

SERENDIB EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

SH. AGAR MOHAMED CALLS FOR A PARADIGM SHIFT IN MUSLIM EDUCATION

Sheikh Agar Mohamed, Deputy Director, Jamiah Naleemia, making the keynote address recalled his long association with the Serendib Educational Foundation and paid a rich tribute to its founders and others following for the contribution they have made for its growth and development of education over the last 20 years. He mentioned he had to make great sacrifices to come the event. But he was adamant to make it.

Speaking to the students he said in the Chief Guest of the day, Br. Shibly Aziz, PC, they had a role model for he had a distinguished career in the Judicial Services becoming the country's Attorney General and presently the elected President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and also the Head of the Ahadiya colleges which has island wide branches totalling 500. Br. Shibly Aziz is proof that although from a minority community one can reach the top most position if you have the ability and talent and in the same breadth serve the community. He further mentioned because the members of the Serendib foundation was an educated lot they are concerned for their brothers and sisters while being busy with their own careers, if they weren't educated they would have been a further burden to the community. Focusing on the type of education imparted to our children he said the present system and particularly the curriculum has eaten into our values and leaves much to be desired. It should be our desire and responsibility to impart truthful knowledge consistent with our beliefs failing which we run the risk of alienating our children to false values and culture. Children must be taught that Allah SWT is the fountain of all knowledge and all what we know on earth today flows from this basic premise and truth. Our children should acquire useful knowledge that will be beneficial to mankind and not seek destructive knowledge or use knowledge to destructive purposes. He cited the deliberate spread of viruses in computers and the anticipated cyber war could be detrimental to humanity. He bemoaned the distortion of our history where political history is equated to the history of the Muslim community and today we are facing the wanton belittling and ridicule of Islamic injunctions on the position of women in our society and jihad. We cannot allow our children to pursue an education based on false representation of Muslims which can lead to our children losing a positive Islamic outlook that can lead to grave consequences.

He called for a paradigm shift in the current structure of the education system and methodology if our children are to be weaned away from the damaging and harmful influences of secular education. Drastic changes in the existing curriculum should be brought about and shortcomings rectified that lays emphasis on acquiring useful knowledge. He touched on the 'ragging' that takes place in educational institutions in the guise of initiation that are so vulgar that it cannot be termed human any longer. He referred to our colonial mindset and the acceptance of white supremacy when we speak of punctuality as a gift from them little realizing that it is an Islamic trait as exemplified by our Muaddhin calling the Azan at the appropriate time - a hallmark as far as punctuality is concerned. He referred to one of the greatest contributions made by Muslims to Maths, Science and Technology the discovery of '0' (zero) without which today's space odyssey would not have been possible. But we have remained with the '0' and it is time to add figures like 1, 2 & 3 in front! He mentioned crass hypocrisy prevalent today whereby indecent and vulgar conduct are packaged in beautiful sounding words. Women appearing in scantily dressed are described as 'artistic' whilst downright dishonesty and lies are called 'diplomatic'. He cautioned youth from becoming intellectually arrogant when in the professions of Medicine but to bear in mind the nobility of the profession and practice humility and humbleness.

As Muslims we should strive to protect our self-dignity and self-respect. It is duty of Muslims to seek the pleasure of Allah as His representatives on earth by way of worship and our contributions to earth. Islam calls us to live our lives as a source of goodness. We have to learn to be grateful for all those who have helped us and it is unlike us if we kick the ladder by which we ascended. Men who are not grateful to fellow beings will seldom show gratitude to Allah.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SERENDIB EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Opinion

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination, the Foundation maintained proper accounting records for the period ended 31 December 2010 and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Foundation's state of affairs as at 31 December 2010 and its deficit and cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with SLASSE.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

3 November 2011
Colombo

RELIGIOUS CORNER

Imam Muslim related in his Sahih that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "When a human being dies, his deeds come to an end except for three deeds (whose rewards are everlasting): on-going charity, knowledge benefited from (by others), or a pious son who prays for him."

Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him said): "All the rich of the prophet's companion gave endowments"

Source: Dr: Salih al Fawzan, Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence

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