

# Praises for the Book

"The Da'wah Institute should be congratulated for another excellent and well-researched book on this critical topic. Using convincing arguments with evidences from the Qur'an, Hadith and statements of scholars both past and present, it clears many of the misconceptions some Muslims have about conventional education. The book cogently argues the need for investing in and improving our educational system as a collective societal obligation (*fard kifayah*) irrespective of what the education is called. The message of this book needs to also find its way to the grassroots level of our local scholars."

**Muhammad Lawal Maidoki, Engr. Tech.,**  
*President, Da'wah Coordination Council of Nigeria; and*  
*Vice President, Board of Trustees, Global Zakat Union, Khartoum.*



"This is an important work that provides the much needed clarity on issues and subjects that are easily misconstrued by some to suppress the legacy of normative Islam and reconstruct its stance on education. Also, the book shines light on the vile justifications used by those ideologically opposed to any and all aspects of Western education and exposes them as ordinary myths. As can be easily seen in the clear explanations provided in the book, with the higher illumination of authentic scriptural proofs and scholars' conclusions, the claim that Islam fundamentally disallows the possibility of mutually acceptable benefits of Western education or that mind development through knowledge that returns from the West cannot be legitimately done in

Islam are nothing more than ordinary myths. The great significance of this book therefore is not only in its contents, but also in the time of its release."

**Disu Kamor**

*Executive Chairman, Muslim Public  
Affairs Centre, MPAC, Nigeria.*



"I have gone through this manuscript and found it to be rich and educative for the Muslim Community. The book is useful especially to those willing to know the true position of Islam on the conventional education as it operates in Nigeria. I therefore wish to recommend and endorse the use of the book. Jazakumullahu Khayran"

**Bashir Ahmad Yankuzo,**

*Chief Imam, Federal University of Technology, Minna.*



"I sincerely appreciate this giant stride by the Institute. Indeed, the book contains very convincing arguments for whomsoever Allah (SWT) wishes guidance."

**Dr. Shehu Abdur-Rahman Aboki,**

*Senior Lecturer, Department of Islamic Studies,  
Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto.*



"It is evident in our world today that modern education which is referred to as western education or "Boko" is a necessity. Any argument that will discourage Muslims or prohibit them from participating in it will certainly lead the Ummah to more evil than

good. This study carried out by “DIN” is a welcome development. I wish to recommend the book for use and circulation within and outside our country, Nigeria.”

**Umar Farooq Abdullahi,**

*Imam of Bosso Estate Juma'at Mosque; and  
Director General, Niger State Bureau of Religious Affairs.*



“The research is in-depth and apt!”

**Aisha Yusuf (Mrs.)**



“Praise to Allah the Exalted for granting the ability of accomplishing this noble project of immense benefit for the Ummah and the entire humanity, over the hues and cry on conventional education. This book would not have come at a better time than now due to its essentiality at this point in time.

I pray that our scholars would produce more of these types of indigenous literatures in order to clear the air on most of the contending issues in the society. Amin.”

**Dr. Khalid Abubakar Aliyu**

*Secretary General, Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI)*



“I have gone through the book, and find it highly comprehensive, well researched and thorough. Whether the issues raised and fears expressed were genuine or not, the responses given and solutions proffered were clear and well backed up with evidences. The language is also simple and clear.

All Muslims, especially Muslim organizations and groups have a duty to call for an urgent review of the Nigerian educational policies to recognize some of these fears and address them to accommodate the sensibilities of Muslims. We all have a responsibility to continuously and committedly call for and ensure the needed reforms take place, as the only way to keep away the exploiters and mischief makers whether internal or external from taking undue advantage of our young Muslims.

**Moji Hafsa Bello (Mrs.)**



“What a brilliant effort!”

**Imam Morufu Onike Abdul-Azeez**  
*Deputy Chief Imam, NASFAT Worldwide.*



“This book is going to occupy an important niche in the understanding and propagation of Islam. JazakAllahu khairan.”

**HRH Dr. Yahaya Shonga**



“It is abundantly clear that escaping from the dark alley of spiritual squalor, economic void and intimidating moral decadence is only possible through the adoption of fructifying scholarship. Education loathes any compartmentalization, thus, it is a misnomer to talk about western or eastern or any form of education. In advancing the frontiers of human dignity, the inestimable role of education cannot be overemphasized. I salute this effort as I consider this work as a

timely response to an irrationality that seeks to permanently hold scholarship and us (the Muslims) in bondage.”

**Asunogie Nurudeen,**  
*Former National President, Muslim Students’  
Society of Nigeria (MSSN).*



“*Boko Haram* became a monster threatening the growth and survival of Islam in Nigeria by twisting vital doctrines of the faith. In the face of the nationwide consternation that greeted the havocs wreaked by this sect, the task of debunking those false teachings and misleading concepts became paramount. It was anybody's assignment and therefore nobody's duty. Such tasks usually lie fallow, with everybody assuming that it was not a personal responsibility. Therefore, the Islamic Education Trust must be commended for taking up this huge challenge on behalf of the Nigerian Ummah.

This book is a rescue literature material and a saving grace. Its benefits go beyond response to the '*Boko Haram*' doctrinal misadventure. It is capable of reducing extreme and *takfiri* propensities among Muslims, douse tension in pluralistic communities like Nigeria and eliminate terror threats in Western countries. I therefore strongly recommend it to Muslims and non-Muslims, young and old, males and females, all over the world.”

**Prof. Ishaq Lakin Akintola,**  
*Professor of Islamic Eschatology; and  
Director, Muslim Rights Concern (MURIC).*