



Minhaj
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Lahore

International Conference on Science, Reason & Religion (ICSRR)

26 - 27
October
2019

Timings: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
at

MINHAJ UNIVERSITY LAHORE



Theme:
Science, Reason & Religion

**PROGRAM
SCHEDULE**

Introduction

While most modern people resort to science and technology to deal with the demands of life, religion still provides the deeper meaning and purpose of human existence. But it is also evident that some modern people quietly dismiss religion as irrational and irrelevant to their needs. However, a significant group of people in contemporary society would agree that religion has made a significant contribution to human civilization and its moral development.

While religion and reason have both had a role in shaping the course of human history, the historical relationship between reason and religion has not been without some degree of tension. An investigation into this long-standing relationship, therefore, could provide useful insights into the contribution of both religion and reason to the experience of life in the modern world. This conference aspires to explore the encounter between science, reason, and religion in order to gain a deeper appreciation of the indispensable role that each has played (and still plays) in the development of thought.

Sub - Themes

1. The role of religion in modern, scientific culture
2. Religion in the world of science and technology
3. The ideal relationship between science, reason and religion
4. The actual encounter between religion and reason in the history of thought
5. The contribution of religion to the development of reasoning
6. The contribution of reason to the development of science and religion
7. The role of reason in different religious traditions
8. The relationship between reason and spirituality in different religions
9. The relationship between sacred texts and the science
10. Reason and the interpretation of sacred texts
11. Religion, reason and human rights
12. The role of reason and science in human development

DAY 1

26th October 2019

Opening Session

Time	Event	Description	Venue
8:00 am – 9:45 am	The Registration for Conference	1. Registration of Participants 2. Registration of Guests	Main Marquee
9:45 am – 10:30 am	Opening Session	1. Recitation from the Holy Scriptures 2. National Anthem 3. Welcome Address Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Ghauri, Vice Chancellor,-Minhaj University Lahore 4. Conference Introduction Dr. Herman Roborgh Head, School of Religion and Philosophy Minhaj University Lahore 5. MUL Documentary	
10:30 am – 10:55 am	First Keynote Speech	Dr. Hassan Mohi-ud-Din Qadri Chairman, Supreme Council of the Minhaj-ul-Quran International	
10:55 am - 11:20 am	Second Keynote Speech	Dr. Charles M. Ramsey Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University, USA	

PANEL DISCUSSION Religion and Reason are not Rivals

11:20 am – 12:20 pm

Facilitator: Prof. Dr. Alqama Khawaja Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Minhaj University Lahore	PANELISTS: 1. Dr. Charles Ramsey Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University, USA 2. Dr. Phramaha Boonchuay Doojai Research Consultant, Bodhiyalai Research Institute, MCU–Thailand 3. Vikram Singh Civiach World Council of Sikh Affairs, New Zealand	Main Marquee
11:20 pm – 12:30 pm	Launch of Journal South Asian Journal of Religion and Philosophy Introduction Dr. Herman Roborgh Head, School of Religion & Philosophy, Minhaj University Lahore	

LUNCH (Food Marquee) & PRAYER : 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – A

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Session 1

Session 2

Perceptions of Different Religions on the Use of Reason

Human Rights and the Role of Religion

Marquee – I

Marquee – II

Session Chair:

Dr. Ryan Brasher
Chairperson, Department of Political Science, FCCU Lahore

Session Coordinator:

Ms. Noshiza Majeed

Session Chair:

Prof. Dr. Hamid Saeed
Registrar, Forman Christian College University Lahore

Session Coordinator:

Mr. Akrama Khan

1. The Primacy of Reasoning in Buddhist Thought with
Special Focus on the Kalama Sutta

Dr. Phramaha Boonchuay Doojai (Research Consultant,
Bodhiyalai Research Institute, MCU – Thailand)

1. Religious Culture and Technology: Analogous Features of Shia
Women's Life

Fatima Hasnain (Bahria University Islamabad, Pakistan)
Shaheer Ellahi Khan (Bahria University Islamabad, Pakistan)
Azhar Ahmad (Bahria University Islamabad, Pakistan)

