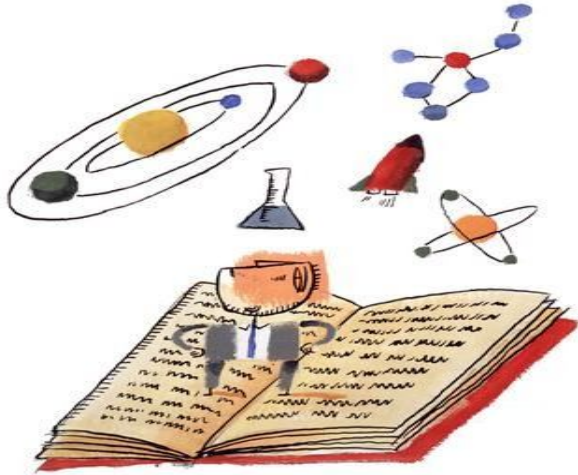


Misconception: Religion and science/ reason/knowledge are not compatible



Background: It is commonly thought that religion in general, including Islam, is simply not compatible with science/reason/knowledge

The Quran repeatedly emphasises the importance of seeking knowledge, verifying information, use of logic/reason, evidence, consultation, reflection/thinking, study of biology/ creation/ archaeology/ history/sciences. Some of the many examples are shown below.

The Quran clearly states signs of the truth it promotes exist in the whole universe, thus surely all of it is worthy of study:

We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves, until it becomes clear to them that this is the truth. Is it not sufficient as regards your Lord that He is a witness over all things? [41:53]

Say: Travel in the earth and see how He originated the creation, then God creates the latter creation; surely God has power over all things. [29:90] also see [3:137]& [3:190-191]

The Quran Promotes logical thinking and reasoning:[6:75-79] [21:57-67], [36:78-79] , [21:22] , [23:91] [2:258]

Surely, the worst creatures in the sight of God are the deaf and dumb who do not reason. [8:22]

...And conjecture/guesswork is no substitute for the truth. [53:28]

And do not follow what you have no knowledge of; surely the hearing, the sight and the heart, all of these, shall be questioned about that. [17:36]

In the early period of Islam and The Quran, it is well documented in history that Muslims were the leaders in science/mathematics/agriculture/astronomy/medicine, thus there is a proven example from history that science and Islam were able to work together in a productive manner. It is only recently this can be said to have changed.

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