

Islamisation of Psychology, Releventization of Islamic **Studies and Integration** Between the Two: An **Experience in Teaching Islam** and Psychology Course

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#### THREE TERMINOLOGIES IN KIRKHS IIUM

#### ISLAMISATION/ISLAMICISATION

The unIslamic aspects in psychology

#### RELEVENTISATION

 The Operationalisation of already-Islamic Concepts; for Da`wah/Tarbiah; or effective implementation of Shari`ah

#### INTEGRATION

- Ayat Manzurah and Ayat Maqru'ah support the revelation and turath; qat`i (principle) vs. zanni (theoretical/historical)
- >I.R.I independent and/or simultaneous

#### **ASPECTS FOR I.R.I**

- SECULAR SCIENCE = PSEUDO-RELIGION
  - PHILOSOPHY influences our AQIDAH
  - THEORIES influence our LAW/SHARI'AH
  - APPLICATION influences our AKHLAQ/ETHICS
- + HISTORICAL ASPECTS influences our self-concept and self-esteem

#### (POSSIBLE) REASONS FOR DISAGREEMENTS

- Some scholars when they talk about Islamization, there are referring to either one of:
  - Islamization
  - Releventization, or
  - Integration
- Some use all three terms interchangebly too
- Suggestion: Separating the terms may help different scholars contribute based on their abilities and interests

# FREQUENT COMPLAINT 1999-2004

- Islamic perspectives are covered at the end of chapter (in other courses sometimes, at the end of the semester) instead of integrated throughout
- At least, judging by the course outlines

#### **CURRENT PRACTICES 2004-2011**

 For each chapter or sub-discipline, the following are addressed:

Aspects	Efforts
Philosophy	Islamization
Theories/research	Islamization, Relevantization, Integration
Application	Relevantization
History	Integration

# **RESEARCH METHODS**

		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of research; Islamic/scientific evaluation of positivism and social constructions;	Islamization
	THEORIES/ RESEARCH/ METHODS	Experimental, Correlational, Survey, Observational, Case-studies, Other Qualitative Methods, Sampling, Ethics, Statistics – Scientific/Islamic evidences supporting/against	Islamisation/ Releventization/ Integration
V	APPLICATION	Using Islamised scientific methods in studying Muslims' religious behaviours e.g. Correlation and Sadd al-Dhari`ah	Relevantization
1	* HISTORICAL	Experimental methods used by Ibn al- Haytham, al-Razi, Ibn Sina, al-Biruni, etc. Survey methods used by Shafi`i, Case-studies used by Hadith scholars	Integration
	SYNTHESIS	Combination with Islamic Traditional Methods	

# **BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

/		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of human biology; Islamic/scientific evaluation of genetic and evolutionary perspectives	Islamization
	THEORIES/ RESEARCH	Neuron, Nervous System, Endocrine System; Scientific/Islamic evidences supporting/against; Appreciation of the Hikmah; The Biology of Islamic Rituals	Islamization/ Releventization/ Integration
	APPLICATION	Provide feedback for Fatwa related to biological influences on behaviours and mental processes	Relevantization
1	* HISTORICAL	Ibn Sina, Fakhruddin al-Razi, al-Farabi, al-Ghazali, Ibn Qayyim	Integration
	SYNTHESIS	Role of soul in the nature vs. nurture influence on behaviours; Use of neuroplasticity and neurogenesis to support Islamic perspective; Role of `aql and qalb in relation to the brain	

# **SENSATION AND PERCEPTION**

		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
/	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of world as an "illusion"; Islamic values on using sensation to perceive hidayah	Islamization
	THEORIES/ RESEARCH	Threshold; Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Skin Senses; The Fiqh of Sensation; Perception, Extra-sensory Perception in Islam; Hikmah of Sensation Functions and Law of Perception	Islamization/ Releventization/ Integration
	APPLICATION	Defining or redefining mudarah/ mafsadah in fiqh; Using law of perception and illusion in promoting Islam and Islamic products	Releventization
\	* HISTORICAL	Ibn al-Haytham, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Sina, Ibn Miskawyh, Ibn Bajjah, Ibn Rushd, Ikhwan al-Safa, Ibn Qayyim, Fakhruddin al-Razi, and numerous others	Integration