2. Science, Reason and Religion: A Sikh Perspective
Vikram Singh Civiach (World Council of Sikh Affairs,
New Zealand)

2. Religion and Human Rights in a Globalized World
Salma Naz (Minhaj University Lahore)

3. Science, Reason and Religion: An Islamic Perspective
Mumtaz Hussain (The Environ Monitor)

3. Religions and Reason on Human Rights
Muhammad Ali (Lahore University of Management Sciences)
Fizza Batool Naqvi (University of Central Punjab, Lahore)

4. Human Rights, Reason and Divine Revelation: A Christian
Perspective
Philip Duncan Peters (Edinburgh Theological Seminary,
United Kingdom)

4. Identity and Human Dignity Discourse
Amjad Ata (Minhaj University Lahore)
Iqra Jathol (Minhaj University Lahore)

5. The Ideal Relationship between Science, Reason and Religion
Dr. Omer Farooq Saeed (Minhaj University Lahore)

5. An Anglophone Legal Culture for the Global Age: The Role of
Values and the Place of Religion
Joseph P. Garske (The Global Conversation, USA)

Afternoon Tea: 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – B

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 3

Session 4

Scholarly Approaches to the Religions

The Interaction of Religion and Science

Marquee – I

Marquee – II

Session Chair:

Prof. Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani
Chairperson, Department of Religious Studies, FCCU
Lahore

Session Coordinator:

Mr. Omar Ashraf

Session Chair:

Dr. Dildar Ahmed
Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences, FCCU Lahore

Session Coordinator:

Ms. Ammara Maqsood

1. The Reasoning Role of Religion in Scholarship
Dr. Herman Roborgh (Minhaj University Lahore)

1. Science, Technology and the Concept Maqāsid Sharī'ah
Aishatu Abubakar Kumo (Gombe State University Gombe,
Nigeria)

2. A Comparative Study of the Contributions of Sir Sayyid Ahmad
Khan (1817-1898) and Muhammad Abduh (1849-1905) on
Education
Dr. Shuaibu Umar Gokaru (Bauchi State University Gadau, Nigeria)

2. The Integration of Science and Religion
Muhammad Mumtaz Khan (The Quran & Science Thinkers Forum,
Canada)

3. Allama Niaz Fatehpuri (1884-1966) and Freedom of Thought
Raza Naeem (The Progressive Writers Association, Lahore)

3. Religion-Science Dialogue: Why and How?
Dr. Bilal Masud (Centre for High Energy Physics,
University of the Punjab, Lahore)

4. The Scope of Reason in Iqbal's Thought
Syed Sajjad Haidar (Minhaj University Lahore)
Dr. Muhammad Khan Malik (Minhaj University Lahore)

4. Perceptions of Religious Interpretation and Scientific Theory
Dr. Qaisar Bilal (Kohat University of Science & Technology, Kohat)
Dr. Hussain Muhammad (University of Science & Technology, Bannu)
Sadiq Ali (Gomal University)

5. An Exploration of Harmony between Message of Islam and
Modern Science and Technology
Agbaiaka-Mustapha, Muniat A.
(Michael Otedola College of Primay Education Noforijia Epe
Lagos Nigeria)

CLOSE OF DAY-1

DAY 2
27th October 2019
CONCURRENT SESSIONS – C
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Session 5

Session 6

Religion in the History of Thought

**Religion as a Motivating Factor
in Human Development**

Marquee – I

Marquee – II

Session Chair:

Prof. Dr. Sultan Shah
Dean of Languages, Islamic & Oriental Learning,
Govt. College University, Lahore

Session Chair:

Dr. Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi
School of Religion and Philosophy, Minhaj University Lahore

Session Coordinator:

Mr. Umair Abbas

Session Coordinator:

Mr. Sarosh Ahmad

1. Reason and Revelation: Islamic and Christian Perspective
Dr. Naeem Mushtaq

1. The Contribution of Science and Reason on Human Life
Syed Farooq Aziz (International Islamic University, Islamabad)

2. Conflict and Conciliation between Science, Qur'an and Reason
Dr. Hussan Ara Magsi (University of Baluchistan, Quetta)

2. Role of Reason and Science in Human Development
Dr. Omer Farooq Saeed (Minhaj University Lahore)

3. Reason and Religion- Common Grounds and Interaction
Prof. Dr. Naudir Bakht (Minhaj University Lahore)
Umair Abbas (Minhaj University Lahore)

