

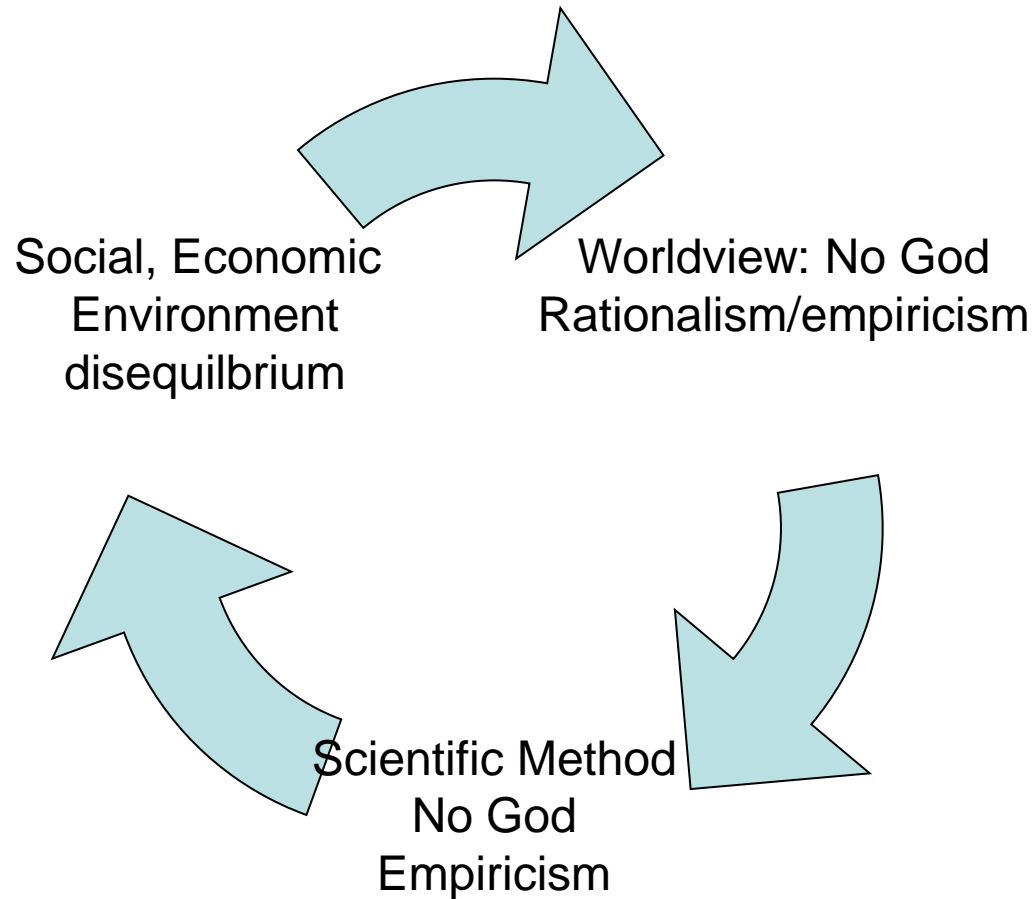
The Role of Muslim University in Creating
Social Wellbeing: Absent of Tawhedic Paradigm
Teaching in Muslim University

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Outline of Presentation

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4. Domination of Secular Epistemology in social development and in scientific methodology
5. What is wrong with mainstream epistemology ?
6. What is Islamic tawhedic epistemology?
7. How to Link God, Ethics into scientific method ?
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Effect of Western (Secular) Worldview



Important of Education in Islam

- In Islam Education is a central issue
- All Muslims is required to study since born until dies.
- Scholars have a special position or higher rank in Islam
- Studying is getting reward more than other activities

The Role of University in Social Development

- University has an important role in social development and social engineering.
- University is the producer of Human Resources to manage the world.
- University is the producer of knowledge need to manage the human and environment

Fact on Muslim University: quality and epistemology used

- Most muslim take degree from non-muslim university
- Work for and help non- muslim university
- The quality of muslim university are in average level, there is no high level quality
- Lack of funding and facilities
- Absent of Tawhedic epistemology in teaching and in scientific building

Quality of Human Resources produced

- Most Muslim universities produce Human Resources with secular state of mind.
- The leader comes from Muslim university supports conventional social structure and maintain secularism. He/She becomes comparador of secularism/capitalism
- How this guys be expected to build shariah based society or the real Muslim community?

