

Message from His Excellency

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In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Let me, first, express my thanks to Your Excellencies, dear guests and scholars attending the seminar on the logical science. I wish you all to be blessed by God, the magnificent.

The great people of knowledge and philosophy, such as Aristotle, are the advocators of the school of prophets and those who are sent by God. The prophets, who are the teachers of mankind, have their own students among the learned and the knowledgeable people. Plato and Aristotle, and other great people of the divine knowledge too, have appeared through the school of prophets. The divine prophets came to convey to man the truth of the world, and the truth of the man, and the relations between the world and the man, which can only be achieved under the school of monotheism.

Is born with scientific mindman. The divine school flourishes the mind and the spirit as well. It also teaches man what he does not know, and hence, places the right path before him.

Aristotle dealt with logic which is the language of philosophers, he dealt with theology which comprises the school of principles of being, and also with ethics which trains man through the science of noble conducts.

Man with the help of thought, on one hand, and the good will, on the other, will move towards perfection. Aristotle dealt with natural science, metaphysics, logic, ethics and so on, to develop the boundaries of thought. He also dealt with ethics in order to develop the sound desires.

Many years ago when the scientific circles resorted to Aristotle and the Aristotelian thought, they had actually adopted the school of the prophets, and then the world became really filled with peace and friendship. But when they ignored the

school of divinity and morality, such as Plato and Aristotle's teachings, and also the great people of the kind, the First and then the Second World War began, with the daily wars now on the way. Today man is lost, he is not any longer familiar with his origin, and does not know where he is going to. The result, as we witness, is the existence of ceaseless bloodshed.

Aristotle's scientific views have gone under great change so far. But what if Aristotle were present and could live at our time. Certainly, he could have surpassed the scientists who devised traveling into space, who managed to split atom, and discovered the unknown parts of biology. In some two thousand and thirty years ago he, through his instruments so rudimentary, could manage to produce so much so that he proved to be the genius of his time.

The problem we are facing now is that the people of the world are not well familiar with Aristotle's ethics, theology and logic. They give reason that the world, when ignored Aristotle's views, could get much progress; and hence ignored him, and his scientific views; whereas Aristotle had compiled a lot. His school of thought was to lead humanity towards the recognition of the self, to know that his life is different from that of plant, animal, the sky and the Earth, which are destined to be ended some day. Man is a heavenly bird who is now confined to the cage of nature, but when he dies, he becomes free and flies into the world of eternity; and then, what are left behind him will be his thought, sound wishes and views that will live for ever. As man is not intended to live on this planet for good, he should manage to reap the products of his noble wishes, benign deeds and talks. Aristotle says, "The desire to be a God lover avoiding mischief and arrogance can only be achieved through the faith in the other world". He, by putting forth his noble desire, wants to lead the lover towards the beloved one. He proves that the universe is in motion through love, not hostility, through gravity, not force, and through livelihood, not monotony. He calls the desire of the lover "the first incentive to reach the ultimate reality".

Avarkhos addressed Aristotle, and wondered if it was necessary for a man to go to the teachers of ethics and ask for knowledge to help know himself. Aristotle in response, said that any blind person who wanted to know what color his face was, had to ask a person who could see, and a sick person had to ask a doctor about

his illness. That will be the same with an ignorant person who is lost. He is in need to go to the teachers of ethics.

The purpose of the seminars of this kind is getting acquainted with Aristotle, his desires, his faith, and his views on theology, and ethics. In the field of natural science when he refers to motion, and the source of motion, he intends to make a bridge between physics and theology. He calls this movement the motion of love towards God, who is the source of the universe. That is the same with the lover when is attracted by the beloved.

I again express my thanks to the Excellencies, dear guests, and hope that the esteemed present scholars and researchers will contribute to the development of the logical views; the same as Aristotle did. He said science should be an instrument to serve the mind. This is the mind that controls the instincts, brings about peace and justice, and the divine culture to the world.

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Thank you, and God may bless you all.