3. Religion and Ethics with a Focus on Medical Issues
Sana Tariq (Tabba Kidney Institute, Karachi)

4. The Unveiling of Knowledge in Hazrat Ali Hajveri's Unveiling
the Veiled
Fiza Fatima (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore)

4. The Qur'an as the Motivation for Scientific Research
Muhammad Rizwan (Abbottabad University of Science &
Technology)
Sumaira Bibi (Abbottabad University of Science & Technology)

Morning Tea: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – D

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Session 7

Session 8

Religion and the Study of Scripture

سائنس اور مذہب کی ہم آہنگی

Marquee – I

Marquee – II

Session Chair:

Dr. Farzand Masih
Chairperson, Department of History, FCCU Lahore

Session Coordinator:

Dr. Niat Nigar

Session Chair:

Dr. Muhammad Akram Rana
Dean, Shariah & Islamic Sciences,
Minhaj University Lahore

Session Coordinator:

Dr. Nadeem Jaffer

1. The Hermeneutics of Language in The Qur'an
Fiza Fatima (Lahore College for Women University Lahore)

1. سائنس اور مسیحیت: تاریخی نقطہ نظر سے
Muhammad Zulqarnain (National University of Modern Language,
Islamabad)

2. An Exploration of Women's Status in Surah Nisa' and
Surah Talaq
Farhat Zafar (The Women University, Multan)

2. ہارون یحییٰ اور ڈاکٹر طاہر القادری کے بگ بینگ نظریہ کا تقابلی مطالعہ
Sumaira Zafar (Minhaj University Lahore)
Dr. Muhammad Akram Rana (Minhaj University Lahore)

3. The Relationship between Religion and Reason during
the Golden Age of Islam
Dr. Musferah Mehfooz (COMSATS, Lahore)
Dr. Farhat Aziz (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore)

3. ڈی این اے اسلام اور سائنس کے تناظر میں
Muhammad Rafiq (Government Boys High School,
Chapari, Mianwali)

4. Shah Wali Ullah's Philosophy of Interreligious Harmony
Muhammad Usman Ghani (Alhamd Islamic University,
Islamabad)

4. رویت ہلال، اسلام اور سائنس کے تناظر میں
Hafeez Arshad Hashmi (Government College Kundian, Mianwali)

5. مذہب، سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی کی دنیا میں
Syeda Saima Bano (Jinnah University for Women, Karachi)

LUNCH (Food Marquee) & PRAYER : 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Time	Event	Description	Venue
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	First Keynote Speech	Dr. Alan Race Chair & Editor in-Chief of Interreligious Insight, Market Harborough, United Kingdom	Main Marquee
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Second Keynote Speech	Gerald Herschel Gluck Chairman and Founder of the Muslim-Jewish Forum, United Kingdom	