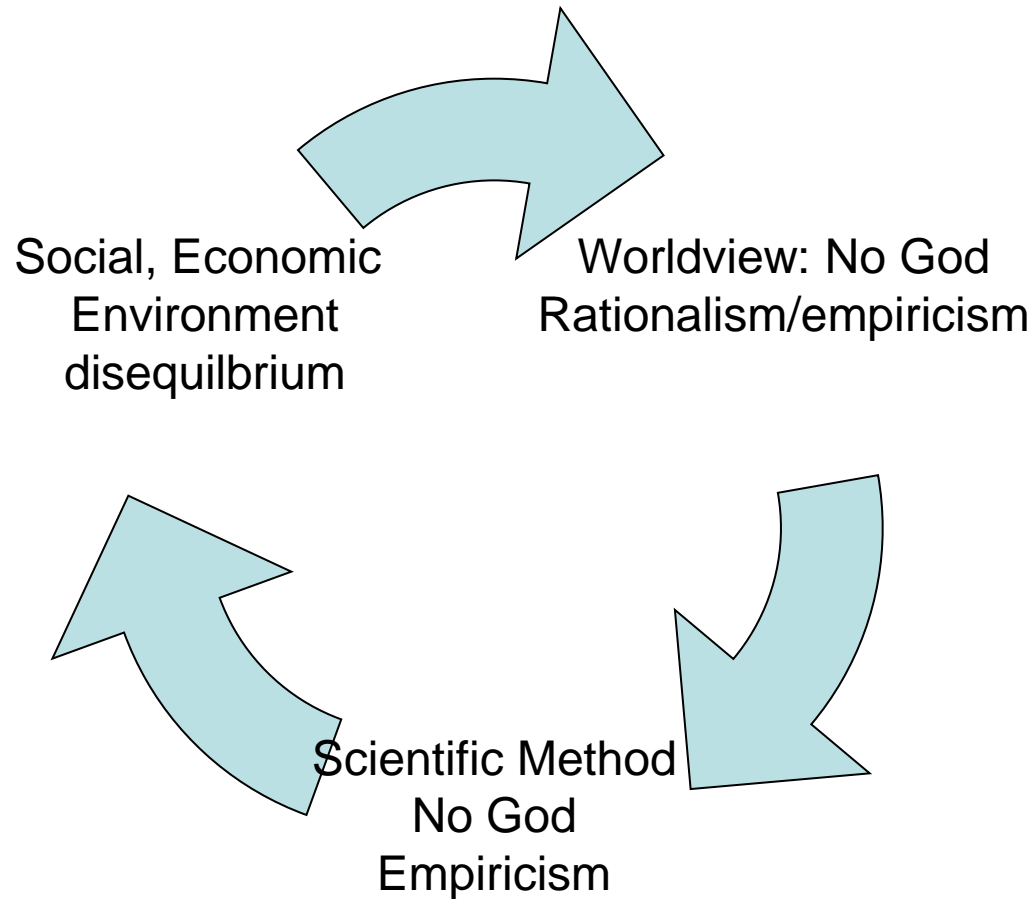
Domination of Secular Epistemology in social development and in scientific methodology

- Believe or not, recognize or not, most of us have been think, behave, teach, use, develop and support secular ideology.
- Most countries, institutions even under name of Islam has been by adopting secular system.
- We are becoming collaborator of secularism.

What is wrong with capitalism:

1. Western (the haves) dominate economy and the accumulation of wealth
2. Monet and Corporate become dominant in international and national setting.
3. Conflict between Ideology, Nationality and Society
4. More Gap between ideal vs reality
5. The poor gets poorer the rich gets richer
6. Third world (the haves not) has no choice, the west rules
7. Natural Environment destructions

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What is Islamic tawhedic epistemology?

- It is different from secularism, rationalism, atheism, individualism, and capitalism..
- Based on Al quran and Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad SAW
- It has been practiced under the guidance and surveillance of Allah SWT during the era of Prophet
- Mostly different from what we see now

Islamic Scientific Method?

