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Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan with system-wide collusion

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http://tinyurl.com/Plagiarism-Pakistan-Report-4
To: The Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan

Supreme Court of Pakistan

Constitution Avenue,

Islamabad

Date: February 23, 2012

Subject: 2nd Request for suo motu notice by the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan on widespread academic corruption under the auspices of HEC

Report Titled: Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan with system-wide collusion

Dear Mr. Chief Justice of Pakistan,

This is my second attempt at bringing my exposé of massive fraud in Pakistan's academia to the notice of the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan as an amicus curiae. I hope that the honorable court will be willing to take suo motu notice of this matter. All other avenues of seeking fair redressal for this system-wide collusion of academic corruption with “Mr. Clean hands” running the show across the academic and bureaucratic spectrum, have been closed to me. The news media too has willfully avoided publicizing this massive case of academic corruption, as has the Higher Education Commission which is its first cause enabler, ab initio, as this report discloses. Your immediate attention is drawn to Chapters 5 and 8 for full details.

Most Sincerely,

Zahir Ebrahim,

California, United States of America
To: The Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan

Supreme Court of Pakistan

Constitution Avenue,

Islamabad

Date: Monday, October 17, 2011

Subject: AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF

Submission of Report: Masterpiece of Plagiarism and Theft of Intellectual Property in Pakistan with System-wide Collusion by HEC

Dear Mr. Chief Justice of Pakistan,

I would like to voluntarily bring my document to the attention of the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan as amicus curiae. Because of the momentous importance of this matter and its significance to Pakistan, I am willing to appear before the Supreme Court of Pakistan if summoned to do so, even from the United States of America where I live. I have read your verdict of October 06, 2011 and am most impressed by your quoting James Bryce:

“Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong.”

Most Sincerely,

Zahir Ebrahim,

California, United States of America
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To : Javaid R. Laghari, Chairman Higher Education Commission of Pakistan

From: Zahir Ebrahim

Subject: HEC Coverup: “I don’t know what other thing we should be doing” says Sohail Naqvi

Date: Monday November 28, 2011

Cc: Distribution List  [ http://tinyurl.com/Plagiarism-Pakistan ]

Dear Mr. Javaid Laghari,

I was forwarded the reply of HEC Executive Director Sohail Naqvi to Asghar Qadir stating:

“Dear Dr. Qadir, I am sorry if I had not responded to you earlier. The HEC immediately took up this issue and reviewed the case and there was definitely substantial plagiarism committed in the publication of the books by Dr. Ijaz Durrani. Before we could take action, however, Dr. Durrani resigned from University of Gujrat and is no longer associated with any academic institution, so the action taken by HEC was immediate and swift. I don’t know what other thing we should be doing. Regards Dr. S. Sohail H. Naqvi Executive Director Higher Education Commission, Saturday, November 26, 2011 1:10 PM” --- Letter forwarded to Zahir Ebrahim by Asghar Qadir amidst his own self-serving gloats ( http://tinyurl.com/AQ-SN-HEC-nov262011-jpg )

Ignoring the rest of nonsense in Asghar Qadir's letter disparaging my efforts and imputing ignobility to my motives in bringing this grotesque case of Plagiarism to the notice of HEC and to the world's public, as an employee of the government of Pakistan and paid from its public treasury, you are heading an institution which is not only third rate by any administrative measure, but corrupt to the core. What is not just gross incompetence and corruption on the part of HEC officers, but also gross professional discourtesy that you have not even written me
an acknowledgment letter to this date for reporting the fraud to you two months ago. Is that the character of any professionally run organization? Or a feudally run one caught with its knickers down and covering its own ass?

In the above response, your Executive Director innocently asks: “*I don’t know what other thing we should be doing.*” Apart from the fact that Sohail Naqvi manages to also contradict himself in the same sentence: “*Before we could take action, however, Dr. Durrani resigned from University of Gujrat and is no longer associated with any academic institution, so the action taken by HEC was immediate and swift.*, please permit me to inform you of what you should be doing with the salary paid to you for heading the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Sohail Naqvi claims its highly paid executive officers do not know after living off of the public treasury himself since its very inception as its Executive Director.

A) Publicly acknowledge the case, and publicly document what investigations were conducted and how adjudication was made on a range of matters uncovered in this scandal. Since you are obviously unaware of how such scandalous academic fraud cases are handled when the concerned officers are aboveboard and interested in performing their due diligence rather than covering it up, here is how another case was recently handled in the Western academia. The case of Diederik Stapel at Tilburg University has received much notoriety in the Western press. Here is the link to the official translation of the interim report issued by the Rector of Tilburg University, dated October 31, 2011: [http://zahirebrahim.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/cacheof-tilburg-university-interim-report-on-diederik-stapel-oct-31-2011.pdf](http://zahirebrahim.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/cacheof-tilburg-university-interim-report-on-diederik-stapel-oct-31-2011.pdf)

Whereas, in contrast, HEC and its public servant officers have quietly hushed up the Durrani case entirely. Not one official press release has been issued by HEC to my knowledge, let alone conducting a full and impartial investigation as was commissioned in the case of Diederik Stapel. Just compare the vast differences in approach to the respective discovery of academic fraud and the mindset! One shows an attempt at a concerned and honest investigation – the other a coverup!

B) The following questions must be addressed by HEC in its full investigation of I. R. Durrani’s academic fraud case which evidently has still not happened, despite Sohail Naqvi’s false presentations to the contrary, even exactly two months after I first uncovered it on September 28, 2011 and informed HEC about it. The questions which any honest HEC officer should be investigating and reporting on publicly as their fiduciary responsibility to the position they have
been appointed as public servants, were previously articulated in my extensive report which can be read here: http://zahirebrahim.wordpress.com/masterpiece-of-plagiarism-in-pakistan/

Some of these questions appear on pages 50-52 in its PDF: http://tinyurl.com/Plagiarism-Pakistan-Report-3

1. How did a plagiarist who was removed from Punjab University for plagiarism become Director at the University of Gujrat? Who aided and abetted the plagiarist to acquire the new grazing grounds?

2. Who appointed a known plagiarist who was forced to resign from Punjab University, as “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor”?

3. Who approved that plagiarism paper mill BPAS as “HEC Approved”? HEC gave plagiarist that plagiarism paper-mill on a platter and made it really easy for him. Where is that investigation to find out who made that approval within HEC, and what sort of Q/A process you have for such approval for which great emoluments and academic advancements are granted in the system you have instituted?

4. A re-examination of HEC’s failed policy of “number of publications for advancement” which is directly responsible for the drastic rise in plagiarism in Pakistan. Your inability to enforce your own charter, be it plagiarism, or be it fake degrees, makes a mockery of Pakistan’s higher education system. With what shamelessness can you proclaim: “HEC has NEVER condoned any act of plagiarism anywhere. This case has been investigated and immediate action has been taken. We are all shocked by this blatant act of plagiarism but are certainly not responsible for it.” -- Sohail Naqvi http://tinyurl.com/Sohail-Naqvi-HEC-defense

5. Investigation of I. R. Durrani’s supervisor, G. Murtaza, on how a relative can be appointed Ph.D thesis supervisor; how a relative writes a review of a fraudulent book without disclosing his relationship; why are these brazen matters not treated as conflict of interest in Pakistani academia which is entirely under the purview of HEC, as already noted in my report.

6. Investigation of I. R. Durrani’s academic collaborators and his students for possibly also publishing plagiarized papers with Durrani, as already noted in my report.

In addition, as I have continued to look into the calculated destruction of Pakistan’s Higher
Education System under HEC's founders Atta ur Rahman and Sohail Naqvi, a new scandal is surfacing. Its preliminary exploration is in my Letter of inquiry concerning Dr. Atta ur Rahman's publishing with Bentham Science located in Karachi Pakistan:

7. This new matter, whether or not it implicates Atta ur Rahman with Bentham science, will potentially eclipse all that I have exposed earlier. Dr. Atta ur Rahman’s CV itemizes 845 publications, of which 14 are with Bentham science annotated as being in the Netherlands. Whereas Bentham science is located right there, cozily in the same city as Atta ur Rahman’s HEJ, in Karachi Pakistan! Why this mis-representation by the former chairman of HEC in his CV that it is a foreign publisher? Its implication are enormous for HEC as it begs the obvious question whether it was Atta ur Rahman who approved Bentham Science at HEC making lofty foreign representations for it. If that was indeed the case, it is a direct case of fraud and conflict of interest, implicating Atta ur Rahman as the former head of HEC. The present head of HEC, unless sent there to protect his predecessor and endorse all his dealings while merely presenting a veneer of change, must investigate this question with considerable integrity and skill as it pertains directly to a case of fraud at the highest levels at HEC.

8. No one really knows who owns Bentham Science Open today, or where its corporate taxes are paid for the $800 per paper paid to it by authors and their institutions as open publishing fee. There appears to be no corporate registration and ownership record available for it anywhere. So look at this absurdity: $800 per paper is being sent to an unknown bank account overseas by authors throughout the world whose only street address is located in Karachi Pakistan! What role is HEC playing in endorsing this paper-mill scam? Is HEC paying the open publishing fee to Bentham Science? Who paid the publishing fee for Atta ur Rahman’s 14 papers in Bentham Science? This paper-mill is reputed to be the worst of the lot in open publishing. Who is responsible at HEC for approving the worst of the lot, if not Atta ur Rahman himself? This ties in to the question raised for the plagiarism paper-mill BPAS in item 3 above.

9. The motivation to drive up the publication count with sheer garbage has become deep rooted in Pakistani academia. It was driven right from the start by Atta ur Rahman. And Bentham Science, which pretty much publishes any crap under its present incantation, is now discovered as being published from Karachi Pakistan. This ties in with item 4 above. Its international ramifications, and consequently implications for HEC, are far greater than the
Durrani fraud scandal! As HEC institutional head, the responsibility stops at your door to investigate: Who approved Bentham Science at HEC when nothing is known about its present corporate whereabouts and ownership? Has HEC paid any author fees to Bentham?

It is self-evident that the entire fabric of public sector education has to be rebuilt in Pakistan. No cosmetic changes can alter the attitudes of its boot-licking stewards which are even clearly visible in this prima facie grotesque matter in which the investigation of Durrani and related issues have been so criminally covered up by HEC’s Executive Director Sohail Naqvi proclaiming: “I don’t know what other thing we should be doing.” Previously, on October 14, 2011, in his email letter Sohail Naqvi had also falsely proclaimed on behalf of HEC without conducting any meaningful investigation: “Dr. Durrani alone is responsible for what he has done and not his colleagues, University of Gujrat, HEC etc.” If there was an investigation conducted, where is its report which justifies that adjudication?

You might be reminded of your responsibility as the head of HEC by recalling the fact that even the United States of America’s own former President Richard Nixon, was forced out of its highest office before he was impeached, not for the burglary committed by others which is a crime, but for attempted post-burglary coverup of the crime by the White House. It took a few years...

I would very much like to be proven wrong in my blanket statement fielded above, that: you are heading an institution which is not only third rate by any administrative measure, but corrupt to the core. Endeavor to show Pakistanis who are fed up with both top and bottom feeders off the public exchequer's gravy-trains that that's not the case under your stewardship of HEC. Address my full report with due diligence, presenting yourself for questioning in a public forum. There can be nothing more honest than that for an honest head of an institution.

Thank you.

Zahir Ebrahim

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Chapter 2: Letter of inquiry regarding the legitimacy of HEC approved academic publisher Bentham Open, November 8, 2011

To: "Professor Peter Suber, Research Professor of Philosophy at Earlham College, Berkman Fellow at Harvard University, Senior Researcher at SPARC, the Open Access Project Director at Public Knowledge" <peters@earlham.edu>

Date: Tue, Nov 8, 2011 at 11:03 AM

Subject: Bentham Open and Loss of Integrity in Scholarship

Dear Professor Peter,

Hello.

I read the 2008 summary of your findings on Bentham Science Open:

http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/2008/04/some-background-on-bentham-open-but.html

Well, three years later I am looking at Bentham once again for two reasons. Here is some background first.

1) I have recently caught a most grotesque case of plagiarism in Pakistan which has been aided and abetted by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC). My full report which I submitted to the Supreme Court of Pakistan as amicus curiae (as there appears to be no other avenues of redress) can be read here:


One can see the difference in attitudes towards scholarship between how the case at University of Tilburg was recently handled by its Rector Magnificus vs. how the HEC handled my disclosures, in this as yet unpublished Letter to Editor to the Chronicle of Higher Education:

http://zahirebrahim.wordpress.com/2011/11/04/letter-to-editor-chronicle-diederik-stapel-of-
2) The architect of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan was its former chairman Dr. Atta ur Rahman. He was installed there by the former military dictator in chief of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf. I met this fellow Atta ur Rahman in 2005 when I volunteered at HEC gratis, for his still incumbent Executive Director Dr. Sohail Naqvi who is (or used to be) my friend and who had invited me to come to HEC. I left after two weeks because, inter alia, they wanted me to sign off on 6 most ridiculous proposals for the importation of 6 foreign engineering universities at the expense of Rupees one billion each. I would have rejected all six even if these foreign universities had paid one billion each to be implanted in Pakistan instead of being the burden on her debt-laden national treasury – primarily because the proposals were ridiculous and not in the national interest of any developing nation. Well, after catching the scandal which I have disclosed in the link in item one above, I have moved my focus to Dr. Atta Ur Rahman. I knew HEC was a corrupt organization even then just by my brief exposure to their "thumb-print" bureaucracy, meaning, all in the hierarchy just put down their signatures to whatever comes down the pipeline to them. I was the only person, a singularity, who not only loudly protested against their nonsensical projects to everyone in sight, but went straight to Atta ur Rahman, something unheard of, and registered my dissenting view most energetically.