PANEL DISCUSSION Science is an Expression of the Human Desire to Know

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Dr. Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi School of Religion & Philosophy, Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan</p>	<p>PANELISTS:</p> <p>1. Dr. Alan Race Chair & Editor in-Chief of Interreligious Insight, Market Harborough, United Kingdom</p> <p>2. Phillip Duncan Peters Lecturer in World Religions at Edinburgh Theological Seminary, University of Glasgow, Scotland</p> <p>3. Dr. Musferah Mehfooz Asst. Prof. School of Humanities, COMSATS, Lahore, Pakistan</p> <p>4. Gerald Herschel Gluck Chairman and Founder of the Muslim-Jewish Forum, United Kingdom</p>	Main Marquee
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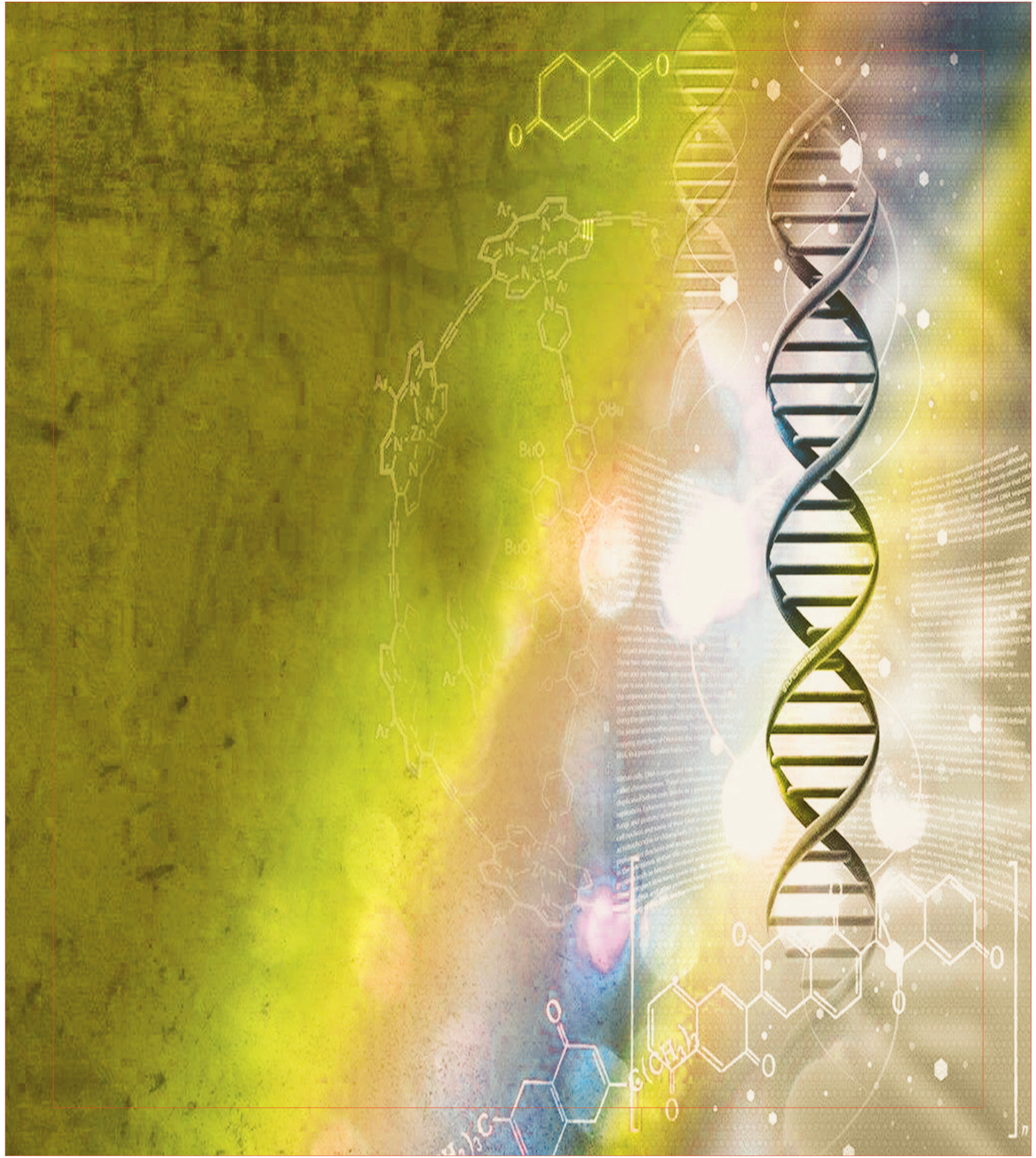
CLOSING SESSION


4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

4:00 pm – 4:20 pm	Concluding Remarks, Conference Declaration & Vote of Thanks	Dr. Hussain Mohi-ud-Din Qadri Deputy Chairman, BOG, Minhaj University Lahore	Main Marquee
4:20 pm – 4:30 pm	Awards Distribution Ceremony		

Close of Day 2

Farewell Tea (Food Marquee) 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm





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