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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

A Muslim acts as a judge using his faculties of senses and faculty of insight and understanding. He is capable of clearing the barriers such as coercion, imitation and conjecture, etc. Islamic approach is positive, emanating from the positive faith that this world is created for the purpose of serving mankind and no community can last long without fraternal feelings.

This is a collection of articles presented in a Seminar on 'Research Methodology in Islamic Perspective' held at Aligarh Muslim University in 1991 and some articles taken from 'Islamic Thought', Aligarh and American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences, USA. The Islamic points of view in consonance with the Quranic teachings and the Traditions are deliberately overseen, if not misinterpreted by Western researchers so as to jump into their own pre-set opinions. In these circumstances, Islamic scholars are duty bound to explain to the modern world the inevitability of having Islamic perspective in research methods. As we all know, it is because of the excellent, and unblemished Islamic method, the Holy Book and the Traditions have all along withstood the vagaries of nature and ups and downs of Muslim communities. While we thank our predecessors for this feat, we should take this torch to our future generation to help it acquire Islamic perspective. This is a modest attempt in that direction and a pointer that the present day Islamic scholars swing into action to fulfill the long felt and imperative need.

In this book the possibility of Islamic concept of world history has been explored. It has also been advised that Islamic method of research should not confine to Islamic history and ideologies but it should extend to other fields of research. Various steps for Islamisation of economics & knowledge have been contemplated. Investigative objectivity and scientific method uncritically applied to study all sorts of social phenomena have been manifested. The striking difference between the Islamic method of research and Western method has been spelt out. That is, while the Western approach is wholly based on abject materialism, which is confined to visible objects, the Islamic approach enjoys the light of eternal divine revelations, which essentially goes along with the exalted reason that human mind could perceive of.

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