



Intellectual Security Stronghold of “Alentedhar” Society

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In an era marked by rapid intellectual transformations, increasing cultural interconnectivity, the proliferation of knowledge sources, and the widespread circulation of divergent ideas, intellectual security has become an indispensable necessity. It serves to safeguard minds against confusion, deviation, and systematic doubt. The threats facing humanity are no longer limited to military wars or economic crises, minds themselves have become arenas of conflict, where misleading ideas are planted, and the ability to distinguish between truth and falsehood is taken away.

The Holy Qur’an has pointed to this fact for centuries, emphasizing that the real struggle is not merely between political or economic powers, but between a sound vision of existence and deviant perceptions that mislead people from their true purpose.

Allah, Almighty, says: {And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart, about all those will be questioned.} [Al-Isra, verse: 36].

This divine warning not only addresses the issue of misinformation, but also goes beyond that to establish a profound foundation for intellectual security, that the mind is responsible for the knowledge it acquires, and that it may not base its judgments on conjectures and suspicions. Hence, we find that the Qur’an does not present thought as a mere mental process, but rather links it to insight, responsibility, and a deep awareness of the realities of existence.

Islam has made protecting thought from deviation as a part of the comprehensive human security system. Protecting oneself from harm, one’s wealth from loss, and one’s honor from violation are essentials for a dignified life. Protecting one’s mind from misguidance and intellectual confusion is also a major term for one’s own safety, because the mind is the primary gateway that determines one’s path in this world and the hereafter. The Holy Qur’an emphasizes that true security begins with the integrity of thought, clarity of vision, and purity of understanding about Allah Almighty, existence, and humanity. Allah Almighty says: {Then is one who walks fallen on his face better guided or one who walks erect on a straight path?} [Al-Mulk, verse: 22].

When thought deviates, it can lead a person down a misguided path, even if they believe they are moving in the right direction. For this reason, the Qur'an consistently urges individuals to verify, reflect upon, and contemplate information before accepting it. Intellectual deviation is not merely a lapse in knowledge; but also a slip that leads a person into loss and failure. As Allah Almighty says: {Say, Shall we inform you of the greatest losers as to deeds? Those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work. } [Al-Kahf, verses: 103-104].

In this context, the discussion of intellectual security in the Holy Qur'an is not merely a cultural issue, but rather a necessity of faith, a civilizational principle, and a Quranic approach to protecting humanity from falling into the chaos of ideas and doubts. Intellectual security is a comprehensive framework designed to cultivate a conscious mind-discerning, resilient against misinformation, open to dialogue, and steadfast in the pursuit of truth. Hence, the research into this issue is not only limited to being a cognitive study, but also a necessary step. This step is towards understanding how the Qur'an can serve as a guardian of the Muslim mind, a guarantor of its integrity, and a guide for its thinking, at a time when intellectual trends are intertwined, and humanity needs a Qur'anic guiding to the straight path.

First: Intellectual Security in Holy Qur'an Concept, Foundations

The discussion of intellectual security in the Holy Qur'an cannot be reduced to merely preventing destructive ideas or confronting deviant intellectual trends. Rather, it is a broader and deeper concept, based on establishing a comprehensive approach to formulating human thought,s according to the balance of truth and certainty, such that humans are able to distinguish between right and wrong, truth and falsehood, and righteousness and deviation.

1- The Concept of Intellectual Security in Light of Holy Qur'an

Intellectual security is a state of mental stability that enables a person to confront doubts and whims without deviating or going astray. The Holy Qur'an presents a clear vision of intellectual security, embodied in doctrinal clarity, cognitive verification, and a balance between reason and revelation. Allah Almighty says: {Know, therefore, that there is no god but Allah, and ask forgiveness for thy fault} [Muhammad, verse: 19]. The Qur'an affirms that knowledge and certainty are the foundations of intellectual security, and that the greatest safeguard against loss is faith based on verification and confirmation, not on conjecture and blind following.

2- The Relationship between Reason and Intellectual Security in the Qur'anic Perspective

The Holy Qur'an recognizes that the mind is not merely a tool for thinking, but rather a responsibility before God. Therefore, we find that verses that address the mind are

repeated in a manner that encourages contemplation and reflection. Allah Almighty says: {do they not reflect upon

the Qur’an, or are there locks upon hearts?} [Mohammad, verse: 24].

The verse indicates that intellectual stagnation, a closed mind, and a lack of contemplation are all factors that threaten human intellectual security, leading to the misguidance and ignorance.

In contrast, the Qur’an emphasizes that true intellectual security can only be achieved through combining reason and faith, sound thinking and firm certainty.

