

Preserving Human Development Towards a Peaceful Community: General Observation According to Quran Perspective

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Abstract: In driving towards humanity development that's centered on peace community it is important to have a religion based framework as the main ingredient. Islam as the 'Deen' and Allah as the creator, the ever living is the most complete way of life without a stint of imperfection. The teaching is divine and close to the nature of human if definitely an assurance of guideline to develop a holistic peace community. The world has seen the historical greatness of Islam and the community in developing a successful ancient civilization which is highly based on "tawhidic paradigm". In reality, a society that is solely brought up with material aspect without considering spiritual aspect will have a depreciation of moral values thus indirectly will negatively affect the development of human in general. This research study used literature review method to look at the perception of Quran and scholars regarding human development. All the data gathered were then analyzed using content analysis. It is a fact that Al Quran is the main instrument in dictating and framing a peace community. Quran is a scripture that explain about the true teachings of Islam which disseminated through our beloved Prophet Muhammad PBUH. Relatively, the content of Quran have stated and touch on matters related to human in developing a peace community as well as other needs. The content of Quran has also become the guideline to make decision that will lead to happiness be it now or during the hereafter.

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INTRODUCTION

In designing a developed country and balanced an enhancement of human capital is an important instruments that need to be addressed in order to achieve development that is seen as sustainable development. The development of a country alone is only concerned with material elements that in the end would produce people who tend to be individualistic and materialistic driven. The outcome of this may lead people to cause more damages to achieve unlimited profit. Such capacity is clearly incompatible with the spirit and philosophy of development in Islam. Islam development model is different with the concept of development which is practiced in the West. Islam encourages its followers to care and protect all of Allah creation on earth from any damages. In addition, the concept of tazkiyyah should also be given priority where mankind should inhabit the earth and should be grateful for all the blessings Allah has bestowed. Therefore, development shaped by Islam tends to produce individuals who have a frame of mind of

a pure heart and close to the religion. Ironically, balanced development should be based on the development of conditions that are relevant to contemporary society and culture based on religious framework. Empowerment of human capital that have been designed to cover a complete process to form a knowledgeable human labour, moral, skilled, competitive and resilient. However, efforts to strengthen the development of quality human capital is not an easy thing to achieve. It seemed easy to be expressed on study but it is a complex matter to be implemented in the form of action.

Furthermore, in this era of globalization where technology is vastly used, it gave space to the school of thought which is sponsored by the West to influence the culture and lifestyle of the people in the present. Developments such as the pluralism, hedonism, scepticism, secularism and so multiply through the medium of globalization creates the potential to weaken and undermine the fortress of akliyah and rohaniyah of the young generation. The dominance of this school of thought which at present dominates the world

of postmodernism lead the Muslim community drowned with criticism, endless social crisis and does not have the ability to develop a society that is respected and feared. Thus, the empowerment of human capital based on the divine and religious element as stated by the Quran and al-Sunnah able to produce a Rabbani generation that are competitive, creative and innovative. External foundations that are beneficial either developed by the East and West can be integrated with a system that has been designed by Islam as a process of improvement and complement to the landscape of human development by focusing on the development of science and technology, physical, akliah and morality.

GENERAL OBSERVATION ON HUMAN CAPITAL EMPOWERMENT IN MALAYSIA

Human development also known as human capital is among the agenda that will be addressed by the government in the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP). The Malaysia Prime Minister during his presentation of the proposal asserts (Badawi, 2006):

If we want to step into the knowledge-based economy, if we want the country to move forward and remain at that level, human capital development should be enhanced. Three key strategies for nurturing first class human capital will be implemented. First, increase the capacity and mastery of knowledge. Second, strengthening the ability of science, research and development and innovation. Third, cultivate civilized society and have moral force

The planned development of human resources plays an important role in strengthening human capital. In other words, human capital refers to individuals who are focused to strengthen itself both in terms of knowledge as well as competitive in terms of technical or professional. They who can be competitive, the one that are able to establish a dominant personality certainly a national asset to achieve vision 2020. The values contained in this human capital though never been stated clearly in the profit-and- loss statements among the organization cannot denied the fact that the value of human capital serves to enhance organization achievement. In a broader dimension, human capital serves to draw the National direction towards the targeted goal. Without the quality of human resources, a state will be weak because the absence of human factors that actually trigger the new initiatives in the socioeconomic activities. To understand the purpose of human resource development, we need to be clear or understand the existence of the most important elements to be developed that is human himself.

