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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted due to the importance of information management and the expand of the information technology in today's world. The management and utilization of information and technology are essential prerequisite for any useful nation of development. It cannot be denied that information has now become the key commodity and chief raw material of contemporary society and in the course of our lives. We as Muslims are in need of the Islamic Knowledge in our society to ensure that we are in the right position with the right information. As technology is very hard to stop, it makes the world more prosperous and brings a great development. It is driven by lots of people hell-bent on increasing their prosperity. Social issues like health, education and environment create their own chain reactions that impacts governments, market and global companies just as they affect individuals. The new knowledge may bring scientific and technological changes in society. Some have far-reaching effects on the very structure of society. Islam has to be re-understood in the light of new conditions of life. Failure to adjust to this change will result in progressive decline. Yet, Islam not only recognizes changes as real, but also urges Muslims to adjust to it.

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CHAPTER ONE

Effective Information Management Of Islamic Knowledge

1.1 PROLEGOMENA

The Muslim Society can and must have a paradigm shift and change the past trends and start new strategies for development based on science and technology. The challenges facing the Muslim Society are not limited to improve the economy and increasing the physical conditions of the masses of people, but the real challenge lies in the transformation of the society from the static condition into a dynamic condition which will open the way to creativity and innovation.

Science and technology imply changes due to the discoveries made in response to the changing needs. Social environment in turn changes due to the impact of the application of science and technology. The role of individual in the family and the society, social attitudes towards women, the mobility of the population, attitudes to manual labour, team work and working ethics are all important factors that determine the conditions for real technology transfer and technical progress. It seems that Muslim today lack of technology culture and resistance to social changes.

As for the Muslim Society, there is a need for a new awakening on the cultural, spiritual, social and economic level in order to be able to face the numerous challenges. Islam is a dynamic religion, suitable for all time and places. Therefore, if the Muslim Society understand and practice the true spirit and ethics of Islam, the society can become a great nation once again as what had happened in the 800 Years Of Muslim's Excellency in Spain. Cultural values and the will to advance are the most important forces behind the technical progress and prosperity.