- Use Islamic worldview, Islamic world system, the Oneness of God, Unity of Knowledge, it is a Tawhede principle
- Link the ethics, God, to scientific Method and Science.
- Insert Allah Willingness into human activities or social contexts

Occidental & Islam are different in many aspects:

- Social, political and economic Worldview
- Different Philosophy and Paradigm
- Different in World and Social system
- Expected Human Behavior
- Perception on Environment
- Perception on Technology
- Others

World System: Occident vs Islam

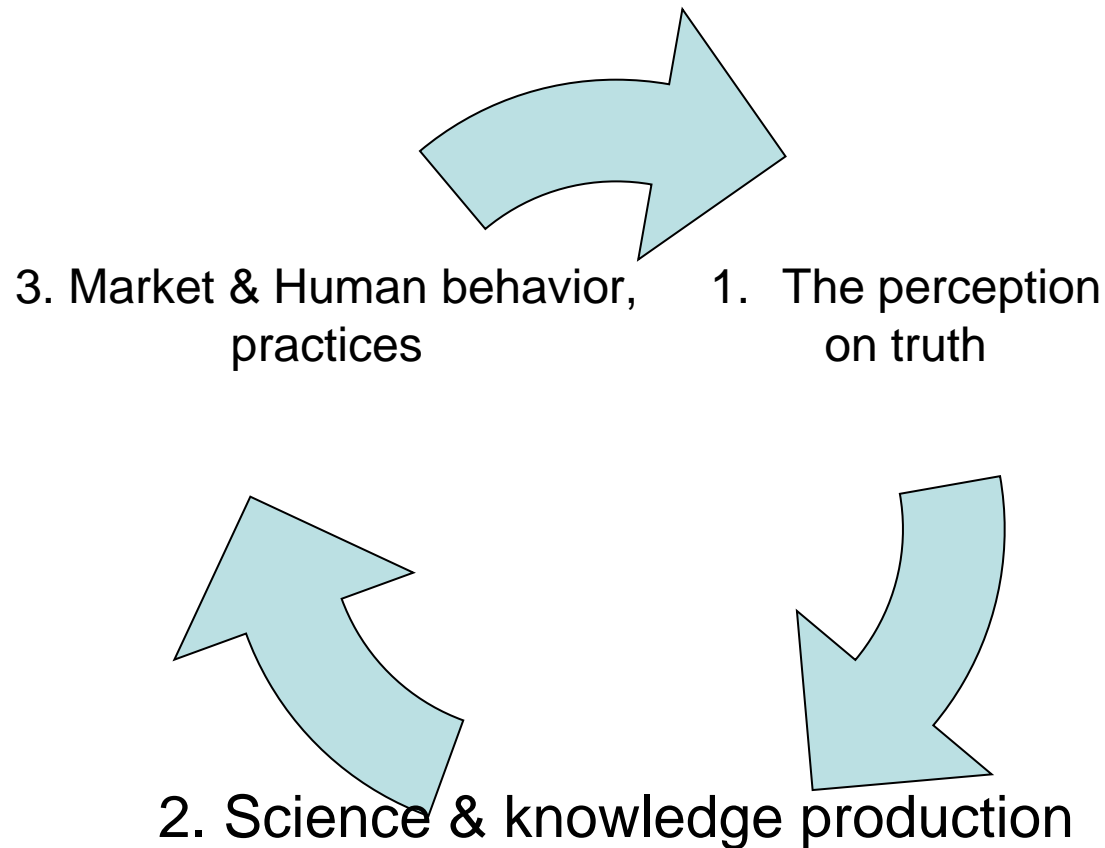
- **Occident:**

- Fragmented
- Competition
- Conquer, contest
- Materialism
- Rationalism
- World only
- Reality
- (Darwinism & Hobbes)

