

Science, Spirituality and Local Wisdom
Interdisciplinary Approaches to Current Global Issues:
Wars, Terrorism and Intolerance



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Threat to global security, war-mongering of arrogant regimes, sinister phenomenon of state terrorism and religious violence can be considered among the most important challenges of the contemporary world.

Global oppression of the world powers which has been established through denial of the rule of knowledge and spirituality and opposition against local and regional wisdoms, leads to prevalence of cruelty, war-mongering, violence and state terrorism against human societies.

Therefore, this paper is aimed at reviewing the causes of increased global security threats by militants using components of knowledge, spirituality and wisdom as interdisciplinary issues, and analyzing the reasons of religious violence derived from the harsh and dogmatic prejudices in the world and also how to deal with such crises using the issues of knowledge, spirituality and wisdom.

In brief outlining the role of the propositions dealing with war, terrorism and religious and ethnic chauvinist, we should say that the framework of an innate knowledge based on the verse in the holy Quran, “*fitratallahillati fatar al-naas alayha*” is considered as the epistemological basis of knowledge in order to draw a life-centered knowledge rather than war-centered knowledge and in order to oppose against the political and instrumental use of knowledge.

However, the issue of knowledge and science invest, after the rejection of metaphysics and opposing against the spirituality and wisdom, has led to an increase in war-mongering, terrorism and violence instead of developing peace.

The global contemporary challenge happens while monotheistic religions promote peace throughout the world and oppose against any kinds of war and prejudice.

For example the “right of life” has been considered as the most important basis for global spirituality and the most important feature of divine religions, particularly Islam.

Therefore, based on the teachings of the holy Quran and other holy scriptures of the monotheistic religions, it is the worst sin to murder a human, and killing one person is like killing the whole world.

Thus any kinds of war-mongering and terrorism whether by Muslims or by Christians or Jewish people is not acceptable and is against the teachings of divine religions.

The abuse of religion by the world powers is another source of most of the wars against human societies.

Therefore using issues such as knowledge, spirituality and wisdom as efficient interdisciplinary issues can be helpful dealing with war, advanced state terrorism, and prejudices.