And it is Atta ur Rahman who instituted the culture of high number of publications in Pakistan, incentivizing it to the point that, as I have noted in my discovery of the masterpiece of plagiarism in Pakistan, the problem is now systemic. Scholarship has been replaced by the illusion of scholarship – and not even a very good one at that. The fact that this transparent scam does not seem to bother anyone in Pakistani academe who are all chasing citation indices and impact factors for advancement, never mind that the citation itself might be saying this is crap (!), and all evidently just playing along with it, bothers me more than the actual instance of the scam which I caught.

That Laissez-faire attitude begets the first source of corruption in scholarship. No one cares to do anything about it and eventually all end up succumbing to it in the course of automatic adjusting to it to reach social equilibrium. In other words, the system begets mediocrity and continual loss of scholarly integrity by the very nature of existential social forces which drive the corruption. There is no advancement unless you play the game and stay silent. It is a vicious self-serving positive feedback loop which maximizes mediocrity. Very soon it leads to the state which is easily visible in Pakistan. But it is certainly not unique to Pakistan. The
scholarship in the United States is equally infected by the same viruses of playing along with the wisdoms du jour, of not questioning matters when it can cause a loss of bread and butter... albeit as yet in their latent state and under the radar - but won't be for long in the police state under construction. That state of pernicious intellectual corruption, the first corruption which begets all others, is disclosed in my second oped, also submitted to the Chronicle of Higher Education and still remains unacknowledged by them. It may be studied here by those who do not fear intellectual honesty even if it will indict their own:


Well, today, Dr. Atta ur Rahman's CV itemizes 845 publications, of which 14 are with Bentham science, annotated as being in the Netherlands. I started looking into Atta ur Rahman's resume as a continuation of my digging into the plagiarism scandal I uncovered, moving my focus up the hierarchy. And I was surprised to note that Dr. Atta ur Rahman had 14 listed in Bentham Science, Netherlands.

The contact page of Bentham (http://www.benthamdirect.org/pages/contactUs.php) lists the same four addresses you noted in your own missive three years ago. And remarkably, the only address with a street address which is not a P.O. Box, is in Karachi Pakistan! And I just had to wonder why had Dr. Atta ur Rahman not annotated his Bentham publications as being in Karachi Pakistan, right down the street from his own university called HEJ (http://www.iccs.edu/hej/faculty2.php), instead of being in the Netherlands? That is odd to say the least.

It is of course not rocket science to straightforwardly infer that Dr. Atta ur Rahman is trying to make the false representation that Bentham is a foreign publication.

The other curious thing which strikes me is that Bentham's fee payment form (http://www.benthamscience.com/open/feeform/Fee-Form.pdf) lists only a fax number to send the form to: (215) 310-9757 Location: Morrisville, PA. But the US address on Bentham's contact page is in Illinois!

This entire outfit smells of being a global scam, not just with the problem of it not being kosher in terms of "peer review", but an outright scam! And unfortunately, it is also beginning to smell of this crap being located in Pakistan.

I am not sure what role Dr. Atta ur Rahman has in it, apart from the prima facie one of having
published in it with false representation of it being in Netherlands when its office is located in Karachi Pakistan.

The pay-for-publish model of Open Access I suspect few academics even understand in Pakistan – unless they are all already into it. Who makes these payments, and in the case of Atta ur Rahman, who paid for it? HEC? And all this is apart from that fact that Atta ur Rahman is the architect of many of the hare-brained schemes while at HEC – which slide hand in glove with paper-mill scams like Bentham which will pretty much print anything. See details in my full report above of how Atta ur Rahman's own organization, HEC, has endorsed other paper mills which publish any crap, like BPAS run out of India which in fact published 14 of the 18 plagiarized papers in plasma physics noted in my report.

I bring all this to your attention as detective-work-in-progress, to request that if you have uncovered additional information on Bentham since your last missive, please do share it with me. It is most curious where that fax number mentioned on its fee form rings! Is it an efax number [which converts the fax to email]? Is it a forwarding number via internet switching to some place in UAE? How can one trace that? In whose bank account do all these monies get deposited? Who is the registered owner of Bentham Science? Are they even a registered business in any country?

Below is a link to Dr. Atta ur Rahman's most imposing resume – and I ask you, who has 845 publications in the Western academe? A lot of it is likely crap. In any case, I am unfamiliar with some of the publication houses he lists. Since you have been looking at this matter for much longer than I have, are you aware of which of these publication houses are reputable and which aren't? Chemistry is not my area (it is electrical engineering/computer science) and therefore I cannot judge the quality of these papers but I can already expect that they aren't very high. Are some plagiarized? I don't know. The point of interest at present is Bentham, which is clearly the worst of the Open Access publisher lot from all the reports I have read thus far, including those at scholarlykitchen (http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2009/03/12/bentham-publishers/) and Richard Poynder’s interview of Matthew Honan, Editorial Director, Bentham Science Publishers (http://poynder.blogspot.com/2008/04/open-access-interviews-matthew-honan.html).

It begs the question that why would this imposing fellow Dr. Atta ur Rahman send any of his papers to Bentham at all when he also has many with far more reputable houses like 49 in Elsevier Netherlands; 12 in Harwood Academic Publishers UK, Netherlands, and Switzerland;
7 in Springer-Verlag Germany and New York; 6 in Academic Press New York and San Diego; etc. These are all the ones that I think I have heard of (it is possible that I am also mistaken). He of courses publishes in his own outfit too, 18 are listed in COMSTECH of which not only is he the editor, but also its head! In any case, there are several other Open Access publishers with a far stellar reputation than Bentham.

**Why did the paper-mill architect of Pakistan Dr. Atta ur Rahman go to the lowest of the low in reputation among the paper mills himself, while he continually presents himself in Pakistan as its foremost intellectual and scholar?**


I hope you will acknowledge the receipt of this letter even if you may not have additional information to contribute. It is a rather bizarre state of affairs that my report on the masterpiece of plagiarism in Pakistan is not managing to break into the notice of the world of academe like the Tilburg case did when its reverberations will surely outstrip the Tilburg case due to the magnitude of its absurdity and the subsequent coverup at the highest levels, all documented in my report with full email reproductions.

Thank you for your time,

Kind Regards,

Zahir Ebrahim

California, United States

Sunday, November 06, 2011

Taking on the sacred cows of a nation, and a people, is never a holy affair. Nevertheless, in a nation, and among a people, when vigilant commonsense and rational analysis are permitted to triumph over incestuous self-reinforcement of dogmas, mantras, and narrow vested interests, the first seeds of liberty are sown whose harvest in generations downstream leads to the renewal, the rebirth of a new people. Participate in that renewal by demonstrating the prowess of an intellect, rather than the prowess a Dictaphone machine. The only reason the press exists is because of a social contract – what is that social contract are you even aware?

The press worldwide, and especially in Pakistan, daily laments of the corruption among politicians, the bureaucracy, and the elite at large. But that's still only the effect they lament, while staying silent on the first cause. The first cause of corruption from which all else follows, is the corruption of the intellect. That is begotten by the corruption of the soul. But no one knows where the soul resides. Everyone knows where the intellect resides. Since those who focus on the soul are called poets and trivially dismissed, I have focussed on the intellect on the anvil of empirical logic which is not so readily dismissible.

For the past month, I have been demonstrating that first cause of corruption with the force of empiricism and analysis which is irrefutable – and yet, I am greeted by only the abnegation of their social contract by the press. The conclusion therefore is self-evident.

Thanks.

Zahir Ebrahim,

California, United States

Enclosure: The Salam Gang and Pakistan's Nuclear Weapons - Notes of a skeptic

Chapter 4: Summation Letter on Plagiarism Case: Psychopathy requires legal entitlement, not logic or shame

To: Distribution List

Subject: Psychopathy requires legal entitlement, not logic or shame - my final word before moving the case to court

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2011

This is to summarize the situation since my discovery of the masterpiece of plagiarism in a tortuous system of willfully aiding and abetting the theft of intellectual property amidst lip-service to high piety, on Sept. 28, 2011.

Over a hundred senior academics and senior civil servants of Pakistan occupying the position of Vice Chancellor/Rector were informed of this system-wide collusion on October 07, 2011 in a detailed Letter to Editor:

http://zahirebrahim.wordpress.com/masterpiece-of-plagiarism-in-pakistan/

Subsequently, a systematic cover-up ensued with the aiding and abetting of the same sort of Peter and Paul washing each other which had already been described in the Letter to the Editor.

These truthsmithing workmanship of stellar academics of Pakistan along with my systematic dismantling of their shell-game is documented in another detailed document titled: "What a load of crap!":

http://zahirebrahim.wordpress.com/what-a-load-of-crap/

The following oped was submitted to the newsmedia which summarizes the entire shell-game:


I would just like to give you a heads-up of what is coming next.
A few years ago I accidentally stumbled on to the study of sociopathy and psychopathy. My first exposure was to a book called Political Ponerology by a polish social scientist, Andrew Lobaczewski. What immediately attracted my attention was the bold claim made by the author and the editor of the English version of the book, that Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Jimmy Carter's National Security Advisor (1976-1980) had tried to suppress its publication.

Now why would Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski want to do that --- apart from the fact that he is himself a Polish Jew immigrant to the United States and has been the key architect of The Grand Chessboard - American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives (which is also the title of a book which he wrote in 1996), since 1972 when he founded the Trilateral Commission with International banker David Rockefeller?

So, like a child who is always curious when someone says "don't", I read the book. Followed by other works on the subject such as Martha Stout's "The sociopath next door".

None of you in Pakistan are likely aware that the recent advances in psycho-sociology in the study of evil betray that there is an element of it in a significant number of cases which may transcend moral choice.

Hitherto, good and evil have always been viewed from moral and religious perspectives. And it is still true for the vast majority of "normal" people.

But empiricism has also shown that it has never been true for the vilest psychopaths among mankind throughout history who have felt no internal need for the abstraction of good and evil.

Now a new empirical theory is evolving which is lending powerful explanation for these observations which appear to be as old as mankind. From time immemorial, it is a fact that remorseless fiends have risen to become leaders of men. Just like a snake bites, and a lion rules by might is right, which are also not moral choices for the beasts – because to exercise their primacy, for food, for hunger, or for territory, is in the very nature of these creatures.

Psychopathy is now being viewed in new light as a physical/emotional/neurological disorder where the person is physiologically unable to feel empathy, unable to feel remorse. The neurological or cellular material which generates empathy is suspected to be entirely missing in them, or severely atrophied for some reason.

The psychopath is often highly intelligent, very ambitious, very cunningly deceptive. He is able
to disguise his primacy instincts with an affable smile and platitudinous nod to morality. As some might cynically observe in Pakistan, he often comes in uniform, with a broad smile, or with sadja stamped upon his forehead. And it is evidently independent of cast, color, ethnicity, creed, sex, sexual orientation, and political affiliation (which changes easily in any case).

These abnormal people don't appear prima facie abnormal. In fact, they tend to gain easy acceptability among their peers, sometimes even well liked, and often have the instincts to rise to the top of their profession by any means necessary. As they say in popular vernacular in Hollywood movies: sleep their way to the top!

But in reality, the sociopath next door adopts any method that will get him or her to the top in whatever he might be interested in. The notion of shame, remorse, hesitation, etc., which normal people feel when transgressing moral limits, or when caught, is alien to their nature in the same way as it is alien to a snake which strikes the unsuspecting victim that happens to come in its path.

No one really expects the snake to feel remorse, or admit guilt, or resign from its hunting ground in a show of moral gravitas that it bit an innocent doe.

Well, it is being discovered that the most audacious psychopaths, often the sociopath next door, are physiologically equally unable to feel remorse.

What is most frightening about this is that the number of such abnormal people who prey upon normal people from their perches is disturbingly higher than previously thought by sociologists.

The number disclosed in the book Political Ponerology is 6%.

According to these insane demographics, every six people in a hundred are potentially a psychopath. He or she will prey upon you as nonchalantly as the rest ninety four might step on a harmless bug while taking a walk in the park. But while you won't go to the bug's funeral or show any hypocrisy in the matter, it's only a bug after all, the psychopath will come to your funeral with a dozen roses and a wet handkerchief.

And these psychopathic people typically also tend to be the ones who invariably rise to all positions of power in society – from corporate to political to religious to yes, education too, all across the power spectrum in modern institutionalized society in every corner of the world.
They tend to congregate together in a fraternal bond and support each other just like a pack of wolves. They wash each other like Peter and Paul. How they actually recognize each other is rather obvious – even brief associations can betray who shows moral compunction and who does not.

Most normal people for whom good and evil are moral choices, even when they might choose evil, feel the guilt-pangs of that choice which manifests in a number of anxiety inducing ways from superficial guilt to stress, to PTSD.

