

Abstract: Islamic Sociology: The Rationale and Requirements

This paper is an answer to two questions: The first is related to the reasons why we need to discuss Islamic sociology in order to providing the rationale upon which Islamic sociology's legitimacy is founded. The Second is related to the possibility of the existence of an Islamic sociology. This refers to the requirements and conditions which define its scientificity and direct its tools and results.

To answer these questions, we adopted a global civilizational paradigm which liberates Islamic sociology from all scientific and cognitive chauvinism that obscures social truth. It also enables it to engage in the present civilizational condition. To achieve this, an analytical, critical and synthetic methodology is adopted by analyzing methodological data, historical trajectories, and cognitive shifts in Islamic sociology and reviewing the premise that has attempted to deny its existence, or that which has transformed it into a new metaphysics. This paper also provides a synthetic critical vision that anticipates the formulation of the conditions and requirements for the completion of an Islamic sociology project with a specific focus on the methodology of emancipating it from its epistemological dilemma in the

prospects of possessing a historical, epistemological and critical awareness of the methodological tools which exist in Western sociology; relying on a reasoning structure to address our views whether we agree or disagree with the other.

We can summarize the rationale that has given Islamic sociology its legitimacy in two total justifications: Limiting the methodology of sociology within a material condition; providing an alternative that rectify social theories and redefines an explanatory model of the social phenomenon according to new standards, rules and tools. As for achieving Islamic sociology, five conditions need to be met: the condition of identity, condition related to the body of sociology, epistemological condition, methodological condition, condition of the value.