

In the name of God the Most Merciful and the Most Compassionate

Peace be upon you

Thank you for the opportunity to present my ideas in a recorded video to your honorable audience. I couldn't attend the conference in person because, the time of the conference coincides with a major religious holiday in the Muslim world, the time of Pilgrimage to Mecca and the Festival of Sacrifice.

The message I want to convey is very brief and simple: We need to renew the Adamic Covenant. I will try to briefly explain what I mean by Adamic Covenant and why it is needed today globally by humanity as a whole.

Adamic Covenant is the pledge we made with God as the children of Adam. Yet, Adamic Covenant is not only about our vertical relationship with God alone but also it is about our horizontal social, economic, political and family relations with each other. Renewing Adamic covenant creates a multiplex morality and ethics to help us form just and fair relations and societies. Vertical relationship of the parties involved in a relationship with the Creator is crucial because it sets the terms of horizontal relations to make it the just and moral. Without this vertical dimension, the horizontal relations turn into purely power and interest relations where the more powerful side imposes its terms on the other side. Adamic covenant will bring this vertical dimension to our personal and international relations.

This is my proposal for overcoming the fragmentation and building unity in the world. To briefly outline this proposal, I have recently published a book with the following title: Adamiyyah: I am Therefore I have Rights and Duties. In this book, I present Adamiyyah which means being a child of Adam, as the only ground for rights and duties globally. I propose that we take adamiyyah as the ground of rights and duties, regardless of other innate, inherited or ascribed qualities.

Our common humanity is the ground for our rights and duties. Our humanity is bestowed upon us by the Creator. But human beings cannot live alone; they must live in a society and have relations with each other. The terms of these horizontal relations between human beings are also set by our Creator. To sum up, Adamiyyah is the Abrahamic universalism. We need to reground human rights and human duties on adamiyyah and stand for the rights of all human beings.