

Health and Science: Win-Win Modalities Towards Brotherhood

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Health can be defined as the condition of an organism, or one of its parts, in which it performs its vital functions normally or properly; science reflects a possession of knowledge as distinguished from ignorance or misunderstanding. Health and science have long been recognized as major contributors to improving life for individuals, communities, and nations. Multiple examples of sentinel contributions exist from individuals with backgrounds in Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Consequences of poor health and/or disease are very adverse in terms of personal effects, societal effects and economic effects. In contrast, good health is associated with increasing well-being, better productivity, and higher levels of economic achievement. Science is the backbone for optimal health and disease prevention. Links between health and science, religion, and politics are associated with positive interactions and understandings between different groups in the trilogy of Abraham. A number of barriers to these desired successes include inequality among groups, political stances, social insecurity, inequalities among populations, level of health care and science, and utilization of health and science for adverse political gains. On the other hand, a substantial number of successes towards achieving brotherhood are currently available in the Mideast and elsewhere. Case studies are plentiful. Still, construction of better frameworks for utilizing health and science towards improving human conditions and brotherhood need to be defined and implemented.