**An introduction to theories and ideas of the scientist [scholar] Mohammad Ali Salehghaffari**

For studying anything, the first question which comes into mind is where to start it [what to begin with, where to begin from –how to start]. For example, we know how to begin our studies for [where to start studying for] being a pilot or a doctor and also how to start studying physics or biology, to [be able to continue and to consider] continue our way and to consider the prerequisites to achieve our goal.

[Let’s suppose that we want to get familiar with ]Suppose that you want to know a city that is unknown for you. You can drive in main and side roads and alleys or use a map or fly above the city. In the first case, you enter the city before you get the general information about [it] that. So, you are certainly [get] lost without the correct [proper] understanding of [the surroundings] around and the relation among [between] the streets, and if you are [left alone – get lost] left, it [will be] is difficult to find your way. In the second case, first, you know the city generally, then enter the city and know your [location] position at any time. In this situation, observing details is easy for you. This city can be the city of knowledge, the city of religion.

There are always basic questions in humans’ life about the origin, quality [procedures, methods, techniques, know how, modality, manner] and goal of creation. The questions such as: how the future will continue [what our future is? What is our destiny? What our destiny is leading us to? What lies in the future for us? Where the humanity is going?] What is the resurrection? Is there any heaven or hell and if they exist, how is it? How [what] is the humans’ future [what lies in the future for human beings]? And many other questions that involve [engage] our mind[s] and directly relate to our future and we do not usually have any certain answer for it [them]. The future is our destiny and it is [as important as our today’s life] important as much as today, because it is our eternal destiny.

Religion is the best source for answering these questions but it has not been clarified [properly] correctly. It is not clear what religion focuses on [?] and how we can start our [research] study. For these reasons, many of us have not yet believed in our religion knowledgeably and wisely. Belief is good but it is not enough. The religions that [are] just based on [sheer] beliefs do not have any answer for each other [?]. Someone believes [in] his cow and [another one] someone else believes [in] Kaaba. None of them can convince each other because [their beliefs are not based on knowledge] there is not any knowledge in their beliefs.

The [scholarly], scientist, Mohammad Ali Salehghaffari, has emphasized on [getting a profound knowledge about the religionknowing religion scientifically without making stories about [the principles, the fundamental elements] the bases such as monotheism, resurrection, heaven and hell, the position of Imams and so on. He has scientific and unique theories according to hadith and intellectual reasons.

His ideas present perfectly a clear and scientific picture from [of the aurora of creation and its purpose] the beginning to the purpose of the creation. By matching the verses of Quran and hadiths of Imams reasonably and having the interpretive view to them and also focusing on rational and intellectual reasons, he depicts a bright, certain and promising future for the humans. He clarifies the reason of creation from the beginning to the end so quite relevant to each other and in compliance with the requirements that leaves no ambiguity for knowledgeable people. The puzzle [comprising the] pieces of engineering the creation that he presents have so logical relations [are so logically pieced together] that [they] answer all the questions without [any] exaggeration. His rational view in interpreting the verses of Quran and the hadiths of Imams (he introduces the hadiths of Imams as the best reference for interpreting Quran and he has proved it) makes [any scholar that delves into them excited]the scientists excited.

In this article, it has been tried to give a clear summary of our dear professor’s scientific [principles of] foundations in interpreting Islam [as instructed and led] which is leaded [???] by Imams. This article has been extracted [derived] from the roots? of his book [s] and [lectures] classes [This article is a summary of his ideas as expressed in his books and lectures]. It is recommended [that you] to study [it] carefully. Before you start to study his works, reading this article helps you to know his view[s] and understand his writings better. His scientific [the principles of his scientific views] foundations have been clarified very concisely and coherently [clarified] in this article. It is requested to [critique this article after reading it] study these writings critically.

1. **The subject which is studied by religion and proving the start point of study [?]. [The subject of studies offered by religion and the point to start with].**

The subject which is studied by Islam is to engineer the creation by leading of Imams. [?] [The subject offered by Islam to be studied under the leadership of Imams]. They define the creation as the whole existence, [They define the whole existence as a creature that has been created]. and regard Allah as an Engineer knowing God as the engineer and knowing the creation as something which has been created. The person who is graduated from the university of creation, should be exactly like God in knowledge and power (the definition of perfection).

It should be mentioned that the beginning of discussion may be boring because of presenting intellectual reasons to prove the quality [method] of starting the creation and considering the theories of some philosophers, but it is essential for [a] better understanding. We ask you to study carefully and patiently because all of the contents are like the puzzle pieces [of a puzzle] and completely dependent to [on] each other.

Now, the question is that [////] what is the start point of studying this subject?

If [it ; discussing, studying] the subject starts rightly and continues in the right way [that is] by [begging] asking God, finally it will present you a [with] clear puzzle whose [the] pieces [of which] have been rightly [pieced] put together and a beautiful view of the whole existence. In this way, the most complicated questions about human and its society and also the questions which the most modern research centers have been founded to response [answer] them, [///] will be answered from different aspects. The answers uncover the humans’ future and ease your worries about the future.

To find the start[ing] point, it is better to see how the [///] God has started the creation.

Before considering this matter, we should know that if we can answer four basic questions about everything, our knowledge is perfect about that about that will be completed]. These four questions are called “words of wisdom” or “[the] four causes”:

1. knowing the creator [who is the creator?]
2. knowing the basics of creation [what are the fundamental bases of creation ? =what are the basic materials of creation?]
3. Knowing the quality of engineering the creation [Knowing how the creation has been engineered]
4. Knowing the ultimate goal of creation [What is the ultimate goal of creation?]

Answering these questions about every subject is like using the [a] map for knowing a city or flying over it and certainly it helps you to master the subject. Therefore, we study the quality [know how, modality] of engineering the creation which is considered in Islam by leading the Imams. [That is propounded in Islam by the Infallible imams= under the leadership of the infallible imams]

So, with this kind of view to the quality [modality] of starting [starting point, start of] the creation and also [by] answering these four questions, the start[ing] point of studying this subject is clarified for you.

If we accept to begin our study about the creation since [from] the time which [when] God has started to create, we certainly reach to the start point of creation for answering the question about the quality of creation[???] we can certainly answer the question about how it has been done]. This question which mentions to basics of creation is the start point of our study. Suppose [imagine] the [a] time which [when] God was alone [lonely] and there was nothing or nobody else], and God wanted to create, so he [He] created, how did he start?