Human beings are special. It is forever our most valuable asset and most important capital. The achievement of the objectives of building human capital as the main aspect (human capital) should start with the right perception about human nature, characteristics and potential. Without a proper understanding of the elements described, it would result an imbalance and defects in the process of comprehensive human development. The creation of man is aligned with the creation of a mission. The mandate receives by Caliphate contains meaning that God has equipped it with the potential of being the officer who qualify as caliph of Allah on earth (built and civilize nature, producing useful and highlight its beauty).

It is the fact that human beings are capable of absorbing knowledge. Such messages can be captured from the grant of the Qur'an about Allah has taught Adam about names so as to achieve the highest level of knowledge than the angels that they prostrate (respect) to him as a sign of recognition of the primacy of human beings. In other words, humans are forever able to learn and can be taught. The concept of the caliphate in fact contains the meaning of civilizing mission. The fact that the consequential meaning that human beings are creative. Just being able to build a creative environment and civilize in the sense of transforming nature into culture. So it is the fact that behaviour and mind- set of the people can change. Education, training and environment (physical and cultural) is the agent that can change people. Survival of mankind over the centuries since Adam AS is a proof that people are able to change to adapt to the changing environment.

Therefore, who does this human capital represent and how they can contribute towards the development of quality human? All Malaysians regardless of class society, age, religion, race, colour and gender is a human capital that can play an important role in the matter. According Sivamurugan Pandian, human capital is an individual who is not individualistic in character but it is a part of society in Malaysia, knowledgeable, confident have good values and high moral, ethical, well mannered, courteous, strong families, discipline dynamic, resilient high, innovative, creative, healthy, enthusiastic patriotism and nationalism, fair, progressive attitude, determination, integrated and competitive. This is the human capital that have outstanding personalities. They are the ones who will determine the direction of the country in the future. (<http://www.utusan.com.my/utusan/archive.asp.html>, the reach of June 27, 2014). These characteristics serve as Malaysia's human capital index. The idea of human capital hinges on the network of norms that binds their position in society and its contribution towards making the value a must to follow and practiced. To produce dynamic

human resource, it needs to fill the mind with knowledge. Knowledgeable human resources are highly demanded among organizations and companies. They are a very valuable asset. If people learned that perform a task, they will do so with a sense of responsibility and trust.

Human development in the context of our own reference must be based on knowledge that can nourish the skills to manage themselves and the ability to manage the system. Islam does not deny the importance of mathematics as it is a natural occurrence and each of our movement is mathematical. Islam does not reject the joint exploration and research because it is tadabbur or survey from Allah organizing the nature of thankfulness to the discovery His greatness. It is not to be haughty and misuse scientific discoveries to harm the nature, human life and civilization. Tadabbur should guide the human soul back and stay in because human nature does not do the creating. Humans are only able to compose something for them and to be more creative. The quality of human development depends on the strength of knowledge and so, phistication of one's own skills. Our society should focus on a very high human capital development. As explained by Sidek Baba (<http://www.maralondon.com/masterclub@uk/index.html>, on June 27, 2015 performance). Men who will be able to build a new civilization was born without overrule the interest in developing moral values. At the same time, do not deny the importance of knowledge management systems and tools for life itself. Education is not simply a process of transfer of knowledge, skills and experience alone. It also changes the human self. Scholars excellence rooted in the past in developing changes based on knowledge and education are able to offer to Western and Eastern civilizations a very interesting dimension. It not only reflected in the personal power of the scholars but also in the power of science and technology. What is certain is the revelation of such importance for human life that is based on Rabbani factors that cause high piety towards God. This human development needed to bring about change in line with the nature.

The ability of man determines the extent to which a nation will thrive and succeed. Determine the policies, strategies or plans, whether it requires knowledge, ability and wisdom. The progress of the country depends on the ability of its people. If we understood this, we certainly appreciate the focus on human capital development which repeatedly stated the Malaysia prime minister. We can plan other aspects of development but achieving it depends on the ability of human capital. Human capacity building is an on-going process. It's not a special program for a certain period. Human capital development requires long-term planning for future needs.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT ACCORDING TO AL-QURAN PERSPECTIVE

In principle, the Qur'an is a book that describes the perfect formula to humans to establish a comprehensive system and best way of life. Through this system, people will be able to live a perfect life due to all the rules that were created by God in conformity with the will and instinct of every human being. For that reason it is clear objective that man on earth has to practice the teachings contained in the law to be applied in every field of life (Al-Maududi, 1965). Therefore, the Qur'an is a great miracle that explained to mankind about philosophy, theory and principles of complete religion and the Qur'an is not a book that explains the concepts of science and technology in detail. In contrast the Qur'an is the divine word that calls upon all people to become intelligent to study and unravel hidden secrets to the survival of human civilization. Qur'an has also been handed the keys to the building of the civilization of mankind. Overall, it is understood that the key areas in the Qur'an is the process of human development in forming a civilized society (Ali al-Shuaibi, 2003).