And for all normal people, even if they were some how habitually desensitized through long years of immersion in the banality of evil, their physiological makeup is not averse to feeling remorse. And once it is brought to their attention and explained how they are complicit in the evil, they at least feel some guilt, some remorse, some anxiety, some shame.

That ability to feel shame, remorse and pangs of conscience is what makes us characteristically human.

I am not really making any of this up as I go along. Just outlining here my understanding of this fascinating subject which uncannily appears to meet the acid test of empiricism. Please refer to the cited books if even your own everyday commonsense observations disagree with any of this.

What is apparent to me, and should be to you as well, is that HEC, and the rulership of Pakistan, like the rulership of most nations including the United States', are outstanding empirical evidence of this psychopathy lending great substantive import to these new researches into the study of evil. There is neither any moral compunction before the fact, nor any shame or remorse after the fact.

The only sensible way to control this evil is not to talk to it, or try to tickle its conscience – for that would be as effective as trying to talk to a viper to stop "dussing" (Urdu word for a snake striking a prey) or to feel guilt or remorse afterwards.

The only rational and effective approach to deal with psychopaths is to seek legal entitlements under appropriate laws and statutes. If some laws are wanting to deal with this effectively, than appropriate ones have to be legislated.

So what is coming down the pipe is to move this case to the Supreme Court through a writ filed
against HEC, the federal government which sanctioned HEC, and ALL the players engaged in this shell-game.

If you wish to support this endeavor as a plaintiff for the greater public good of Pakistan, please contact me. Waiting for Allah is not going to change anything.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Zahir Ebrahim

California, United States.

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Chapter 5: Main Exposé Letter to Editor October 07, 2011 – Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan under the Watchful Eyes of its Distinguished Stewards of Science and Higher Education

Zahir Ebrahim

Friday October 07, 2011 | Addendum October 13, 2011

I wish to bring to the notice of the world of academe the bold plagiarism of the work of world's best known physicist and Nobel laureate of 1918, Max Planck, including verbatim theft from others to build up a padded portfolio of plagiarized publications, and its aiding and abetting by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan through a conspiracy of dunces, inept policies, and a systemic culture of corruption and whitewash wherein Paul protects Peter while they all receive payouts from the public exchequer by bloated anointments as 'Distinguished National Professor' and other sainthood.

Here is the summary findings. I have uncovered the following facts:

- 17 of 18 papers published in the book *Scientific Writings* by Dr. I. R. Durrani confirmed forgery, with one of these papers belonging to Nobel laureate Max Planck, and one paper could not be ascertained;

- first 2 papers in a second book *Fairy Tales, End of Science and the Resurrection* by the same author confirmed forgery, and the entire book is likely forged but I haven't had the time to verify – this is confirmation enough;

- 60 papers published in a plagiarism paper mill BPAS sanctioned by HEC as "HEC Approved" contains 14 of those 18 plagiarized chapters from the first book;

- an HEC “Distinguished National Professor” of physics writing glowing tributes to these masterful forgeries in *Scientific Writings*: “All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work.”

- the masterful forger is the *re-virginified* “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor” and “Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat” after being caught once before at Punjab University Lahore and resigned before the university could take further action.
First I take the case of plagiarism which is peerless in its chutzpah, perhaps unmatched in any academic disapprobation scandal in the world, followed by the role of HEC in creating the nurturing climate for this graft and moral indecency in the name of fostering higher education in Pakistan.

While reading the 2009 book by David Sprintzen, Critique of Western Philosophy and Social Theory, on its page 76 (http://tinyurl.com/Sprintzen-76), I came across a very interesting quote from Max Planck:

"Modern physics has taught us that the nature of any system cannot be discovered by dividing it into its component parts and studying each part by itself, since such a method often implies the loss of important properties of the system. We must keep our attention fixed on the whole and on the interconnection between the parts. [62]"

Interested in reading the full paper from which Max Planck was quoted, the footnote [62] in Sprintzen's book stated that the quote was taken from Harris, Errol E., The Foundations of Metaphysics in Science, Humanities Press, 1993. Not having access to Harris' book, I just searched for that quote on the internet using Google to see if I could locate Max Planck's full paper. And I came across the following book by a Pakistani physicist at the University of Gujrat, Pakistan: Scientific Writings, By Dr. I. R. Durrani.

On its page 18 (http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-18) I discovered not only the exact aforementioned quote, but what appeared to be entire passages of Max Planck. At first I thought Durrani was merely reproducing Max Planck's paper as an editor. So I continued to read until page 20 (http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-20) revealed that Durrani was actually passing all of Max Planck's paper as his own, as he proceeded to outline the contents of the rest of the book.

Shocked that a professor would have the chutzpah to plagiarize from someone like Max Planck without fear of being caught – what sort of protection could such a person enjoy – I looked at the Amazon description of Durrani's book (http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-Amazon) which stated the following:

“Product Description: This is a collection of papers on scientific subjects, written by I R Durrani, a member of the Faculty of Basic Sciences at the University of Gujrat, Pakistan. Ranging from terrorism to the stock market,
scientific thought is applied to a wide variety of topics."

More revealingly, Amazon carried the following review/endorsement from Durrani’s Ph.D. Thesis supervisor and colleague, the HEC Distinguished National Professor of Physics as anointed by HEC (http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Murtaza-HEC), Professor Dr Ghulam Murtaza:

"Review: I know the author both as his PhD Thesis supervisor and as a colleague. I find it a pleasure to write a few lines about his recently published book titled 'Scientific Writings'. Essentially, it is a Physics book covering a spectrum of topics from relativity to terrorism. The author investigates various facets of Einsteinian relativity and some aspects of Maxwell Electromagnetic Theory; later he discusses the hidden simplicity of complex numbers; later still, using mathematical models, the author attempts explaining the developments in economics. His scrutiny of the portrait of Mona Lisa with reference to Quantum Mechanics and his mathematical analysis of terrorism (which is really the demarche of the dispossessed) and how it can be curtailed are quite interesting. The language is well orchestrated and the stream of thought and consciousness, is quite impressive and compelling. All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work. --Professor Dr G Murtaza" Amazon Review

Further detailed examination of Dr. I. R. Durrani's book Scientific Writings, which was so boldly endorsed by the HEC Distinguished National Professor of Physics as “an eruditely performed piece of work”, revealed that every chapter of the book was an exact rip-off of someone else. Only one chapter could not be ascertained because Google books wasn't cooperating in disclosing the contents of that chapter. It is trivial to verify for anyone by comparing Durrani's book against the following data of where each chapter has evidently been stolen from, virtually verbatim! Even a high school student shows greater imagination when moral teachings haven't been part of his up-bringing. A verbatim textual theft is almost unheard of even in the most dunce-head public high school class where at least some paragraph shuffling and wordsmithing might happen for an English paper out of concern that one might be caught by a simple search. The cleverest plagiarists steal and capitalize on ideas, not text, and intellectual property theft is big business in this information age. So are its penalties when caught. And here we have an HEC approved Pakistani Ph.D. professor of physics demonstrating a masterpiece of near verbatim re-typesetting worthy of employment at the Smithsonian for copying ancient manuscripts with utmost fidelity, and no one has caught it before this?
Before I begin, I must first define what this word “Plagiarism” means because evidently, even in this day and age, many educators appear confused: (http://tinyurl.com/Defining-Plagiarism)

“The Latin root for the word, plagiare, means to kidnap, and to many of those who have seen their words or ideas thus appropriated, there is that feeling that their child has indeed been stolen. The Modern Language Association Style Guide defines it by quoting Alexander Lindey: "It is the false assumption of authorship: the wrongful act of taking the product of another person's mind and presenting it as one's own." The extent of a plagiaristic act can vary considerably, ranging from the most serious (copying or purchasing an entire paper) down to the omissions of a few references or attributions in a brief written assignment. The particular aspect of plagiarism that arises in the context of electronically based information has been referred to as "e-plagiarism" or "cut-and-paste plagiarism," but is now more commonly called "cyberplagiarism." Of concern to educators at all levels are both its comparative ease and the vast information resources that potential cyberplagiarists have at their disposal.” -- Jennifer R. Sharkey and F. Bartow Culp, in The Reference Collection: From the Shelf to the Web, Edited by William J. Frost, 2005, pg. 104

What that description simplifies down to is this succinct value statement: **Theft of Intellectual and Copyrighted Property is a Crime regardless of how it is commissioned.** This theft is covered under the global WIPO Copyright Treaty for the protection of intellectual property rights of authors, inventors, artists, performers, and of course multinational corporations worldwide. Its legal entitlements are obligatory among nations which are signatory to the Copyright Treaty. Pakistan is a signatory to this Treaty (http://tinyurl.com/WIPO-Signatories). The pertinent national laws ratified by the Government of Pakistan for IP Protection under the WIPO Copyright Treaty are indexed at WIPO Resources. Specifically see: “The Copyright Ordinance, 1962 Ordinance No. XXXIV of 1962 (as amended by Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance, 2000 dated 29th September, 2000)” ( http://tinyurl.com/WIPO-Pakistan-Copyright-Laws ).

The IP crime disclosed here and enumerated in the following list, employing the MLA nomenclature defined above, is the most serious “cut-and-paste plagiarism,” commonly called "cyberplagiarism." Notice that this style of theft of intellectual property can be most trivially uncovered by anyone without any specialized training in physics or science, by simply typing in the chapter title of Durrani’s book, or some key sentences from each chapter into an Internet
search engine like Google. The subscription services to the popular website Turnitin.com is also useful. These are the first order filters, the low hanging fruits of the tree so to speak. If “cut-and-paste plagiarism” is easy to commit, it is also becoming easier to uncover. If it was not discovered in this instance of such grotesquely obvious plagiarism, it can only mean that absolutely zero effort was made to verify any paper going through the academic paper mill process of Pakistan. That indicates a systemic problem far deeper and abstruse than its mere manifestation of symptoms below.

Chapter 0: Introduction

Copied from Max Planck's paper, appears to come from The World of Physics: The Einstein universe and the Bohr atom, by Jefferson Hane Weaver, Lloyd Motz, Dale McAdoo. Simon & Schuster, 1987 (page 706, cached), compare to page xi Durrani [cached]

Chapter 1: An investigation of Time in Relativity

Copied from Sidi Cherkawi Benzahra, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio 45501, 10 Apr 2002, paper of the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached] $\Delta$ is typographically substituted with $D$

Chapter 2: Derivation of Lorentz Force from Maxwell's Equations

Copied from Valery P. Dmitriyev, Lomonosov University. P.O.Box 160, Moscow 117574, Russia, (Dated: 10 June 2002), paper titled “Can we derive the Lorentz force from Maxwell’s equations?” (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]

Chapter 3: Gravitation and electromagnetism

Copied from Valery P. Dmitriyev, Lomonosov University P.O.Box 160, Moscow 117574, Russia (Dated: 23 July 2002), paper of the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]

Chapter 4: The Relativistic Mass Increase and Classical Physics

Copied from Milos V. Lokajcek, Institute of Physics, v.v.i. , Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, 18221 Prague, 7 Nov 2007, paper titled “The velocity increase of mass and the classical physics” (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]
Chapter 5: On the Concept of Mass in Relativity

Copied with tiny wordsmithing from Peter M. Brown, American Journal of Physics, Manuscript Number: 17978, 786-C Washington Street, Haverhill, MA 01832, paper of the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]

Chapter 6: The Role of the Two Postulates of Special Relativity

Copied with tiny wordsmithing from Alfred Ziegler, Institut fur theoretische Physik der Universitat at Frankfurt, Max-von-Laue-Str.1, D-60438 Frankfurt, Germany (Dated: February 1, 2008), paper of the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]

Chapter 7: How to Create a Universe

Copied from Gordon McCabe, February 2, 2008, paper of the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached] Cosmetic change in citation style – why bother with that when the rest is verbatim?

Chapter 8: The Simple Complex Numbers

Copied from Jaroslaw Zalesny, Institute of Physics, Szczecin University of Technology, Al. Piastow 48, 70-310 Szczecin, Poland, 3 Feb 2008, paper of the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached] Zalesny's paper on pages 19-23 under the heading: “Trying to Publish”, complains that the paper was rejected by the referee: “Maybe my approach is not as new as I thought, maybe it is a re-discovery of some ideas of Wessel, Grassmann, Hamilton. Nevertheless, I completely do not agree with the referee that you can find it in a standard textbook. Yours sincerely Jaroslaw Zalesny” But HEC's approved Journal BPAS published the plagiarized verbatim copy of Durrani (see BPAS below, http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-BPAS-Index)

Chapter 9: Creativity and the New Structure of Science

Copied from Andrei P. KIRILYUK, Institute of Metal Physics, Kiev, Ukraine 03142, 2004 paper of the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]

Chapter 10: The Last Scientific Revolution

Copied with tiny wordsmithing from Andrei P. KIRILYUK, Solid State Theory
Chapter 11: A Brief History of Economics: An Outsider’s Account

Copied from Bikas K Chakrabarti, Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics Division and Centre for Applied Mathematics and Computational Science, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, 1/AF, Bidhannagar, Kolkata 700 064, India., 26 Sep 2007, paper with the same title (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]. The only thing not plagiarized from Chakrabarti's paper is the following statement in its Summary: “This was published in Econophysics of Stock and Other Markets, Eds. A. Chatterjee, B. K. Chakrabarti, New Economic Windows Series, Springer, Milan, 2006, pp 219-224.”