## **PSYCHOLOGY OF CONSCIOUSNESS**

	CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of consciousness; Level of consciousness in `aqidah, `ibadah and akhlaq	Islamization
THEORIES	Sleep, Dream, Psychoactive drugs, Altered state of consciousness: Scientific and Islamic evidences supporting and against	Islamization/ Releventization/ Integration
APPLICATION	Improve the quality dhikr, tafakkur, qaylulah, qiyamullail; Improve drug rehab programme	Relevantization
* HISTORICAL	Al-Kindi, Ibn Hazm, Ibn Miskawayh, al- Farabi, al-Ghazali, Ibn Sirin,	Integration
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# **PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING**

/		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
/	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of learning; Islamic evaluation of secular perspective on learning e.g. behaviourism	Islamization
	THEORIES	Classical conditioning, Operant conditioning, Observational Learning, Cognitive learning. Scientific and Islamic evidences supporting and against	Islamisation/ Releventisation/ Integration
\	APPLICATION	Improve Islamic tarbiah, the pre- implementation of Islamic criminal law, the distribution of zakat, Islamic behaviour therapy,	Releventisation
	* HISTORICAL	Al-Ghazali, Ibn Sina,	Integration

# **COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY**

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/		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
/	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of cognition; Islamic evaluation of secular cognitive perspective	Islamization
	THEORIES	Memory, Thinking, Problem-solving, Decision-making, Language, and Intelligence; Scientific and Islamic evidences supporting and against	Islamization/ Relevantization/ Integration
\	APPLICATION	Improving Islamic cognitive therapy, Improving memory of eye-witness in Islamic criminal cases; Improving decision-making and problem-solving in syura; Improving thought process in istinbat ahkam, tafsir, sharh hadith, etc.	Relevantization
	* HISTORICAL	Al-Ghazali, al-Farabi, Ibn Qayyim, al-Balkhi,	Integration

### **DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**

		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
/	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of stages of life and death; the concept ahliah in fiqh; Islamic evaluation of secular perspective of lifespan development	Islamization
	THEORIES	Prenatal, Childhood, Adolescence, Adulthood, Ageing, Dying and Death. Scientific and Islamic evidences supporting and against	Islamization/ Relevantization/ Integration
\	APPLICATION	Improving tarbiah according to specific developmental stages (physical, cognitive, personality, emotional, social, sexual, moral, spiritual, etc.)	Relevantization
	* HISTORICAL	Ibn Tufayl, al-Ghazali,	Integration

# **MOTIVATION AND EMOTION**

		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
/	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of motivation and emotion; the theory of maqasid shar`iyyah, Islamic evaluation of the secular philosophy of motivation/emotion	Islamization
	THEORIES	Types of motives, Theories of motives, Types of emotion, Theories of emotion. Scientific and Islamic evidences supporing/against; Spiritual motivation, Religious motivation	Islamization/ Relevantization/ Integration
\	APPLICATION	Motivating people to perform `ibadah, da`wah and jihad	Relevantization
	* HISTORICAL	Ibn Taimiyyah, al-Ghazali, Ibn Sina,	Integration

# PERSONALITY PSYCHOLOGY

		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
/	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of personality (human nature, syakhsiyyah Islamiyyah, and individual differences); Islamic evaluation of secular perspectives of personality	Islamization
	THEORIES	Psychodynamic, Trait, and Cognitive-social perspectives of personality. Scientific and Islamic evidences supporting/against	Islamization/ Relevantization/ Integration
\	APPLICATION	Selecting workers for Islamic organizations; applying different fiqh for based on individual differences	Relevantization
	* HISTORICAL	Al-Ghazali, al-Muhasibi and numerous others; `Ilm al-jarh wa al-ta`dil	Integration