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Touching on the issue of human development that is based on weltanschauung the Qur'an however is not a new issue. Even in the Qur'an, al-Sunni and Islamic history, it is clear that Islam strongly emphasizes on the quality of individuals with knowledge, high-minded, high morals, tolerance, competitiveness and so on. All features mentioned are part of the elements with establishment of human. It is human failure to understand the demands contained in the teachings of the Qur'an and do not study the history of the vicissitudes of human civilization in the past led men fail to function as a perfect human. As pointed out by al-Qur'an as the word of God says:

So have they not traveled through the earth and have hearts by which to reason and ears by which to hear? For indeed, it is not eyes that are blinded but blinded are the hearts which are within the breasts (Al-Quran, 22: 46)

In this verse, it is clear that life in the world invites persecution to human. Therefore, people who idolize and glorify the life of this world and lead to negligent of remembrance that have been submitted by the Prophet SAW. Those who act in such a group of people who are at a disadvantage because they do not think much and be seduced by the worldly luxury. This is explained by Allah in the Qur'an that says:

Beautified for people is the love of that which they desire of women and sons, heaped-up sums of gold and silver, fine branded horses and cattle and tilled land. That is the enjoyment of worldly life but Allah has with Him the best return. (Al-Quran, 3: 14)

According to Islamic psychology (Sardar, 1988), the concept of human development is geared towards achieving the well-being (al-Falah) and hasanah at the most optimal level in every area of life. To achieve this noble concept should be based on the tawhidic paradigm which is a mould determined by the Almighty. A manifestation of the purity of the faith represents a symbol of freedom to Muslims (liberating force tawhid) and provide an essential strength as well as providing tranquillity as promised by Allah. If we were to unfold the past history of Malaya, indoctrination of faith has a big impact on the Malay community system. Faith revolution based on Islam that had widespread in the archipelago has been Islamizing the Malay community in all aspects of life. For example, Islam has managed to change the customs of the Malay tradition that adheres to the concept of Devaraja and put man on the actual status and obedient and submissive to Allah Almighty. The implication, transformation of sovereign act of the king to the sovereignty of the law happened, or in other words worship the righteous king, against the cruel king.

FOUNDATION OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

In Islam, the spiritual element is of high priority in our lives that can be analogized like a tree or the essence. While the other side elements such as science and technology economy language, industrial, political, cultural categorized as a branch that produces leaves and fruit, in obedience to the laws (Muhammad Uthman, 1992). It is thus in line with the creation of man on earth as Allah says in the Qur'an that says:

And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (Al-Quran, 51: 56)

With the worship, human kind will reap the glory, greatness and good fortune in life and hereafter because it is a human nature for humans to forever need their God. Man is dependent on his Lord even for a moment, while Allah the Almighty did not expect any help and the help of man. Allah Ta'ala says:

If you disbelieve, indeed, Allah is Free from need of you. And He does not approve for His servants disbelief. And if you are grateful, He approves it for you and no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another. Then to your Lord is your return, and He will inform you about what you used to do. Indeed, He is Knowing of that within the breasts (Al-Quran, 39: 7)

Human development that is shaped by Islam must be based on spiritual strength because the value generates an effective momentum to build human civilization. For example, people need to apply moral values in everyday life, pursuing an economic policy based on the 'syara' principles, cultivate an appreciation of science in society, applying the values in the society based on cultural norms of Islam and so forth. However, the climax of spiritual strength can only be achieved by each individual Muslim ritual practices such as meditation and pray to Allah through a specified worship (Sabiq, 1988). The advantages of the spiritual power can be seen to its glorious achievements of Islamic civilization of the past. Of scholars like al-Kindi, al-Khwarizmi, Ibn Sina and others are part of Islam not only brilliant intellectual in theology aspects, they are even scholar of distinction in their respective disciplines. This is because, the scholars have managed to assimilate the religious aspects of human needs in a perfect system. The example shown by the intellectuals should be the underlying principle and model of delivering high quality human capital.