Allah Almighty says: {Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.} [Al Imran, verse: 190]. This emphasizes that contemplating Allah’s verses is a fundamental means of reinforcing intellectual stability, anchoring the mind in profound truths rather than allowing it to drift among illusions and unfounded assumptions.

3- The Importance of Certainty in Building Sound Thinking

One of the main problems of modern thought is the constant state of doubt and uncertainty. People today face a flood of conflicting information, which has led many to lose confidence in certainties, and to live in a state of constant intellectual anxiety.

However, the Qur’an emphasizes certainty as a key condition for protecting the mind from confusion and deviation. It affirms that truth is not relative, as materialistic thinking claims, but that there are firm, absolute truths that cannot be denied. Allah, Almighty, says: {And indeed, it is the truth of certainty} [Al-Haqqah: 51].

A person, who lives with intellectual certainty, is not easily misled by doubts or extreme and misleading ideologies. His faith is strong, his path is steady, and his convictions are built upon divine truths that remain unchanged regardless of time or circumstances.

4- The Role of Reflection and Contemplation in Protecting the Mind

The Noble Qur’an places deep reflection and contemplation on Allah’s verses as one of the greatest means of protecting the mind from intrusions and deviations: {Then do they not look at the camels, how they are created?} [Al-Ghashiyah, verse: 17].

This call to reflect on creation is not merely a call for knowledge, but also a foundation for shaping a balanced intellect, capable of analyzing phenomena, distinguishing between truth and falsehood, and safeguarding thought from media and cultural manipulation aimed at shaking a person’s certainty. Based on the above, it becomes clear that intellectual security in the Qur’an is not just a shield against deviation, but also a comprehensive project to rebuild the mind on sound logical and faith-based foundations. Through certainty, reflection, verification, and contemplation, a person is able to protect their mind from deviation and construct a clear and steady vision regarding major truths, so that they are not subject to

fluctuating intellectual currents.

*Second: Intellectual Threats in Holy Qur'an, Warnings against Them

The Holy Qur'an's approach to building intellectual security is not limited to establishing sound principles and guiding people toward sound thinking. Rather, it also extends to warning against intellectual threats that can mislead people, divert them from the truth, leading them to doubt and falsification. The Qur'an presents a comprehensive vision of the dangers that threaten sound thinking, and establishes rules for protecting and dealing with them. This is so that a person can maintain his sanity, adhere to the truth, and remain immune to intellectual penetration or doctrinal deviation.

Among these threats mentioned in the Holy Quran are:

1. Intellectual falsification and intentional distortion of facts. Allah Almighty says: {those who distort words from their [proper] usages.} [An-Nisa, verse: 46].
2. Desire as a source of intellectual deviation. Allah Almighty says: {Have you seen he who has taken as his god his desire, and Allah has sent him astray due to knowledge} [Al-Jathiyah, verse: 23].
3. The impact of doubts and temptations on the mind. Allah Almighty says: {And when they meet those who believe, they say, "We believe"; but when they are alone with their evil ones, they say, "Indeed, we are with you; we were only mockers.} [Al-Baqarah, verse: 14].
4. Blind imitation and the absence of critical thinking. Allah Almighty says: {And when it is said to them, "Follow what Allah has revealed," they say, "Rather, we will follow that which we found our fathers doing." Even though their fathers understood nothing, nor were they guided?} [Al-Baqarah, verse: 170].
5. Media propaganda and cultural misinformation. Allah Almighty says: {So he deceived his people, and they obeyed him. Indeed, they were a people of evildoers.} [Al-Zukhruf, verse: 54].

The Holy Quran has established enduring principles for protecting thought from deviation, through:

- Encouraging a mindset of inquiry, where ideas are examined carefully before being embraced.
- Developing the ability to discern truth from manipulation, and resisting the urge to follow trends without critical thought.
- Adopting reflection and deep contemplation as paths to discovering truth, rather than relying on inherited beliefs or unexamined traditions.
- Establishing a deep-rooted sense of faith-based certainty, so that the mind is not constantly vulnerable to doubt.

With these principles, intellectual security becomes not just a means of protection from loss, but also a tool for creating an independent mind, capable of leading the

nation toward true awareness and intellectual integrity.