Chapter 12: Angst and the Stock Market

Copied from Ingve Simonsen, Peter Toke Heden Ahlgren, Mogens H. Jensen, Raul Donangelo, and Kim Sneppen, Department of physics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), NO-7491 Trondheim, Norway, February 2, 2008 paper with the title “Fear and its implications for stock markets” (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]. Not plagiarized are the omissions: 19 references dropped, all the figures dropped (but could not view page 118), several paragraphs dropped, and of course the Acknowledgement is dropped: 'We are grateful for constructive comments from Ian Dodd and Anders Johansen. This research was supported in part by the “Models of Life” Center under the Danish National Research Foundation. R.D. acknowledges support from CNPq and FAPERJ (Brazil).’ The rest is verbatim with tiny wordsmithing.

Chapter 13: Terrorism: An Attempt At Its Explanation

Copied with tiny wordsmithing from E. Ahmed, A. S. Elgazzar and A. S. Hegazi, Mathematics Department, Faculty of Science, 35516 Mansoura, Egypt, and Mathematics Department, Faculty of Education, 45111 El-Arish, Egypt, February 4, 2008, with the title “On complex adaptive systems and terrorism” (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]

Chapter 14: The Effect of Nuclear Terrorism: Fizzles
Chapter 15: On Reducing the Power of Terrorism: A Hint from Physics

Unable to ascertain.

Chapter 16: Towards a New Democracy: Consensus Through Quantum Parliament

Copied from Diederik Aerts, Leo Apostel Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies (CLEA), and Foundations of the Exact Sciences (FUND), Department of Mathematics and Department of Psychology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 1160 Brussels, Belgium, 2005 paper of the same title (pdf here), compare to Durrani [cached]

Chapter 17: Mona Lisa: Ineffable Smile of Quantum Mechanics

Copied from Slobodan Prvanovic, Institute of Physics, P.O. Box 57, 11080 Belgrade, Serbia, 25 Feb 2003, paper of the same title (pdf here), compare to Durrani [cached]

It was further discovered that Dr. I. R. Durrani, like his mentor Dr. Ghulam Murtaza (http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Murtaza-Resume), is also an HEC approved Ph.D. thesis supervisor himself (http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Durrani-Resume), with 102 listed publications in HEC Recognized journals on HEC's own website!

102 papers in HEC approved Journals — and all 18 papers (save one which could not be ascertained among the 17 chapters, plus Introduction) in the above book are 100% plagiarized without imagination! What about the remaining 102 papers in the HEC approved Journals? See BPAS disclosure below.

All this straightforwardly reveals that either Dr. Ghulam Murtaza is a distinguished inept and offered his services/endorsement to his student and colleague without reading the book (so much for “peer review” of HEC), or, as was further revealed to me by Dr. Riazuddin, another HEC Distinguished National Professor of Physics (http://tinyurl.com/Riazuddin-HEC-DNP) and reputed to be the theoretician architect of Pakistan's nuclear option (http://tinyurl.com/Riazuddin-wiki), that Dr. G Murtaza is related to Dr. I. R. Durrani. Therefore, one can also surmise that Dr. G Murtaza is not only on in the plagiarism racket himself, but
also engaged in nepotism. G. Murtaza, the Distinguished National Professor of physics, is minimally guilty of at least two of the trifecta of gross intellectual and academic deceit in this case: gross incompetence, gross dishonesty, gross nepotism.

But this is just the beginning of the scandal. My inquiry letter to Dr. Riazuddin regarding whether my serendipitous discovery also indicated to him an outright case of plagiarism, or was I mistaken (however unlikely), elicited the following two responses:

"Dear Zahir, I know Durrani very well and also Ghulam Murtaza. In fact Durrani gave me a copy of his book on Scientific Writings with his compliments. I only glanced through the book and did not study properly. It is not a collection of articles written by other persons but his own writings on various scientific subjects. On receiving your e-mail, I read the introduction and indeed found the passage you quote on page 18 without reference to Planck. He even does not quote any reference at the end of this chapter, although in other chapters, he give some general references. **So you have indeed made a discovery, which we would not have noticed.** Best regards, Riaz" Email dated Wed, Sep 28, 2011 at 10:10 PM PST

"Dear Zahir, I am really surprised that Durrani would do what he has done. Previously he was also caught in plagiarizing a research paper and that cost him his job at the Punjab University. He resigned from there to avoid further action on the part of his university. He should have learnt his lesson. But it appears that some people do not learn. [Omitted on request] Now this! I am both surprised and saddened. **If this material about Durrani is sent to HEC, they would be obliged to take some action but that would destroy the poor fellow.** Regarding the demolishing of HEC, they are too powerful. You remember a short letter which I wrote on the ‘Restructuring of HEC’ which I sent you, no newspaper published it, not even Daily Times which I thought was more progressive and liberal. **Can I forward the copy of your e-mail to G. Murtaza who was his PhD supervisor and is related to Durrani, to see what he thinks of it.** With my best regards, Riaz, Distinguished National Professor, Director General Emeritus, National Centre for Physics, Islamabad" Email dated Fri, Sep 30, 2011 at 2:25 AM PST

The great surprise to me was my respected friend Riazuddin's ostensible desire to protect his
plagiarist friend from disclosure, admitting that if this case was brought to the attention of HEC, that culpability would be somewhat, if not duly, apportioned: “they would be obliged to take some action but that would destroy the poor fellow.” I am astonished by my friend Riazuddin who is evidently more concerned about this plagiarist thief as “the poor fellow” than about the theft of academic integrity itself, especially since I had also blanketically written to Riazuddin:

“Dear Dr. Riazuddin, ... I expect you to blow this to kingdom come. You can count on my public participation... and I'll even bring in my short history of interaction with HEC which you are well aware of. The import of this catch Riaz sahib, is that it demolishes HEC (finally), and has the arguments behind it to also dismantle all their federalized policies and centralization of power from academic, giving higher education back to the provinces as they already want. Since we are a masterful corrupt nation, centralization of corruption has a non-linear impact on us all, in that we can't effectively combat its non-linear spread. Make it decentralized, and empower local peoples, like my friend [name omitted] who can better manage his own department at QAU than any central, corrupt, incompetent federal agency aiding and abetting in the most grotesque corruption and incompetence, and you can actually mitigate the impact of corruption and incompetence to localized venues where they are better combatted by individuals of integrity and valor without going against an entire federal agency and their WB/IMF aided and abetted policies! All funding for HEC came from WB loans (via intermediate hops) as we all know. Kind regards, Zahir Ebrahim.” Excerpt from Email disclosing full details of this discovery of plagiarism dated Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 8:59 AM PST

So stepping back for a minute and observing how the system of aiding and abetting works between Peter and Paul in Pakistan, we have here a Distinguished National Professor of Physics (what a title), G Murtaza, enjoying the lucrative financial rewards and notoriety for being so anointed by HEC (see benefits in http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Murtaza-HEC), endorsing his plagiarist student/relative I. R. Durrani ; and another Distinguished National Professor of Physics, Dr. Riazuddin, who claims to know them both very well, who as the protégé of the late Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam is internationally acclaimed for his own work in theoretical physics, and who admits that he was given a copy of the said book with compliments of the said author, instinctively protecting his own plagiarist friend knowing his past history of plagiarism, rather than being shocked at the grotesque plagiarism in his own field of physics and eager to blow the whistle on the disclosure in the corridors of power starting with HEC.
What, does no one in Pakistan actually care for the integrity of their profession any more so long as their own bread remains buttered on both sides with suitable anointments from the high priests of power? Those who evidently cared about it did not seem to last very long (http://tinyurl.com/Cost-of-Questioning), whereas permitting collegiate camaraderie to trump moral sense enables one to continue feeding off the same trough for a lifetime.

Dr. Riazuddin, a very distinguished name in science circles in Pakistan, as evidenced in his letter to me did not seem overly perturbed about the fraud itself. He only appears saddened that his friend had perpetrated it once again and that its exposure “would destroy the poor fellow”!

Everyone is a poor fellow in Pakistan when caught! I am not sure whether I am more upset at my dear friend Dr. Riazuddin’s co-option (as he also enjoys the many sweet fruits of being the renowned Distinguished National Professor in Pakistan), or by the plagiarism by a family of inept thieves who I couldn’t give a damn about. These learned bozos who have milked the system all their lives aren’t even competent enough to steal properly – they plagiarize the world’s top scientist who is the father of the Planck’s Constant to begin with! What, didn’t they think anyone in the world would pick up that plagiarized book and trivially notice it? And look at the chutzpah: the plagiarist gives a copy of his grand theft to the most respected and renowned physicist of Pakistan with his personal compliments! What, knowing that Riazuddin won’t rat on him now that his own thesis supervisor and Distinguished National Professor has written an endorsement? Do these Distinguished National Professors have some quid pro quo going as they together milk the system as the senior most scientists of Pakistan? Or, knowing that Dr. Riazuddin was himself getting on in years, that he wouldn’t detect the fraud even if he ventured to read the book?

In either case, when you have the protection of your high and mighty friends who have all agreed to play the game to reap its benefits from public monies, the criminals have a field day, for when caught, we can see what readily transpires. The wolf simply changes pastures with the help of their virgin friends. Riazuddin admits: “he was also caught in plagiarizing a research paper and that cost him his job at the Punjab University. He resigned from there to avoid further action on the part of his university.” So the plagiarist just moved on to the University of Gujrat and continued to ply his trade even more zealously from his new pasture. It does not take any surmising from Riazuddin’s letter: “Can I forward the copy of your e-mail to G. Murtaza who was his PhD supervisor and is related to Durrani, to see what he thinks of it.”, to perceive that my good friend is concerned enough about the exposure to want to give a heads
up to his friend G. Murtaza rather than straightforwardly disclose the incontrovertible evidence of plagiarism directly to HEC and let them deal with it as the first step. Disclosing to the criminal that their crime is caught red handed before revealing it to the authorities is hardly a rational stance for an honest sensible person, let alone for a stellar scientist and scholar who is deeply concerned for the state of higher education in Pakistan and has endeavored in his own teaching career to set high moral standards for his own students.

Why is the most Distinguished National Professor of Physics in Pakistan with a worldwide reputation in theoretical physics, not immediately interested in blowing this fraud to kingdom come? A cynic who deeply understands matters in Pakistan might proffer that the corruption in this decaying state is so holistically entrenched, and in such billions daily, that a mere case of plagiarism can hardly be expected to elicit more than a yawn from a man of the world who has seen prime ministers and dictators come and go after pinning medals of great excellence on his chest (http://tinyurl.com/Riazuddin-wiki). There is still some space left on either side of the lapel for more medals it would appear. But the story does not end in such out of place cynicism because clearly, in principle, who isn't against plagiarism? Peter and Paul washing each other clean in subtle ways amidst lip-service to condemnation goes up the academic hierarchy in a system that is ab initio designed for higher corruption and higher co-option rather than higher education.

We move to HEC next to trace that hierarchy. Best is to first reproduce here my letter of strong indignation to my friend Dr. Riazuddin, which I also copied to Dr. Sohail Naqvi, long time Executive Director of HEC and the key architect of its bulimic policies over the past decade. These policies have significantly added to corruption in the higher education sector in Pakistan. The federalizing of higher education has also made it almost impossible to fight corruption at the local level. It is next to impossible to take action when the culprits are in good graces of the federal government, the bureaucracy, the feudals, or their posterboys. Every local scandal has to be fought at the HEC and federal level... who has the time or the inclination for making enemies at that level? People disappear in Pakistan for much less for not being team players. And HEC remains a paper-tiger even in its best incarnation, uninclined (http://tinyurl.com/Daudpota-fake-degrees) or unable (http://tinyurl.com/PunjabUniv-Plagiarism) to move against the biggest fraudsters in the nation. Namely, the top feeders, including those who have accumulated fake Ph.D. degrees and even carry them with pride upon their forehead, in the academe, in the parliament, and in the government, while laughing their way haughtily to the bank.
Dear Dr. Riazuddin,

Thank you again for your prompt reply. I note in your letter that for considerations which appear personal, you are hesitant in exposing this fraud outright. Your sense of compassion and friendship is misplaced and gratuitous. Therefore, I am sending this letter to HEC myself. Every thief, grafter, plunderer, rapist, murderer, and war-monger has a mother who loves him or her and wants to protect her brood from exposure. Every criminal finds some justification and rationalization for their crime. And no mentally ill person thinks they are insane. If Durrani has a mental problem and suffers from chronic kleptomaniacy, he needs immediate medical and legal attention rather than your masking his crime, or HEC endorsement and state salary to continue corrupting young minds under his tutelage and the tutelage of his supervisor who is either incompetent, or in on the plagiarism scam.

Those chartered to ensure the integrity of the academic system cannot simply brush it under the carpet because he is their friend. The corruption they inflict upon the nation by their complicity, cowardice, and co-option in the conspiracy of silence by pretending to be deaf, dumb and blind like the proverbial three monkeys who hear no evil, speak no evil, and see no evil, inflicts incalculable harm to the national destiny. We all suffer collectively by the cowardice and self-serving justifications of a few at the top who drive down the conspiracy of silence all the way to the bottom feeders who clutch greedily at the crumbs off the massa's table. I am sure HEC would not like to be in this position. And as you indicate, they would be obliged to take action if it is brought to their attention. But this is more significant than their punitive action against a wayward kleptomaniac whom they can easily call mentally ill.