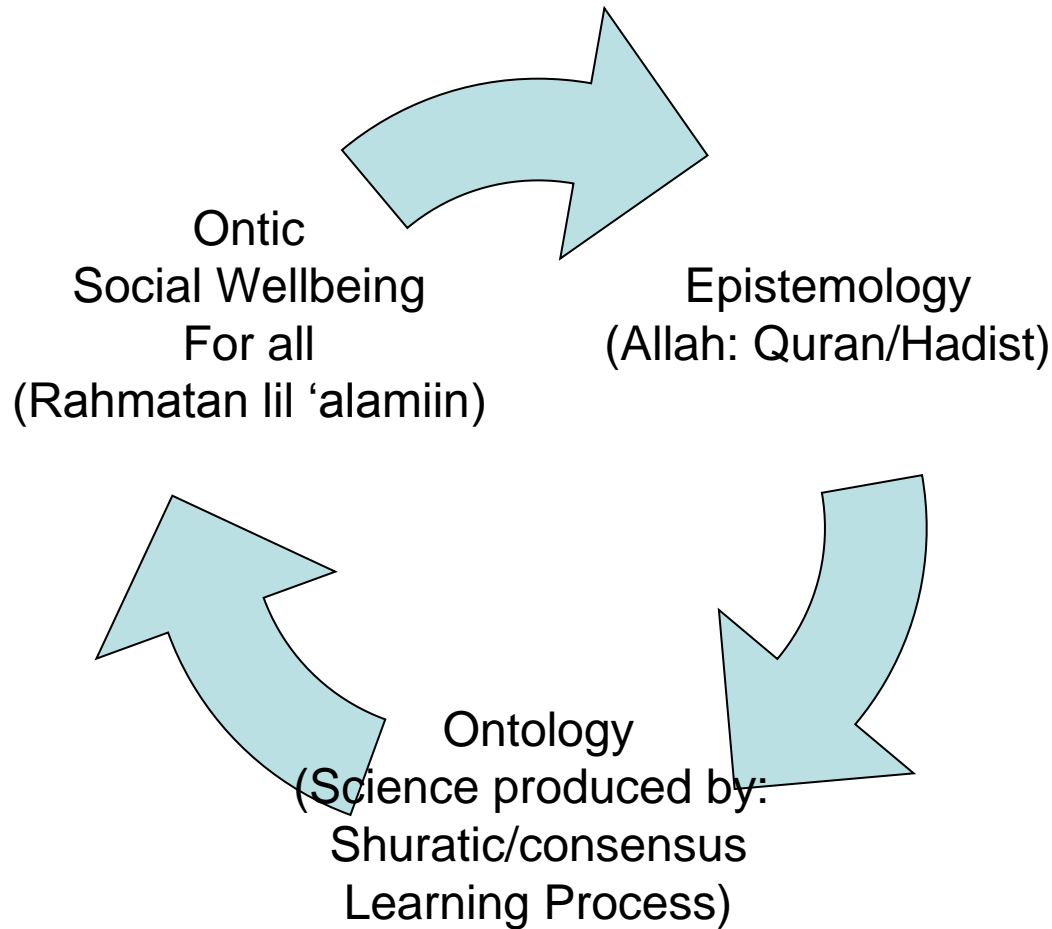
- **Islam:**

- United, Integrated
- Cooperative, synergy
- Complementary
- Ethical, value based
- Revelation, Rationalism
- World & Hereafter
- Reality & Spirituality
- (Alquran & Hadist)

The Truth and its impact:



Islam: Link Ethics, God to Science



Islamic Worldview

1. The Supremacy of Allah
2. The Oneness of God (Tauhid)
3. Human as 'abdillah (totally Obey Allah)
4. The unity of world system
5. The unity of knowledge
6. Allah's willingness, existence, presence must link to all human activities (ibadat and muamalat).

Ibadah and Muamalat

- Islam does not distinguish between Ibadah (ritual worship) and Muamalat (practices in the area of Islamic worldly affairs eg. economy, management, banking and finance)
- In a broader sense muamalat can be categorized as Ibadah as far as the muamalat activities is conducted comply with shariah.

End goal: Alfalah

- The main target of all human being 's activities are to achieve Al Falah (the real happiness in the world and hereafter)
- Alquran is a worldview from Allah and has been applied successfully during the Rasulullah Era.
- We just follow the Prophet (pbuh) if we want to achieve Alfalah

Future Agenda:

- Build the socio-scientific integration of Tawhid Law into Islamic worldview and world-system
- Reconstruct all practices, institutions, formalism, education, research system using Tawhidi Law.
- Due to lack of everything, focus the efforts on co-operation among Islamic scholars, universities, organizations, and countries.
- Build university and community based on tawhedic epistemology.

Terimakasih

Jazakumullah khairan kashiron

Thank you so much for your
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