, Lock and Rousseau presented their own worldview in which the idea of God is a human construct**
- 4. But we forget that ultimately their method of thinking and understanding especially for metaphysical domain is speculative and conjectural**
- 5. Whereas the method of Islamic philosophers, thinkers, intellectuals, scholars, scientists, sufis, saints etc is based on knowledge**
- 6. Source of Knowledge: All knowledge comes from All-Knowledgeable and All-Wise Creator of the entire universe- Allah swt**
- 7. Our philosophers and thinkers did not create the idea of God. We are informed about Him through knowledge**

8. So, We follow True, Authentic and Universal Knowledge [TAUK]

9. Based on TAUK we learnt that Allah swt is the ONE, the Absolute, the transcendent Creator, the Lord, the Master.

10. For making us to understand this, arguments, logic, evidence, historical and empirical, are provided

11. We do not follow any doctrine or dogma but we understand based on TAUK God's transcendental and immanence position

12. Based on TAUK we developed *ilm al-tawhid* [science of tawhid] and based on this *ilm* all other disciplines such as logic, epistemology, metaphysics and ethics.

**13. Hence we are able to differentiate .13
between the TRUH of Allah swt and the
mechanism of the cosmology.** None in the heavens
and on the earth has knowledge of the Unseen save AllÉh." Al
Namal[27: 65]

**14. Most of them only follow conjectures; and surely
conjecture can be no substitute for Truth [10:36]; They have
no definite Knowledge of it, but merely follow conjecture**

**15. We developed an epistemology which
itself is based on knowledge**

**16. According to this epistemology we
recognize Allah swt as our first teacher.**

16. Who teaches that “None in the heavens and on the earth has knowledge of the Unseen save AllÉh.” Al Namal[27: 65] .17

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19. We also understand that the true scholarship started with the Messengers and their followers – philosophers, thinkers, intellectuals, scholars, scientists

20. Allah swt granted us knowledge and taught us about Himself, His attributes, about His power

21. Based on this we understand that Allah swt is both transcendent and immanence