This case unequivocally shows HEC's own hierarchy of corruption, the systemic failures of their policies, of the absence of any checks and balance as they endorse their own plagiarist and his supervisor, and indicts them directly as an inept and corrupt institution more interested in power-mongering and living off the public exchequer in making unaccountable grandiose schemes rather than higher education. It ropes in not just this Durrani fella, but also his professor "G. Murtaza who was his Ph.D. supervisor and is related to Durrani", and the entire bloody academic stack starting from HEC head down to their sanctioned
prostitutes in the academe. One can trace the incentive for plagiarism directly in HEC’s pecuniary policies of rewards for number of publications under some blind mantra of "peer review".

So Durrani’s book was peer reviewed by his own supervisor... The book was handed to the most distinguished physicist of Pakistan, your good self, who of all people in a single glance should have been able to tell that Max Planck was being ripped off in the very Introduction chapter... and yet you state: "I only glanced through the book and did not study properly." So which "peer review" system of Pakistan should have caught this? Who studies it properly?

Durrani’s book was published in January 2009... and here I come along in September 2011, and just by chance discover the fraud because I am actually interested in reading the entire Max Planck paper and search for his quote which I read in David Sprintzen’s book. If I can single-handedly trump all of HEC “peer review” system, and my friend in Pakistan with a few minutes of Googling can uncover that every chapter of Dr. I. R. Durrani of University of Gujrat’s book is a rip-off of someone else, that just shows the damn worth of this bloated HEC!

Therefore, this is an interesting case. Will HEC hang this fellow and his supervisor, and hang themselves, or, will they follow the path of all thugs and gangsters who run a legalized prostitution racket: hush it up, or sacrifice an underling to save their own neck?

Therefore, I am sending this letter to Sohail Naqvi at HEC. Let’s see what rationalization he can come up with for brushing this fraud under. Knowing Sohail, having shared a meal and two good weeks with him at HEC, a man of personal integrity just as you are, but a ball player with the system nevertheless, I am skeptical because it will topple him too. In the meantime, I am preparing a detailed letter to editor. A nation of cowards and sycophants living off the public exchequer deserve a lot more... From top to bottom, our national character has become thuggery in virginal dresses and white shirts. Every one of them a saint! But they are only as powerful as the public enables them to be. The more powerful they are, more they depend on the legitimacy granted them by people who stay silent. Take a stand... call a spade a spade, withdraw your support
from them, withdraw the legitimacy you accord them by your silence, by your acquiescence, and by your vested interests which benefit you by playing their game, and they topple under their own weight!

I would think these are the sort of precepts any sensible and moral higher education would teach the nation in order to create the independence of thought necessary to break the bonds of servitude. Zahir Ebrahim” Email cc'ed to Dr. Sohail Naqvi, Executive Director of HEC including the details of this discovery of plagiarism, dated Fri, Sep 30, 2011 at 11:18 AM PST

I am not sure which case to lament more loudly, that of ineptness of the thievery (betraying an in your face catch me if you can arrogance known only among the Mafioso), or its cold chutzpah in broad daylight.

Firstly HEC: ineptness vs. chutzpah. How did Durrani became “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor”, never mind “Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat”, and continues in these roles as of October 2011 even after he was already caught for plagiarism and resigned from Punjab University before he could be dismissed?

As Riazuddin coldly admitted: “Previously he was also caught in plagiarizing a research paper and that cost him his job at the Punjab University. He resigned from there to avoid further action on the part of his university.” Is HEC merely inept that they did not know of Dr. Durrani’s history of intellectual deceit for pecuniary gain? Dr. Riazuddin sure knew about it but accepted Durrani’s book with his compliments on face value admitting once again: “In fact Durrani gave me a copy of his book on Scientific Writings with his compliments. I only glanced through the book and did not study properly. It is not a collection of articles written by other persons but his own writings on various scientific subjects.” Is Dr. Riazuddin merely naïve, or is inept the correct word, that it didn't occur to him to check the contents of the book in his own domain when graciously accepting it from a known plagiarist colleague who had to resign in disgrace from his former institution and had simply moved on to another institution with a clean slate? No skepticism in the most stellar physicist and “Distinguished National Professor” of Pakistan who accepts a book on physics from a virginified plagiarist without raising an eyebrow? Are these dunces in Pakistan really so inept that Dr. Riazuddin writes to me: “On receiving your e-mail, I read the introduction … So you have indeed made a discovery, which we would not have noticed”!

Or is the base reality of the matter entirely different? That, they are all in on the
institutionalized racket at the public exchequer's expense with a wink-wink and a self-serving nod, and looking the other way while proclaiming to the world: *we virginify whom we want with a conspiracy of the dunces – what you gonna do about it?*

Whether inept fools or evil savants, corruption is the name of the game for anyone even remotely associated with Pakistan's Higher Education Commission. Those accepting its munificent honors and titles, apart from acquiring a perpetual meal ticket on the public exchequer's gravy-train, also acquire the venerable passport of “butterfly effect” in social (and economic) standing. The tragedy is that while one expects such Peter-Paul infamy in political establishments and big money business, this one occurs among those who head the most pristine intellectual space of the nation which ultimately feeds into all other non-primitive sectors and segments of society!

**Secondly, Dr. Durrani’s chutzpah.** This fellow sends his verbatim plagiarized book *Scientific Writings* to Google books ([http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-Googlebooks](http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-Googlebooks)), and complains that one of the two books did not have its book cover page featured:

> “Two of my books are on display on the google books web site. They are titled 'Scientific Writings' and 'Fairy Tales, the end of science and the resurrection'. The hard copies of these books were sent by the publisher based in UK to your US address and were received there about three months back. While the first book has the cover page exhibited, the second does not. Why? I was told by a lady who corresponded with me that it would take sometime before the cover pages would become visible. That, however, was some three months ago. I hope appropriate action at your end will be forthcoming. Thanks. Sincerely, Ijaz Durrani” Dated 3/25/11

Intrigued that Durrani also had a second book, *Fairy Tales, End of Science and the Resurrection*, published October 1, 2010, I noted that its product description at Amazon ([http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-fairytales](http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-fairytales)) began with: “In this book, I intend to take a critical view of what it means to do research.” That statement alone signaled to me that this book also needs a closer look. I only needed to carefully examine its first chapter to sense that the entire book is once again likely to be hundred percent plagiarized.

Subsequently, just out of curiosity, I also read through the Introduction chapter of *Fairy Tales*. It is still forged verbatim with "cut-and-paste plagiarism", but a tad more cleverly done, stealing intellectual property from multiple authors instead of just one author, with some paragraph
shuffling and omissions which one might expect from a more devious high school plagiarist.

**Chapter 0: Introduction**

Copied from the online Copyrighted Free ebook AGAINST THE TIDE, A Critical Review by Scientists of How Physics and Astronomy Get Done, edited by Martín López Corredoira & Carlos Castro Perelman, 2008. (Full ebook PDF). The Introduction chapter is “cut-and-paste” plagiarized from at least the following two papers from this ebook: 1) From its chapter titled What is research? by Martín López Corredoira, Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias, C/.Vía Láctea, s/n, E-38200 La Laguna (Tenerife, Spain), E-mail: martinlc@iac.es (pages 159-161 in pdf or online here or pdf paper here, compare to Durrani pg. v onwards) ; 2) From its chapter titled The Last Scientific Revolution by Andrei P. Kirilyuk, Solid State Theory Department, Institute of Metal Physics, 36 Vernadsky Avenue, 03142 Kiev-142, Ukraine E-mail: Andrei.Kirilyuk@Gmail.com (page 138 in pdf or pdf paper here, compare to Durrani pg. x) [cached].

**Chapter 1: A Class of Solitons for the N=2 Super mKdV/Sinh-Gordon Hierarchy**

Copied from the 2007 paper by H. Aratyn, Department of Physics, University of Illinois at Chicago; and J.F. Gomes, L.H. Ymai and A.H. Zimerman, Instituto de Física Teórica-UNESP, Sao Paulo, Brazil, exactly titled: “A Class of Soliton Solutions for the N=2 Super mKdV/Sinh-Gordon Hierarchy” (pdf here, compare to Durrani) [cached]. The only thing not plagiarized in this Chapter 1 of Durrani’s second book is the omission of the Acknowledgment section from Aratyn et. al.’s paper: “Acknowledgements We are grateful to CNPq and FAPESP for financial support. The work is also supported by grant NSF PHY-0651694.”

What chutzpah! These masterpieces of plagiarism surely rival, but not yet surpass what we see in the Pakistani ruling establishment's cold theft of a nation in virginal dresses in broad daylight!

But wait, there is more. The user book review on Google books (http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-Fairytales-User-Review) by another famous Pakistani Durrani, this time evidently an accomplished IEEE lifetime aficionado, Dr. S. H. Durrani who identified himself as ex Director NASA, called this second plagiarized masterpiece an “iconoclastic book”? For heaven's sake! This new S. H. Durrani continued: “In summary, the author is a physicist who has worked in
prestigious institutions for many years, is uncomfortable with the present culture of science, and is not afraid to say so. He makes a pretty convincing case that what we call “science” is dead today, and needs resurrection.”

After reading that “prestigious institutions for many years,” bit about our masterful forger who had to resign in disgrace from Punjab University and is now plagiarizing from some obscure University of Gujrat, I had to mildly wonder if there are more relationships at work here than meet the eye. What are the odds of a second Pakistani Durrani half way around the world, writing the only review for the plagiarized book of his namesake on Google books? How would this S. H. Durrani in Olney, MD-USA, as identified by himself, even learn about a book written by I. R. Durrani from Gujrat Pakistan, and also know of the latter’s “prestigious affiliations”: “the author is a physicist who has worked in prestigious institutions for many years,”? This “prestigious institutions” information about our cyberplagiarist’s distinguished career is not listed in either of the two books as far as I have been able to ascertain. Where did this psychic S. H. Durrani character half way around the world learn it from? I simply could not resist writing a letter to this new S. H. Durrani fella at his email address (s.durrani@ieee.org).

Curious to see if any of the papers from either of the two books showed up in the list of the 102 papers published in the HEC approved journals itemized on Durrani’s resume (http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Durrani-Resume) on HEC website under “HEC Approved PhD Supervisors”, no surprise. Just a superficial glance at the titles under the subheading “Publications in HEC Recognized Journals” brought up the following titles, citing one for each of Durrani’s two books is sufficient:


34. * "A class of solitons for N=2 super m KdV/sinh Gordon hierarchy" (2011) BPAS Vol:30D(2) pp:1-10 (Journal) HEC Recognized:Yes ---> Same as Chapter 1 of Fairy Tales, End of Science and the Resurrection, an exact copy of H. Aratyn et. al.'s paper of the same title already noted above

Further curious to learn what this HEC Recognized BPAS Journal was that would publish Pakistani plagiarized rubbish, a simple search revealed that it is Indian “Bulletin of Pure and Applied Science” run by Dr. A.K. Sharma, Editor-in-Chief, from “Address: 115 RPS DDA FLAT...
MANSAROVER PARK, Post Box No. 9043, SHAHDARA, DELHI – 110032, INDIA. Its Volume 30 D (Physics) Special Issue (No.1) January-June 2011 has almost the full issue devoted to our master plagiarist I. R. Durrani’s papers, with a Guest Editorial and Chapter titled “Introduction of Dr. I. R. Durrani” written by the plagiarist's mentor G. Murtaza.

Titles of fourteen – 14 – plagiarized Chapters from Durrani’s book Scientific Writings are listed in the BPAS Index for that Special Issue (http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-BPAS-Index).

That is the HEC Recognized Journal? And the source of HEC’s endorsement statement: “HEC Recognized:Yes”?

Of the 102 titles listed as “Publications in HEC Recognized Journals” in Durrani’s HEC resume, I count about 60 being in this plagiarism paper mill BPAS.

So, despite all the tens of millions of dollars of debt-financed monies spent by unaccountable HEC honchos in their grandiose schemes of higher education in Pakistan, HEC has its own Approved PHD Thesis Supervisor’s plagiarized papers proudly listed as “Publications in HEC Recognized Journals”, among which is this BPAS paper mill operated out of India evidently to serve plagiarists of the same ilk in the most bipartisan show of friendship across the border!

No one at HEC even questions that how is it that 102 papers are published by a fellow like Durrani who “was also caught in plagiarizing a research paper and that cost him his job at the Punjab University”, with no visible means of performing such diverse research in physics at his new feeding grounds in a relatively obscure University of Gujrat. This is clearly indicative that Peter and Paul are washing each other while feeding at the same trough as the conspiracy of the dunces. The excuse appears ready: oops, we didn’t know, we are inept. This has already been used by the greatest living physicist of Pakistan on me: “I only glanced through the book and did not study properly. It is not a collection of articles written by other persons but his own writings on various scientific subjects. On receiving your e-mail, I read the introduction and indeed found the passage you quote on page 18 without reference to Planck. ... So you have indeed made a discovery, which we would not have noticed.” HEC’s Dr. Sohail Naqvi will surely attempt the same “oops”.