Third: Means of Achieving Intellectual Security according to Qur’anic Approach

Building intellectual security in light of the Holy Quran is not merely a fortification against deviation. rather, an integrated process includes education, critical thinking, certainty, dialogue, and conscious openness to knowledge. The Holy Quran contains a set of tools and methodologies that enable people to confront doubts, distinguish between truth and falsehood, and develop an independent intellectual vision that is free from media deception or ideological manipulation. Among these methods, the Holy Quran has indicated:

- Education based on reflection and contemplation. Allah Almighty says: {Do they not then reflect upon the Qur’an, or are there locks upon their hearts?} [Mouhammad, verse: 24].
- Systematic dialogue to build sound thinking. Allah Almighty says: {and argue with them in a way that is best} [Al-Nahl, verse: 125].
- Fortifying the faith identity to stand firm against intellectual penetration. Allah Almighty says: {There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book} [Al-Ma’idah, verse: 15].
- Achieving a balance between openness and intellectual caution. Allah Almighty says: {And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge} [Al-Isra’, verse: 36].
- Establishing the concept of “verification” in receiving information. Allah Almighty says: {O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful.} [Al-Hujurat, verse: 6].

Based on these methods, it can be said that the Holy Quran presents a comprehensive approach to achieving intellectual security. It is not limited to fortification against deviant ideas, but also extends to build a conscious mind, capable of approaching knowledge with awareness, criticism, and discernment.

Fourth: Intellectual Security, Building of Islamic Civilization

Deviant ideas have been the primary factor in the disintegration of civilizations and the downfall of nations throughout history. The spread of illusions, doubts, extremism, and blind imitation leads to the collapse of intellectual stability, paving the way for the collapse of society as a whole. The Qur’an emphasizes this meaning, warning that any nation that loses its intellectual compass is vulnerable to collapse. Allah Almighty says: {And when it is said to them, “Do not cause corruption on the earth,” they say, “We are only reformers.” Unquestionably, it is they who are the corrupters, but they perceive not.} [Al-Baqarah, verses: 11-12].

1– The balance between openness and core principles: key to civilizational intellectual security.

No civilizational project can advance without maintaining a balance between openness to the world and adherence to foundational principles. A society that isolates itself from intellectual developments loses its ability to engage with contemporary realities, while a society that relinquishes its principles ultimately dissolves into the other. The Holy Qur'an establishes a precise balance between these two trajectories. It calls for openness to knowledge and interaction with other nations, while simultaneously warning against assimilation into deviant ideologies or abandoning faith-based values. Allah, Almighty, says: {And thus we have made you a just community} [Al-Baqarah, verse: 143].

This Qur'anic guidance delineates the features of civilizational intellectual security as follows:

- Embracing new ideas, but in accordance with the standards of truth and justice.
- Engaging with other cultures, without compromising Islamic identity.
- Differentiating between legitimate intellectual progress and ideological deviations that threaten core values and beliefs.

2- The role of intellectual security in building a just and free society.

Intellectual security is not merely a tool for protecting faith; rather it is the foundation upon which justice and freedom are built in society. When Islamic thought is immune from extremism or chaos, it produces a balanced society that respects the rights of others, establishes justice, and promotes the values of mercy and tolerance, without being subject to external ideological pressures. The Qur'an emphasizes that the absence of sound thinking leads to injustice and tyranny. God Almighty says: {And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed - then it is those who are the wrongdoers.} [Al-Ma'idah, verse: 45]. This indicates that the absence of intellectual security is not merely a philosophical issue, but also a factor that directly affects justice in society. When intellectual forces manipulate concepts and distort principles, people become unable to recognize the truth, leading to the spread of injustice, and the absence of tyranny.

3- Qur'anic strategy to promote intellectual security in future generations.

In light of the enormous intellectual challenges facing the Islamic nation today, it becomes imperative to develop a Quranic strategy to enhance intellectual security. This strategy should be based on:

- Teaching the Qur'an as a comprehensive intellectual curriculum, not merely a book of Islamic rulings.

- Developing the minds of young people based on the methodology of verification and validation, so that they learn not to believe any information without evidence.
- Rehabilitating intellectual dialogue and scientific debate as a means of enhancing intellectual security.
- Integrating Quranic studies with modern humanities, so that Islamic thought is capable of presenting a comprehensive civilizational vision.

4- Intellectual security as a condition for the nation’s survival

The survival of the Islamic nation and its continued fulfillment of its divine mission largely depends on its ability to maintain intellectual security. Civilizations do not collapse from external forces before they collapse from within. Therefore, rebuilding the Islamic mindset - according to a balanced Qur’anic approach, achieving harmony between faith and reason, certainty and reflection, openness and caution, as well as between constants and progress - is the only way to ensure a secure intellectual future and a prosperous civilizational one.

