Qur’anic Perspective on the Role of Education in the Context of Globalization: The Alliance Of Civilization

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Abstract: The main purpose and role of education in the globalizing world should be towards developing the alliance of civilizations and ensuring its stability and sustainability. In fact education can play a major role in instilling peace and mutual understanding in the entire humanity.

The moral teachings of religion lead to their common purpose which is to flourish peace and tranquility among people. Religions refer to the common origin of humanity for example this originality symbolized in the first couple, Adam and Eve, and it makes all humanity brothers and sisters. However, to make this “common origin” known to people and foster peace and harmony among them based on the teachings of religions, there appears a compelling and serious necessity of a proper dynamic of education and educating. This can be achieved through the novel and extraordinary cross-continental and intercultural communication tools which have come along with the most striking material and ideal phenomena called globalization.

However, the globalization which we all are living as a reality has beside its many bright sides, some dark aspects as well. The globalization is most of the time over simplified by its material interpretation and its essential relationship with the free market economy. The material interpretation of globalization has taken attention and focus of people to the material fact of globalization and has ignored the spiritual possibilities which are present in the globalization but are not yet explored. We are very aware about the economical relief and distress caused by globalization, as this relief and distress is being connected to the human material happiness. The most important aspect of globalization, which remains most of the time overlooked, is the educational value which globalization carries and could carry in future. Globalization carries three types of educational opportunities, first social learning, second exchange of information, third publication of the information. This educational quality of globalization if used and explored to its fullest can materialize and alliance of civilization.

In this paper, the role of education in the globalized world and its basic principles will be investigated through the Qur’anic point of view. How the full capacity of human development can be achieved in order to discover his eternal values for full satisfaction. Also it will be highlighted on the principles of that all the people are from the siblings of Adam and Eve. How education can play a significant role in the globalized world to unity and focusing on the common values rather than parsing and separating. How the globalization can be made the proper channel and medium of the positive education which can help realizing the global alliance of civilization and its requirements.