It is primarily to preempt such deception that I have gone to such lengths to reveal how Peter and Paul principle operates in Pakistan and that none who drink from HEC’s trough escape its tentacles of corruption. Its head rests squarely in the lap of Dr. Sohail Naqvi, the first and still incumbent Executive Director of HEC. Together with the posterboy for Higher Education of
former President of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf, former HEC Chairman Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman – now anointed “Distinguished National Professor” by HEC alongside G Murtaza (http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Atta-ur-Rehman-HEC) – Sohail Naqvi instrumented this paper mill architecture for Pakistan, speciously tying all compensation and advancement in the academy to the sheer number of “Publications in HEC Recognized Journals” listed on the resume. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman himself claims an imposing 798 publications in the fields of organic chemistry as of this writing (http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Atta-ur-Rahman-Resume).

Not to digress, but not commenting on this astonishingly high number of publications by Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman would be a travesty of commonsense. It must surely be a world record – especially coming from a Third World corrupt country not known for any significant contribution to the world of organic chemistry, and for which Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman himself reluctantly admitted in 2005: “Professor Dr Attaur Rahman, chief of the Higher Education Commission, has admitted regretfully that his country does not possess one university which ranks amongst the first 500 in the world.” (http://tinyurl.com/DAWN-Atta-no-good-universities). The genesis of the bloated paper mill architecture in Pakistan should now be self-evident.

I am not sure which chutzpah comes out on top in the case at hand:

- A known plagiarist who resigned in disgrace from Punjab University for plagiarism anointed as “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor” and appointed as “Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat”;

- or his continually plagiarized papers proudly listed as “Publications in HEC Recognized Journals”;

- or the plagiarist himself giving his plagiarized book on physics to the most distinguished physicist of Pakistan with his compliments;

- or sending it to Google books to announce the plagiarized book to the world on the internet without fear!

Furthermore, amidst all these “Distinguished National Professors” (http://tinyurl.com/HEC-List-DNP) in Pakistan drawing fantastic emoluments and prestige bestowed upon them by the HEC (and government approved) title, the fact that it took a most ordinary man of at best average talent like myself to so trivially discover this masterpiece of brazen plagiarism and their feigned conspiracy of dunces, and quite by accident, speaks volumes in itself.
Our cyberplagiarist appears just too well connected to be entirely harmless (or godfatherless). He has the power to be re-virginified after being caught plagiarizing the first time to become “Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat”; he can subsequently prevail upon HEC to anoint him “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor”; prevail upon a personal relative and Distinguished National Professor in Pakistan to be both his Ph.D. supervisor and to give him a fraudulent book review on Amazon without identifying the conflict of interest relationship; another brilliant Distinguished National Professor and top scientist of Pakistan to lend him sympathy as the “poor fellow” when caught a second time; and prevail half-way around the world upon an Ex-NASA Pakistani-American retired engineer/professor to write him another phantasmic review on Google books. What's wrong with this picture? It is not just the plagiarist committing the crimes here.

Peter washes Paul daily in Pakistan, and they both pretend to be betrothed to virgins despite the visibly festering boil on their bride’s lower lip!

The preceding discussion commonsensically indicates that the work of the students being supervised by this “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor” must also be carefully scrutinized as part of an official investigation into Dr. Durrani’s case by the concerned authorities. It may reveal that both above and below this cyberplagiarist, are more cyberplagiarists. If Dr. G. Murtaza is aiding and abetting in his relative's plagiarism by gratuitously calling it “All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work”, his own body of work cannot escape close scrutiny as part of any honest official investigation either. A man is known by the company he keeps!

This entire scam of “Publications in HEC Recognized Journals” is a house of cards in which many a scum-bag who couldn't be gainfully employed elsewhere has been inducted with much fanfare. It is not just that they have siphoned off a great living of the backs of poor Pakistanis' debt-laden public treasury in Pakistan's corrupt academies. It is also that they have seeded a rapidly multiplying moral decay in the very academies designed to groom new generations of Pakistanis. What are they being groomed in? The art of mediocrity with full expertise in the Peter-Paul principle for getting ahead in life? Even stellar scientists otherwise aboveboard in their own field with seemingly impeccable publication history and real contribution to science, have been co-opted into the Peter-Paul principle amidst pretensions of moral piety.

By accepting accolades from institutionalized corruption schemes, it is easy to become invested in the gravy train which it brings. Once on board, who wants to deliberately tear up their own meal ticket by any effective or impactful display of moral disquietude? That
calculated enabling of the Faustian pact for excelling in mediocrity or ineptness, is thanks to HEC and its political harbingers, its virtuous academic aiders and abettors, foreign organization and its funding institutions, all of whom continue to inflict its “excellence” upon the already beleaguered Pakistanis by conferring it legitimacy by association.

I plead that this entire discovery is published without abridgment to ensure its overarching context stays intact. The serendipitous way in which this plagiarism fraud was discovered is necessary to expound, as it itself unequivocally demonstrates the reasons for the non-existent credibility of HEC. It clearly exemplifies how this system corrupts and co-opts holistically, and it is not a mere matter of one plagiarist. If one were to critically examine HEC approved peer reviewed papers published through the “peer-review press”, who knows how many more skeletons will drop out for the entire academic spectrum in Pakistan including its “Distinguished National Professors” (http://tinyurl.com/HEC-List-DNP).

Those who are benefitting from this system directly or indirectly will never rise to dismantling it by disavowing their benefits which this system has conferred upon them. If there was such a thing as shame in Pakistan among those who drink from this cesspool, minimally those saints named here would hand in their vaunted titles and resign from academia and public service, never to come near a student or academy for their remaining time. And those so innocent of knowledge who have accepted HEC munificence in the past for their own stellar science, like Dr. Riazuddin, would boldly disavow these titles and accolades in moral protest. By accepting these titles of “Distinguished National Professor” and other honors, they have themselves self-servingly conferred the legitimacy of their good name in science to these institutionalized forces of corruption!

But if an ounce of sanity and even a modicum of justice is to prevail, HEC itself must be dismantled immediately, and all policy planning and administration for higher education decentralized back to the provinces and local arenas. However this can't happen so long as public sector universities and their Vice Chancellors themselves don't rebel against it. But they all live off the same trough and therefore such moral rebellion is unthinkable in the existing power-structure which props up HEC. It is therefore, only the provinces which must exercise their legal provincial powers to unilaterally abandon HEC by fiat for the good of the nation. Some rationale for doing so in matters of fighting corruption has already been disclosed above.

Centralized Higher Education bureaucracy even when not besieged by corruption, is impossible for modern overly specialized and rapidly changing higher education climate,
except in a “Communist State” – and perhaps that's where Pakistan is headed like the rest of the “Capitalist” world. All the wealth of every nation in the world is already centralized and consolidated in a very few hands. Their national debt in other same few hands. And those hands together constitute the de facto State in every nation transcending national sovereignty, feeding their local underlings for their silent collaboration, while unrelentingly demanding regimentation and mediocrity from the public in every nation by conferring upon them institutionalized corruption cloaked in Newspeak and virginal robes.

**Why it is Necessary to Hang HEC and its Enablers before the Plagiarist**

I must first acknowledge my relief that my friend Dr. Riazuddin clarified his initial statements of shock and horror *“If this material about Durrani is sent to HEC, they would be obliged to take some action but that would destroy the poor fellow”*, which to me had appeared even more shocking, as follows:

“Dear Zahir Thank you for your e-mail which I read today. First of all my emails to you were personnel not meant to be made public. I would consider it to be a violation of my trust in you. **Secondly you have wrongly concluded from my emails that I was defending Durrani and plagiarism. I was expressing my feelings of sadness for a person I know.** Expressing a personal feeling does not mean condoning it. Publicly I would have never mentioned any reference to the personal life of a person as it would not have been a right on my part or as a matter of fact on anyone else's part. This is all I have to say. Best regards, Riazuddin, Distinguished National Professor, Director General Emeritus, National Center for Physics, Quaid-i-Azam University Campus, Islamabad, 45320, Pakistan.” Email dated Sun, Oct 2, 2011 at 6:24 AM PST

“Dear Zahir Yes I do consider the remark on "[Omitted on request]" as well as "Durrani related to G Murtaza" as statements of "private life". If you remove these you can use my letters. But these are not essential to the points you are making. **Durrani is not my friend in the usual sense of the word; he is just an acquaintance. It was not my intention to defend him as you implied.** Best regards, Riazuddin, Distinguished National Professor, Director General Emeritus, National Center for Physics, Quaid-i-Azam University Campus, Islamabad, 45320, Pakistan.” Email dated Oct 4, 2011 at 8:02 AM PST

The second of Dr. Riazuddin's two omission requests could not be conceded in good faith. It is
prima facie evidence of personal motivation for Dr. G. Murtaza's brazenly dishonest certificates on behalf of the already known plagiarist. The "[Omitted on request]" I haven't employed in this letter.

Evidently, Pakistani academics and its great minds of science running its academies remain bizarrely unaware that plagiarism is a real theft of intellectual property and not to be taken lightly in a domain where academic integrity is the only legitimate currency. When that is forged, one is a forger no different than a check forger in commerce. For instance, just this latest news disclosure on September 30, 2011, while Dr. Riazuddin and I are having our discussion on the cyberplagiarist who it turns out is no longer Dr. Riazuddin's friend: "Durrani is not my friend in the usual sense of the word; he is just an acquaintance.", is disturbingly revealing of an abhorrent ingrained value system that is not treated as an abhorrence in the bemedalled Pakistani genius minds (http://tinyurl.com/PunjabUniv-Plagiarism):

"THE Higher Education Commission (HEC) has launched an investigation into a case of alleged plagiarism involving the director of the Punjab University's Institute of Education & Research (IER), it is learnt.

The HEC has taken action on itself following failure of PU administration to cooperate with it in this regard, reveals the documentary evidence available with The News.

The sources said since the PU administration remained unmoved over the issue, the HEC has decided to investigate the issue itself. They said the commission had received the complaint that IER Director Dr Mumtaz Akhter had published an article Islamic Educational Approach to Environment Protection: A Strategic Approach for Secure and Peaceful World, with her co-authors, Tanveer Iqbal and Mubashra Khalid, in the International Journal of Business and Social Science (Vol. 1 No. 3; December 2010) which was actually plagiarised. They further said the original article Conceptualising Islamic Strategy for Environment and Sustainable Development by Dr Muhammad Ahsan was published in IPRI Journal (Vol VI, No 2, Summer 2006)

A PU faculty member, seeking anonymity, said Vice-Chancellor Mujahid Kamran was very particular about plagiarism and never missed a chance to take up the issue to its logical end.
While referring to the famous alleged case of plagiarism at the PU Centre for Higher Energy Physics (CHEP) and recent alleged case of plagiarism involving Prof Dr Zahid Mahmood of the Institute of Chemistry, the faculty member said silence on the part of VC in IER’s plagiarism case was mysterious. He said Dr Mujahid Kamran did everything in the CHEP case and now he was also efficiently looking into the Institute of Chemistry’s alleged plagiarism case but the IER’s case was not being taken up by him. The faculty member also expressed concern over the delay in investigation by the HEC, saying at least the commission should immediately remove name of Dr Mumtaz Akhter from the list of its approved supervisors.” -- HEC probes plagiarism by PU institute head, The News, September 30, 2011

While this news report in Pakistan’s English language daily about academic forgeries at Punjab University Lahore which HEC is belatedly paying lip-service to is scandalous enough, I have factually uncovered:

- 17 of 18 papers published in the book *Scientific Writings* by Dr. I. R. Durrani confirmed forgery, with one of these papers belonging to Nobel laureate Max Planck, and one paper could not be ascertained;

- first 2 papers in a second book *Fairy Tales, End of Science and the Resurrection* by the same author confirmed forgery, and the entire book is likely forged but I haven’t had the further inclination to verify – this is confirmation enough;

- 60 papers published in a plagiarism paper mill sanctioned by HEC as “HEC Approved” contains 14 of those 18 chapters from the first book;

- HEC “Distinguished National Professor” of physics writing glowing tributes to these masterful forgeries *“All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work.”*

- the masterful forger is the re-virginified “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor” and “Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat” after being caught once before at Punjab University Lahore and resigned before the university could take further action.

This discovery of system-wide collusion and forgery by a single master plagiarist surpasses anything that has appeared in the Pakistani press (or the world press) under plagiarism to my knowledge.
I have also never heard of a Nobel laureate in physics being “cut-and-paste” plagiarized by a professor of physics!

Revealing Dr. Riazuddin’s candid statements pertaining to this crime even without his generous concession to publish his letters, is minimally akin to whistleblowing. Masking or marginalizing this crime by sentimental and fraternal association by those entrusted with academic integrity is itself a crime. It aids and abets in the commission of the crime, not to mention morally repugnant and most reprehensible. If a crook forging a check goes to jail, than by analogy, a crook forging intellectual property and deriving a paycheck or other benefits out of that forgery must also go to jail. Those aiding and abetting must follow suit because it is them who have white washed this check forgery in the academy making it lucrative for the check forger! Unless this mindset is itself criminalized, just like actual check forgery is deemed criminal by even the man in the street, this value change on academic forgery cannot similarly occur.

This systemic problem is much too abstruse to be only simplistically treated as plagiarism. It is my intention to expose it below by using the example of my own good friend Dr. Riazuddin.