Fifth: Intellectual Security between Quran, Concept of Alentedhar, Foundational Step toward Mahdist Awareness

Talking about intellectual security is not just about protecting minds from deviant ideas; it is also deeply connected to the divine plan aimed at establishing justice on earth. From the Quranic perspective, intellectual security is a key part of preparing society for the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his appearance). A society plagued by confusion, conflicting ideologies, and an inability to distinguish truth from falsehood cannot be truly ready to embrace the Mahdist mission.

The Holy Qur’an emphasized the importance of intellectual security as a key foundation for building a society that can stand for martyrdom and preparing. Without clear thinking, firm beliefs, and a vision grounded in certainty, not doubt or confusion, people cannot truly play their role in this mission. Therefore, the Qur’an presents intellectual security as part of a constant struggle between truth and falsehood, between divine guidance built on certainty, and human thinking that can easily go astray under the influence of desires or misinformation. This can only be achieved through a coherent intellectual system that protects minds from manipulation and prepares them for the role of martyrdom and preparing.

1- Intellectual security as a condition for conscious and responsible awaiting [alentedhar].

The concept of awaiting [alentedhar] in the Mahdist doctrine is not a passive state of anticipation, but also an intellectual project, a state of mental and psychological readiness, and tireless work to prepare the ground for the appearance of Imam

Mahdi (may Allah hasten his appearance). Hence, intellectual security becomes a prerequisite for the validity of waiting [alentedhar], because a nation living in intellectual chaos, conflicting visions, and dominated by suspicions cannot be a nation that prepares for the coming of Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his appearance). Waiting [Alentedhar] is not merely a belief in a future event, but also a conscious state of mind that recognizes the nature of the conflict between truth and falsehood, and distinguishes between intellectual projects that contribute to paving the way for Imam Mahdi and those that obstruct the Mahdist path. Allah Almighty says: {Then is one who walks fallen on his face better guided or one who walks erect on a straight path?} [Al-Mulk: 22].

A person, who lacks intellectual security, lives in a state of mental confusion and loses the ability to take a firm stance, which makes them unprepared for true waiting [alentedhar]. They may fall into doubts, be swayed by misguided ideologies, or even drift into extremism and radicalism. On the other hand, conscious waiting [alentedhar] is based on a comprehensive vision, enabling an individual to move steadily towards the realization of divine justice.

2- Preparation begins with a clear vision

The Qur'an offers a comprehensive approach to achieving intellectual security, enabling the human mind to distinguish between truth and falsehood, resist misguided movements, and stand firmly against intellectual misguidance. The most prominent means to achieve this intellectual security include:

- A. Enhancing awareness through deep contemplation and reflection.
- B. Resisting intellectual distortion and falsification.
- C. Rebuilding an independent and sound intellectual identity.

3- Intellectual security and building a society of waiting [alentedhar]

The Mahdist society is not a society that suddenly emerges upon the appearance of Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his appearance). Rather, it is the result of a long preparatory process, in which intellectual security is the cornerstone. A nation that lacks intellectual clarity, firm conviction, and the ability to analyze reality cannot be at the forefront of the divine project.

Therefore, every intellectual effort to protect awareness, every stand against cultural distortion, and every endeavor to spread Qur'anic consciousness is part of preparing the ground for the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (may Allah hasten his appearance). For the Imam will not lead a fragile society, but a nation that has reached a level of intellectual maturity enabling it to bear the responsibility of divine justice. Striving to achieve intellectual security is not merely a cultural or academic duty, it is a fundamental prerequisite for becoming a nation ready to receive Imam Mahdi, and capable of building the promised divine civilization.

Whoever seeks justice must first purify their mind, and whoever awaits the light must dispel the darkness of ignorance within. For justice can only be upheld by a witnessing nation, and Imam Mahdi will only emerge in a society intellectually prepared to carry the message.

Allah Almighty says: {And We wanted to confer favor upon those who were oppressed in the land and make them leaders and make them inheritors} [Al-Qasas, verse: 5].

Given the importance of this topic, we, at Tabyin Magazine, have chosen to address it in this issue’s focus. This will be achieved through discussing: “Intellectual Security in Qur’an and Sunnah, its Concept, foundations, Obstacles”; Prophets and Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them) Approach to Achieve Intellectual Security, and protecting society from intellectual deviations; the role of faith-based education in protecting the family from deviations, and the role of reason in identifying specific temptations and ways to address them. There is also “research and studies”, and “reading a book”, which is “Intellectual Security in Nahj al-Balagha,”

We hope that these studies and research will contribute to enriching the discussion on this important topic, especially in light of the intellectual and ideological challenges facing the nation in our present time.

Allah is the Grantor of success.