# **ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY**

	CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of abnormality from `aqidah, shari`ah and akhlaq perspectives; Islamic evaluation of secular criteria of abnormality	Islamization
THEORIES	Classification of psychological disorders, Universal vs. Culture-bound, Anxiety disorders, Somatoform disorders, Dissociative disorders, Mood disorders, Schizophrenia, Personality disorders, Seasonal affective disorders. Scientific and Islamic evidences supporting/against. Spiritual disorders (sifat madhmumah) in relation to modern labels of disorder	Islamization/ Relevantization/ Integration
APPLICATION	Define or redefine legal insanity, , etc.	Relevantization
* HISTORICAL	al-Balkhi, al-Ghazali and numerous others	Integration

# **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

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		CONTENT	CODE (I.R.I)
/	PHILOSOPHY	Islamic philosophy of ummah, habl min Allah and habl min al-nas; Islamic evaluation of secular perspectives of society	Islamization
	THEORIES	Conformity, compliance, obedience; Attitudes, persuasion, attribution, prejudice and discrimination, Interpersonal attraction, liking and love, Altruism and aggression	Islamization/ Relevantization/ Integration
\	APPLICATION	Reducing prejudice/discrimination, and aggressive behaviour, Increasing brotherhood, helping behaviour, Changing unIslamic attitude to Islamic attitude.  Preventing religious cults	Relevantization
	* HISTORICAL	Al-Ghazali, al-Farabi, Ibn Khaldun, Ibn Tufayl	Integration

#### **CHALLENGES: STUDENTS' MISCONCEPTIONS**

- After Islamic perspectives being covered throughout the chapter, not just at the end, some students found it too challenging.
- The followings are some of the misconceptions based on students essay, presentations, and final exam answers using the example of Observational Learning

- 1. The theory is TOTALLY Islamic!
  - Dalil: Qabil and the raven; Ummu Salamah and `Umrah Hudaybiyyah
- 2. The theory is TOTALLY unIslamic
  - Only Rasulullah SAW as Uswatun Hasanah
- 3. The Qur'an and Hadith cited are not linked with the arguments or link them superficially

- 4. Criticising results
  - e.g. criticising Bandura's research participants instead of the theory
- 5. Accepting early Muslim scholars' opinion as the Truth.
  - Wahyu vs. Turath
- 6. The integration is disintegrated
  - e.g. Two separate sections
- 7. Accepting one dalil/evidence as the ultimate support of a theory
  - it should be compared with other dalils.

- Need critical thinking
- People are influence by model but not always
- Soul play a moderating factors e.g.
   Stories of Asiah RA and wives of Lut
   Nuh

# SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHOLARS: POST-2011

# **QUR'AN AND SUNNAH**

- Index of psychological terms in the Qur'an
- Index of psychological themes in the Qur'an
- Index of psychological terms in the Hadith
- Index of psychological themes in the Hadith
- The psychological aspects Qur'anic Uslub
- The psychological aspects of Prophetic saying, behaviours and taqrir

#### SHARI'AH

- Identifying psychological `illah that influenced previous fatwa
- Identifying psychological `illah as guide for contemporary fatwa
- Psychology in Qawa`id Usuliah and Qawa`id Fiqhiyyah

#### **USULUDDIN**

- Contributions of early Muslims scholars indexed by chapters and sub-topics
- Psychological aspects of Al-Anbiya' AS, Muhammad SAW, and Sahabah RA
- Psychology of Da`wah
- Psychology of Islamic Movement

#### **PSYCHOLOGY**

- Dilemma of Muslim applied psychologists
- Transferring from curriculum to cocurricular activities
- Empirical research supporting I.R.I
- Translation to English, works in Arabic, Malaysian and Indonesian languages
- A comprehensive, pedagogical/androgocial-based textbook

#### **ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES**

- Ibadah Basic Psychology: understanding Allah by understanding ourselves
- Khilafah Applied Psychology: using psychological principles to improve the religious and worldly lives of people