

Review of: "Knowledge in the Quran and the Sunnah Leading to an Epistemology"

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As someone who took a leading role in the European Commission project INTERMAR, which looked at the problems of multicultural societies and their miscommunications and misinterpretations, I applaud the author of this article in presenting the main tenets of the Islamic framework. It is vital in our plural world to know and understand the background and reasons for people's beliefs, values, attitudes, and behaviour. The article summarises Nursi's contribution to the Islamic epistemological framework, but the presentation is descriptive and not discursive as one would expect in an academic text. There is little elaboration of each of the concepts explained and an absence of relevant references. It would be important, in an article purporting to pursue knowledge, to elaborate on Nursi's ideas about the role and function of 'aql (intellect) within cognitive and linguistic development and human progress. Also, discussion would be useful in relation to the other major religions existing and the conflicts that have emerged to destroy rather than progress society.