Dr. Riazuddin is among the most personable human beings I have ever met, and been graciously befriended by. As a most ordinary and average fellow, to be treated as an equal by this great scientist who sometimes sends me his social writings for my opinion and listens carefully to my views on higher education, has often left me pondering the deep humility of this man who conferred much respect on me which I don't feel I am deserving. That bonhomie between us is apart from the fact that Dr. Riazuddin is also a national hero in the science and national security communities in Pakistan. Others hardly know him as he is very modest and has kept a low public profile.

I have to put all these great virtues and gestures of friendship aside to highlight the abhorrent fact of the matter that Dr. Riazuddin by virtue of being the most important theoretical scientist of Pakistan, is also the king among those who confer legitimacy upon HEC and to its web of corruption by accepting its honors (http://tinyurl.com/Riazuddin-HEC-DNP). And in turn, Dr. Riazuddin benefits himself by the recognition bestowed upon him for his work by the same corrupt system. If I do not call a spade a spade when it is a friend, I have no business calling a spade a spade when it is a plagiarist I don't care about. I informed Dr. Riazuddin of this fact.

As the foremost theoretical physicist of Pakistan, Dr. Riazuddin has also proudly accepted medals from many a military dictator of Pakistan thus even conferring legitimacy upon
Pakistan's most atrocious usurpers ([http://tinyurl.com/Riazuddin-wiki](http://tinyurl.com/Riazuddin-wiki)). So long as one is able to pursue one's passions with domain specific integrity, it evidently doesn't matter who pins a medal on one. Few pay attention to overarching human integrity anyway, especially when it conflicts with pecuniary gain or the pursuit of self-interest. Most silently comply with evil so long as one is not directly the target of that evil, never mind its beneficiary.

The “Good German” also abounds in Pakistan in every segment of society amidst the sea of ubiquitous crooks on the take. Like the “good bureaucrat” whose personal work ethic does not permit him to take bribes, but who also never stops others from taking it “minding his own business”, nor does he raise his voice against the practice, and virtually aids and abets the corrupt system following every immoral/illegal directive of his ruthless bosses so as not to “rock the boat” or disrupt the legally granted gravy train. The stellar academics and scientists of the Third Reich were little different in their narrow self-serving focus – their prime concern being that their science pursuits should continue. Hitler pinned many a medal on such lapels. None of them rose up to condemn Hitler. Their silence enabled Hitler politically, and their science enabled his war-mongering materially. It is a tortuous fact also writ large on Dr. Riazuddin’s own wikipedia page and is a matter of public record. If that is not morally reprehensible to the highest order, then why pick on the mere plagiarists who are aided and abetted, then protected and re-virginized by the same top feeders to make their own Faustian pact in the same system but as its bottom feeders?

If “Distinguished National Professors” and scientists like Dr. Riazuddin can easily shut their eyes from academic and moral corruption because their natural acumen lends them the brilliant talent to do original science and their silent collaboration with the corrupt system gets them the funds to pursue it, and therefore they are treated as saintly and aboveboard by the system, then the dishonest academic is also operating at his own natural acumen level in the same system which also incentivizes him and feeds him when he accepts the incentives. This is in ample evidence in plagiarist Dr. I. R. Durrani becoming “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor” and “Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat” after “he was also caught in plagiarizing a research paper and that cost him his job at the Punjab University.”

Such incentivizing for dishonesty is not a singularity. It equally keeps both the top and bottom feeders supping on the academic gravy-train ([http://tinyurl.com/Daudpota-fake-degrees](http://tinyurl.com/Daudpota-fake-degrees)). The most shocking of these revelations for the top feeders which immediately comes to mind is the case of the fake Ph.D. degree scandal concerning Capt. (r) U. A. G. Isani, former Vice Chancellor of Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, exposed by the physicist Dr. Isa Daudpota.
in 2003-2004 ([http://tinyurl.com/Cost-of-Questioning](http://tinyurl.com/Cost-of-Questioning)). Upon public revelations, who came to U. A. G. Isani’s rescue? Not the university of his employment which could officially offer no proof of legitimacy of their Vice Chancellor's academic degree. Yes, you guessed it, HEC of course! As of this writing, Capt. (r) U. A. G. Isani is now the Vice Chancellor of the private Iqra University. Piously cleansed of the fake degree scandal by HEC unilaterally making the adjudication in favor of the top feeder, with its Executive Director Dr. Sohail Naqvi publicly coming to bat for the accused, the whistleblower paid the actual price. His employer, COMSTECH Islamabad, did not renew his teaching contract ([http://tinyurl.com/DAWN-sacking-Daudpota](http://tinyurl.com/DAWN-sacking-Daudpota)).

To illustrate how Peter and Paul work hand in glove in many variations to perpetuate this self-sustaining system of corruption which rewards those who play the game whether they are the top or bottom feeders, and penalizes those who challenge it, the former Chairman of HEC, Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman, Dr. Sohail Naqvi’s boss, has been the continuous Head (Coordinator General) of COMSTECH Islamabad since 1996 ([http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Atta-ur-Rahman-Resume](http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Atta-ur-Rahman-Resume)).

Peter washes one clean, Paul ensures one stays clean! That’s how it works under the robe of academic piety. And one can witness this jovial modus vivendi in how the plagiarist bottom-feeder I. R. Durrani was reinstated back into the academia as “Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat”, and HEC cleansed him with “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor”.

This infamous track record of HEC leadership indicates that its posterboy Dr. G. Murtaza, the HEC “Distinguished National Professor”, will be similarly cleansed as Capt. (r) U. A. G. Isani because indicting Murtaza would threaten the very legitimacy of the title, derailing the entire gravy-train. In order that they don’t simply make a pawn sacrifice of Dr. I. R. Durrani because there is no way HEC can duck out of the incontrovertible evidence before them, it is incumbent upon Mr. clean hands like Dr. Riazuddin to come to the fore by the diktats of their conscience (assuming some is still left after all those medals) and take a principled stance to bring the entire house of cards down. It is never too late to stop supping with the devil.

Just as all the medals and lofty titles for original science suited to the talent of a genius mind incentivizes Mr. clean hands to lend legitimacy to a corrupt system which the system would not have without their stellar names, re-virginifying anointments of top and bottom feeders incentivizes the dishonest mind. That corrupt system legitimized by Mr. clean hands, in turn legitimizd the plagiarists, the fake degree holders, and many a scum-bag with political clout.
And now, when the same dishonest bottom feeder is serendipitously caught for the second time by this scribe, who is interested in once again conferring legitimacy to a corruption? “If this material about Durrani is sent to HEC, they would be obliged to take some action but that would destroy the poor fellow.” Dr. Riazuddin’s subsequent retraction is notable: “Durrani is not my friend in the usual sense of the word; he is just an acquaintance. It was not my intention to defend him as you implied.”

This wonderful self-sustaining ecosystem of corruption is the creation of who? Who incentivizes both the top and bottom feeders in a positive feedback loop? God?

If the plagiarist must hang (for who can touch the top feeders who invariably have political clout like the veteran bureaucrat turned overnight academic and appointed Vice Chancellor with HEC sanitizing), then before the noose is put around that feeble-minded bottom feeder:

◆ it must firstly go around HEC which created that gainful employment of plagiarism for him, aided and abetted him in executing his job, and incentivized the plagiarist to devote so much time in accurately re-typesetting such mathematical works as is witnessed in Durrani’s Scientific Writings which surely took a great deal of effort for its meticulousness not to mention its sheer boredom, that the plagiarist ultimately became such an expert and prolific copier;

◆ secondly, the noose must first go around all those who confer legitimacy upon the plagiarist, starting with his Supervisor, the “HEC Distinguished National Professor”, Dr. G. Murtaza, who anoints his relative’s plagiarized work in his own book review of it with glowing tributes like: “All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work”, not to mention endorsement in the plagiarism paper mill BPAS with a Chapter titled “Introduction of Dr. I. R. Durrani” to grant pseudo academic legitimacy to outright 100% plagiarized work;

◆ thirdly, the noose must first go around lifting the veil on all those who confer legitimacy upon HEC which it would not otherwise have by accepting its accolades, and thus ab initio aiding and abetting in the very creation of this web of corruption of which the plagiarist is a product.

But a corrupt system to save itself likes to hang the symptom and award medals to the first cause! The man responsible for crafting HEC policies at its root-head, former HEC chairman Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman, on being forced out of office by a new federal government that wanted to
install its own minion at the top, as a parting gift, is made “HEC Distinguished National Professor” (http://tinyurl.com/Dr-Atta-ur-Rehman-HEC).

These well paid pious Mr. Clean Hands at the top have to be unmasked and stopped before the starving crooked at the bottom can be enabled to stop. We all condemn the ones accepting bribes in an envelope at every step in poverty stricken Pakistan, just as we condemn plagiarism which is the same sin for bottom feeders in the academe. While reprehensible, the Peter and Paul principle demonstrated here which signs away a nation’s destiny is of far greater import. It comes wrapped in the distinguished robe of respectability and no one dares to challenge it because often our own national heroes, respected elders, and family members are part of that milking-game. Are we all so naïve that we don't recognize that truth? Or have the seeds of corruption and co-option spread through the very veins of the nation and keeps the dying patient barely alive? This analysis speaks for itself and if there is even a germ of falsehood in it, or is not backed by facts that are part of the public record or already well known in the press disclosures, I will be happy to amend it.

I would like to state for the record that I invited my friend Dr. Riazuddin to be a co-author on this letter as a whistleblower on HEC, to lead the honest few in Pakistan’s academia in a display of moral courage by withdrawing the legitimacy conferred by him upon HEC and announcing it here. It is this author’s profound belief that a man of Dr. Riazuddin’s scientific stature, even without political power, can single-handedly demolish HEC by a mere public pronouncement that he is disavowing HEC’s title “Distinguished National Professor” and returning its pecuniary benefits. Its natural “butterfly effect” in a rapidly decaying moral order anxiously awaiting the show of any moral gravitas by any elite who voluntarily declines the invitation from a corrupt institution to sup on state treasury, would accomplish what a thousand speeches and corruption exposés have not.

Of all the critiques of HEC which have appeared in the national and international press in the past several years, including in the prestigious American publication Chronicle of Higher Education ("In Pakistan, the Problems That Money Can Bring", by S. Neelakantan, Chronicle, Jan 19, 2007), not a single academic beneficiary of HEC largesses has voluntarily divested itself from the HEC gravy-train in protest. Dissenters of course have been forcibly evicted under various pretexts (http://tinyurl.com/Cost-of-Questioning). But none to my knowledge have voluntarily resigned in protest.

The HEC gravy-train of lucrative tenure track; foreign faculty hiring with disproportionately
large paychecks in US dollars; and many other creative opportunities to feed mercenaries on state treasury such as wholesale importation plan for 8 or 9 debt-financed foreign universities implanted on Pakistani soil, of which I was asked as a volunteer consultant to put my own signature to six of these idiotic proposals (called PC-1 in Pakistan government parlance) by the Executive Director of HEC in my short two week gratis engagement there a few years ago; etceteras, have enabled this monstrosity to continue to survive. It is my belief that at this point, only the moral voices of the academic elite invested in HEC's gravy-train can derail it by their bold and very public divestiture.

I would also like to state for the record that the victims of the theft of their intellectual property by Dr. I. R. Durrani with the aiding and abetting of HEC Distinguished National Professor Dr. G. Murtaza, are being notified via the publication of this letter. They are encouraged to seek compensation and punitive damages from HEC and thus help the people of Pakistan in reclaiming higher education back from yet another national disgrace of half-baked imported ideas inflicted upon an already beleaguered people. Even if these few dishonest people resign or re-virginified elsewhere as seems to be the pattern, HEC held financially and criminally liable for theft of copyrighted intellectual property by its own approved professors under the WIPO Copyright Treaty will speak louder than any comprehensive Letter to Editor. Only when the physical cost of plagiarism will far exceed its benefit will anyone start paying real attention to amending the half-baked policies that are blindly copied from the West and forcibly implanted in a barren soil in the name of progress.

International victims of this IP theft: Please help make that cost so exorbitant that Pakistan's academies will automatically be incentivized to create and enforce zero tolerance policies to curb plagiarism and other forms of intellectual deceit ranging the full gamut of Peter-Paul.

When the top feeders' heads are forced to roll first for their own as well as for their bottom feeder's crimes, a chill can magically descend on the practice overnight!

In order to effect that value transformation, a whole series of baby steps must be undertaken in conjunction with intellectual property theft compensation pressures from the international victims. Beginning with, wrenching the academies away from federal political patronage. That first baby-step is impossible so long as HEC remains the steward of corruption imposing federal government's bureaucratic patronage upon universities throughout Pakistan under a corrupt political order. The delegitimization of HEC by moral academic voices divesting themselves from its gravy train, and the provinces acting by legislative fiat to make their own
universities independent of HEC, all need to come together to set the stage for decentralization of higher education.

The author gratefully acknowledges Internaut Ehsan in Lahore Pakistan for his help in noticing that not just one chapter but all chapters (save one) were plagiarized, and for locating the links to the original papers from which Dr. I. R. Durrani plagiarized his book *Scientific Writings* (http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-user-review).

All plagiarized works reported and analyzed here have been sufficiently read by the author to make the determination. Investigators must make their own independent confirmation.

