

Speech delivered by  
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Your Royal Highness, Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abd Al-Aziz  
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Your Excellencies,  
Gentlemen,

First of all, I would to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to your Royal Highness, King Faisal Foundation, and Jurors' committee which honoured me by this recognition and awarding of this prize.

I am greatly pleased to receive this prize, because it is of great interest to me for the purpose of introduction of Islam to non-Islamic countries. In addition it solves a lot of hurdles which face us in the process of work.

I am greatly pleased to receive this prize, as I look forward to it, to motivate other Muslims, to assist us in accomplishment of our great scheme which, in turn, will support us to lead our life as it should be. In addition to the construction of Cordova Mosque in Spain, which was the biggest enlightenment center of Islamic-Arabic culture in Europe.

The Mayor of Cordova, a non-Muslim, was the first in rendering assistance to us in this work by means of allotment of Borj Clahora (Tower of Clahora, which was constructed by our venerable ancestors, to be our research center. Furthermore His Eminence Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Baz has set a venerable example in rendering assistance to Muslims.

Islam is facing formidable challenges all over the world; but the challenges raised by Muslims are greater than those raised by the enemies of Islam.

Nowadays, many Muslims are captivated by the false sparkling appearance of the modern material civilization in the west, and its material technological achievements, which resulted in inferiority complex to Muslims. In my opinion, it is the worst defeat which may come upon Muslims.

On this occasion, I would like to remind Muslims, all over the world, that the complete and comprehensive application of Islam, wholly not partly, is the source of victory, civilization, and perpetual happiness. You may, perceive that mankind, nowadays, is facing an intensive civilization crises. If sound solutions are not reached, said horrible and terrifying crisis will be aggravated, God forbid. As Muslims we have the

solution to such crises, therefore we have to present it to the whole world through our practices, not through hollow words void of truth and practice.

Islamic University of Cordova will teach natural sciences as well as wisdom (Hikmah) and faith and faith (Eaman) at the same time.

Roger Bacon says that he learned the principles of modern experimental sciences from the Muslim optics scientist Hasan Ibn Al-Haytham. Those modern sciences which are considered, in Europe, to be the first experimental methods.

Wisdom (Hikmah): is contemplation on the aims of resurrection, as well as the dimensions associated with religious and moral values.

Faith (Al-Aqeedah): To admit that neither science in its search for causes neither wisdom in its quest for the aims will never lead to know neither the first cause nor the final aim.

But faith is the vigilant conscience for each mental assumption. As each thought has its own limits, but faith, like intellect, is limitless.

May your Royal Highness allow me to thank you again for this honourable recognition be handing me this prize. Hoping that it will motivate others to assist us with necessary means and funds required for work in order to revive University of Cordova, and to become the minaret of the future, and devote its energies to spread Islamic call in the west.

Dr. Roger Garaudy