Islam strongly emphasizes basic knowledge in the construction of human civilization. In the context of the development of human capital, knowledge is a catalyst in the process of nourishing the potential of human capital to produce competent human resources. Therefore, humans have been awarded the high intellectual power and have the capacity to acquire knowledge and understand the nature of truth. In other words, human beings created by Allah as a dynamic, innovative and creative to overcome many obstacles and challenges in life. For example, the challenges faced by human nature such as drought, poverty, disease, economic crisis and other natural disasters encourages people to be proactive in solving problems encountered. Therefore, the result of positive interaction between humans' effort with nature has created a product that is both intellectual and material. Hence, it is clear that humans developed without fundamental science will affect their function as Khalifa and humanity will even turn off potential that exists within man. This fact is explained by God through His word, which means:

And We have certainly created for Hell many of the jinn and mankind. They have hearts with which they do not understand, they have eyes with which they do not see and they have ears with which they do not hear. Those are like livestock rather, they are more astray. It is they who are the heedless (Al-Quran, 7: 179)

Although, humans are given the freedom to do any act however, they have to be careful because every practice will be judged by Allah. Because, every human being has the accountability of each behaviour will be assessed either by merit or sin. In this case, science is seen as a matter of fundamental importance to mankind in their drive towards divine guidance. The importance of knowledge to humans is seen as an instrument that can nourish the human potential for success on the spiritual aspect, dialectic and physical. The personality and conduct of a race in a civilization of humanity. The importance of morality in Islam until he became among the main objectives of the Prophet's mission on this earth. Prophet Muhammad as demonstrated superior qualities in each of his behaviour in order to serve as an example to his people. Allah says:

You are the best nation produced (as an example) for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. If only the People of the Scripture had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient (Al-Quran, 3: 110)

In designing the system of human development Prophet Muhammad has put the character as an important element to be applied in the whole of human life. According to Islam, every human behaviour are tied with moral values. Islamic history has sketched a human product that is produced through the instruction of the Prophet Muhammad is a society that lives in harmony and unity because he had managed to inculcate moral values in public institutions at the time. Without a solid moral, human values in public institutions founded by the Prophet will be destroyed and led to a domination of material values in humans. Moral values are considered as social control for Muslims in maintaining behaviours of individuals to do things that are contrary to the will of religious and societal norms. Therefore, human capital development effort would not succeed if the system fails to produce individuals who are rich in the high moral values.

Accordingly, human development will not be complete if it is not matched with the communication system has been developed by Islam. In principle, the system configuration includes the interaction of human relationship with Allah, fellow human interaction with nature and yourself. The complete interaction will result in a perfect chain system and will create a better quality. Indirectly, the community will form a progressive society and unite under one umbrella of the Islamic faith. The failure of human understanding and applying communication system is perfectly led to the destruction of human civilization and destruction. This reality can be seen from the word of Allah in the Quran that says:

And We have certainly diversified in this Qur'an for the people from every (kind of) example; but man has ever been, most of anything, (prone to) dispute (Al-Quran, 18: 54)

Al -Qur'an is the holy book revealed to the Prophet Muhammad SAW contains valuable clues to humans. Guidance given by the Qur'an is an essential guide as the basis for building the civilization of human beings oriented religious framework. This description is recorded in the Qur'an, as Allah says:

Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward (Al-Quran, 17: 9)

Thus, the development of human capital who excelled divine guidance (the Quran) will produce a brilliant generation in various fields of life beings. Through the strengthening of fardhu ain knowledge, mastery in the field fardhu kifayah and matched by the development of physical, material and noble moral values that frame the best strategy in human capital model. Indeed, the manifestation of the ideal human capital development is through arable than the instructions of the Koran and the ideas of human thought and translated into action plans. It is clear to us that human development must be based on individual achievements that can have prosperity and happiness in the world as well as in the hereafter. Islam does not only look on the physical aspect of a person but merely emphasizes the spiritual aspect as one that balances the integrity of human beings that lead to the existence of a perfect and steady as well as sustainable. Therefore, in order to produce a balanced human being spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually, of course it must be rooted in the concept of monotheism which became the controlling stake to humans. This in turn will lead to the creation of quality human with sincerity and pure and has the identity of the true religion.

Thus, human stubbornness to understand instructions from al-Qur'an has people who are sceptical and they just put worldly material as priority in life. In the, the potential of human values contained within them eroded and eventually put the group in a position of humble, full of oppression, create a culture of anarchy and various other negative culture. It assured human development will be incomplete and diverted if we ignore this aspect of the relationship that has been cultivated by Islam which is tremendously systematic. We must ensure that this relationship involves the interaction between man and God, man and nature, man and himself subsequently between man and others. Our failure to implement a communication system that would invite an accident, failure and destruction of human civilization which eventually will lead to the destruction of the essentials.

CONCLUSION

Thus, this study has found out that humanity development that is entrusted on peace community will be more complete if it has more significant guideline based from the Quran.

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