

## Research Guide: Essentials of Good Research

From this issue onward, we will present pertinent features of good research. The best and the most productive era of the fundamental research took its roots in the days of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. That big bang of the Science occurred because of the final and eternal divine book Quran. As Muhammad ﷺ left this world, we witness mushrooming of Great Scientists in almost all fields of life. While Muslim society was glittering with light of education and research, the other part of the world was living in dark ages. Many things which we take as granted today would not be here if that era didn't occur. For example, we will not be having Arabic number i.e. from Zero to infinite. And then forget all phone numbers, computers etc. and even page numbers. Can you imagine that? Computers would not be here not only because of lack of numbers but also simply there would be no plastic due to absence of sulfuric acid. Not only that lack of algorithm would have made it impossible. There would not be cheap paper. No watches and no cameras, no eyeglasses. There are literally zillions of things we can pin down here but that is not the objective of this article.

You will probably be wondering how research was possible without electricity, computers and google search! But it did happen in all fields of sciences and social sciences! How was it possible? This shows that for good and solid research you need passion and intense love for research. And with this passion you need to have good vision. Your heart should be strong enough to sustain failures and to fight difficulties. The passion can be derived from desire to get fame, to show the world that you are some very special and extra ordinary, love to discover something new and of course for many, purpose of research is to make money and to get promotion. Although This may result in a few good researches, but it will be far behind from the intense and useful research with far reaching effects witnessed in the golden era of sciences. The reason being absence of many community and psychological ingredients.

For Muslims the best stimulus for research is Quran as research in Islam is an act of worship to Allah ta'lah and carries with it utmost ethical and moral considerations. To serve the humanity in order to please All Mighty Allah is one of the most important stimulus for doing a positive, healthy, honest and useful research. Iqbal terms as this passion and crazy love as "Khoon e Jigar". In his beautiful poem titled Masjid e Qurtabah he says that the work without this crazy selfless love does not leave its impressions over centuries.

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معبزہ فن کی ہے خون جگر سے نمود

We will take up this issue in the next issues of IJP insha Allah.