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**Addendum October 13, 2011: Confirmation of a DNP Academic Hitman for Pawn-Sacrifice**

The prescience of the system making a pawn sacrifice of the plagiarist while keeping the gravy-train intact is further underscored by the following letter I gratuitously received from another Distinguished National Professor (DNP) on the HEC's gravy train. He evidently saw the version of this letter which was sent to HEC on October 07, 2011. This creature of the same system, Mr. respectable clean hands Dr. Asghar Qadir (http://tinyurl.com/Asghar-Qadir-wiki), wrote to me lending further confirmation to what's already been expounded above in great depth:

"Dear Mr./Dr. Zahir Ebrahim, I am distressed (but not surprised) to see the plagiarism you bring out. I am also a Distinguished National Professor, albeit in Mathematics. I happen to be a friend of Profs. Riazuddin and G. Murtaza and know Ijaz Durrani. You assume that the Distinguished National Professors are watching over the literature to check plagiarism. That is far from the case. As it happens, I was not given a copy of the book. In all probability because Ijaz was worried that I would catch the plagiarism and would not be ready to ignore it. Murtaza is not only the Supervisor but also a relative of Ijaz. He is not likely to do anything that would harm him. Prof. Riazuddin is genuinely concerned about plagiarism. He is not a friend of Ijaz Durrani but only
knows him. Did you ask Prof. Riazuddin to do something specific? "Blowing to kingdom come" is not specific. I would expect him to be ready to come forward for some specific action. Let me offer myself to come forward for bringing the matter to the attention of relevant authorities. What, precisely, would you suggest I do? Yours sincerely, Asghar Qadir"

Email dated Mon, Oct 10, 2011 at 2:34 AM PST

When I read this letter offering to help, I thought it rather odd that he was asking me for “What, precisely, would you suggest I do?” It is as if he had not read ninety percent of my letter. So I curtly wrote back to this touted Distinguished National Professor of Mathematics who I instantly perceived as a hitman sent in for damage control by the system which fed him – they think they can continually fool the public with their glorified anointments by the HEC:

“Thank you for offering to take a principled stand. ... A little bit of self-reflection on the Letter to Editor makes what to do self-evident to any moral person sucking on the gravy-train which this system offers to them. What "specific" things you can do, I am not entitled, nor feel qualified, to tell you - I don't know you. You have a moral sense - can't you figure it out? Please read the letter carefully to the very end, and you will also perceive that Dr. Riazuddin was asked specifically what to do - him being my friend." Excerpt from my email reply dated Mon, Oct 10, 2011 at 11:25 AM PST

His wordsmithing reply reminded me of the United States former “Distinguished” President Bill Clinton famously defining the specificity of the word “is”:

“Dear Zahir, I asked you what you suggest I do. What I decide I should do is, of course, up to me. How I would deal with it is not necessarily how you would think it should be dealt with. I took up the cudgels in regard to plagiarism against a friend of mine at Punjab University and pushed it to the limit I could. I succeeded in getting "cosmetic action" with no substantive punishment for the perpetrators. I was satisfied with having done the best I could. I would follow the same sort of course again. If you have suggestions they may lead to more effective attempts. You seem to have no idea of the extent of systemic corruption endemic in Pakistan as a whole, in Education in particular and specifically in Higher Education. People give up the battle because of the scale of the problem they are trying to deal with. One has to limit
one's attention and focus on some small areas, otherwise one would only end up with railing against the system in the country and doing nothing. Among other things I took up the matter of plagiarism as something that seriously damages higher education. In the Centre for Advanced Mathematics & Physics that I set up at NUST, I have made an issue about it for the faculty and the students. As such, I cannot afford to ignore the problem, once it has been brought to my attention, and must take some action against it. That is not to say that I know the best course of action to take. That is why I ask for your suggestions. Notice that I did not ask you to tell me what to do, only for your suggestions. Best regards, Asghar” Email dated: Mon, Oct 10, 2011 at 7:04 PM PST

So now this new Distinguished National Professor of Mathematics after informing me that he “was satisfied with having done the best I could. I would follow the same sort of course again”, is also belittling me: “You seem to have no idea of the extent of systemic corruption endemic in Pakistan as a whole, in Education in particular and specifically in Higher Education.” Right! This Mr. Clean Hands says after I have exposed the entire Peter-Paul web of academic corruption in Pakistan and sent it to all the Vice Chancellors of every public and private sector university in Pakistan that I could find an email address for (see Distribution List: http://tinyurl.com/Plagiarism-Pakistan). And, he says that to me after I have made the intention clear of tearing down the entire HEC gravy-train of corruption which he wants to protect by being fully satisfied by his occasional show of conscience, of every now and then courageously rising to police the effect and ignoring the cause!

I grew even more suspicious of his insistence for “specific suggestions” for what to me is a self-evident moral choice – a question to ask oneself in the mirror rather than others after I have already laid out all the facts and system analysis in this disclosure. So here is my candid reply once again:

“Dear Dr. Asghar Qadir, You insisted on hearing some suggestions from me. Well, despite my better judgment, here is one just off the top of my head. Start unmasking the lot.... You know these people. And as per your own judgment: "You seem to have no idea of the extent of systemic corruption endemic in Pakistan as a whole, in Education in particular and specifically in Higher Education." So, name the names. Start with this G. Murtaza - I hope you are able to smell the stink and weaselware like I do... So start here... right at
your own peer level: The Distinguished National Professors. Are all of you
guys saints and virgins? So, the corruption you are referring to that you
know all about is elsewhere, right? Bullsh*t my friend and I hope you are
not peddling that to me. That's my suggestion. Other suggestions are in the
Letter to Editor. I am not going to repeat it.

Dr. Asghar, as you surely know more and better than I, all acts flow from within.
The source of all conscious effort begins with the self. What is that verse of
Iqbal which captures what I am trying to suggest here: [verse in Urdu omitted]

So seek suggestions within yourself. As you say, you understand these
matters of corruption far better than I.

Whatever little I have understood, I have put in my Letter. Whatever little sense
I have, I am using it to drive my work without anyone's assistance. ... I don't sit
there and ask anyone for suggestions. Never have, and never will. My heart
tells me what to do. My mind implements it. The mind stays firmly under the
control of the heart, and not vice versa. Again, Iqbal aptly captures this value
system, and often it is a much greater burden to bear than the other way around
... [verse in Urdu omitted]

Don't ask me, ask your heart for suggestions. As I wrote to Dr. Riazuddin on
October 1, 2011: "I don't need to remind you or me that six feet under, the king
and the pauper taste the same to the maggots. Only principled stances
regardless of cost may make the difference if there is anything at all to this
religion bit we Muslims are obsessed with, but surely not medals, not honors,
and not titles." I hope this helps. Best wishes, Zahir Ebrahim" Excerpt from my
email reply dated Oct 11, 2011 at 2:38 AM PST

Evidently, for some reason, it is not patently obvious to this very learned fellow that I am
explaining to him that this is a case of personal moral choice for which he has to solicit his own
heart rather than others, and that all the facts and their interlocking system analysis, as well as
moral remedies and rational paths forward, have already been revealed in considerable depth
in this detailed disclosure. So in his next followup letter quoted below, Dr. Asghar Qadir, the
Distinguished National Professor as anointed by HEC at the same time as Dr. Riazuddin,
finally reveals his hand:
“Dear Ebrahim,

I disagree with your approach of avoiding suggestions from others. I am not arrogant enough to believe that I know everything and have all the answers from the start. Everybody's suggestions are potentially useful. Of course, I will only follow those suggestions that I find fit with my goals. I am concerned with trying to make it apparent that plagiarism does not pay. I want to inhibit that practice. Try to make the risk too much to take. That and no more.

I will try to get the HEC to take action against Ijaz Durrani, who you say plagiarized, and not Murtaza, who you say wrote a review of a book without reading it. The latter is not uncommon and is unwise but not unethical. The former must be pursued to have action taken against any plagiarists that come to light. I agree with some of Murtaza's comments but do not see the relevance of his comment on why Ijaz followed a suicidal path, unless he is saying that Ijaz is suicidal. I do not see the point of "unmasking" Riazzuddin, who joined me in getting whatever action we could get taken against the other Punjab University plagiarists. Abdullah Sadiq is a physicist (who is not a Distinguished National Professor, incidentally) who was Dean of Engineering Sciences at the GIKI and later Rector of the PIEAS. He had been at the PAEC for his entire career before retiring, except for other stints on leave from there. He was involved with the Olympiads that you refer to.

My line of action will be to ask Sohail Naqvi, Executive Director of the HEC, to take the necessary action. If he does not, I will try to get the Chairman of the HEC, Dr. Javaid Laghari to take the necessary action. If he does not, I will take the matter to the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and try to get them to force the HEC to take action. I am fairly sure that I will get action taken somewhere along the line up to there. You have already "blown the whistle" and it did nothing much. (I am not sure what you had hoped to achieve with that in a country that elects Asif Zardari and Nawaz Sharif and their ilk repeatedly.) I hope that my more limited attempt will fare better. Best regards, Asghar”

Email dated Tue, Oct 11, 2011 at 8:32 AM PST

I am not the least bit surprised that a hitman from the HEC gravy-train had so eagerly arrived at my doorstep ready to make the pawn sacrifice of the plagiarist as already anticipated in this
disclosure. Look at what this pathetic HEC pointman sucking off its gravy-train writes me: first twisting my focus on the inner self for making moral choices into some sort of information gathering from others showing how humble he is not to rely on his own arrogance in thinking he knows everything; then belittling my full exposure of this corruption while glorifying himself; and lastly, exactly validating the entire analysis of the gravy-train protecting itself as examined in this disclosure. Even Dr. Asghar Qadir's own wording betrays his patently dishonest intentions: “I will try to get the HEC to take action against Ijaz Durrani, who you say plagiarized, and not Murtaza, who you say wrote a review of a book without reading it. The latter is not uncommon and is unwise but not unethical.” Look at this Distinguished National Professor's weasel words: “who you say plagiarize” and “who you say wrote a review”, and “unwise but not unethical”. The mathematics professor who presumably worked as a theoretician on Pakistan's nuclear arsenal (http://tinyurl.com/Asghar-Qadir-wiki) along with Dr. Riazuddin, can't verify the case of cyberplagiarism for himself, can't go read the Amazon review, after all the data and links I have painstakingly made available at anyone's fingertips, but he is ready “to take action against Ijaz Durrani,” just based on what I say? Dr. Asghar Qadir does not want to check the evidence before making the pawn-sacrifice of the plagiarist. And he makes the claim that Dr. G. Murtaza did not read the plagiarist's book in order to bail him out of the aiding and abetting plagiarism charge: “and not Murtaza, who you say wrote a review of a book without reading it. The latter is not uncommon and is unwise but not unethical.”

I am going to deconstruct this deceptive garbage by this Distinguished National Professor and hero of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal very precisely and in the street vernacular which all Pakistanis and not just the academics will understand. With these types of DNPs perniciously eating away at our national soul, who wants to worry about the external enemies, real and imagined, for which our perpetual war-fighting machinery has made us a nuclear weapons state but we can't have a decent education system while all the great minds of Pakistan sup on the national exchequer's gravy-train. It can't protect us from our own virginal brides willfully spreading syphilis every night.

I did not state as a statement of fact: “Murtaza, who you say wrote a review of a book without reading it”. I stated precisely the following based on the shocking evidence which I discovered: G. Murtaza, the Distinguished National Professor of physics, is minimally guilty of at least two of the trifecta of gross intellectual and academic deceit in this case: gross incompetence, gross dishonesty, gross nepotism. Three self-evident logical deductions of which the prima facie evidence itself indicates that at least two of the three, if not all three, are
true except of course on the funny farm full of dunce heads wearing the Distinguished crown of National Professors sucking off the public exchequer’s gravy-train. Which is why, because of their obvious conflict of interest in protecting their own gravy-train, a competent body under the supervision of a competent court must examine the evidence, cross-examine the system's harbingers and beneficiaries under oath, and make the final determination on everything that's in this disclosure.

Next, this genius truthsmith who can do the math for nuclear weapons absurdly avers: “The latter is not uncommon and is unwise but not unethical.” The brilliant DNP Dr. Asghar Qadir seems to think that he is writing to an idiot like the rest of the Pakistani academics he presumably writes to who buy his mathematical proofs of two plus two equal five. “Not unethical”? And Pakistan's most respected scientist DNP Dr. Riazuddin is a friend of this “Distinguished” fellow who doesn't think it is unethical to make false public proclamations and false public presentations to others thus deceiving them? That is what writing a book review of an unread book is, especially in the academe. It is not just lapse of ethics, it is an outright fraud. Who would trust an academic who creates false information, false data? If he can do it for a book review, hmmm, I wonder, would he do it for his scientific data, for his research?

DNP Dr. Asghar Qadir's un-clever attempt to deceptively characterize prima facie factual evidence which I only serendipitously uncovered as: “who you say plagiarize” and “who you say wrote a review”, is rather pathetic and transparent. Somebody installed the plagiarist as Director, Faculty of Sciences, University of Gujrat after the plagiarist was already caught plagiarizing once before at Punjab University and resigned in disgrace before the university could take further action. Someone appointed the plagiarist “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor” after the plagiarist was already caught plagiarizing once before at Punjab University – none of these facts seem pertinent to our Mr. Clean Hands DNP sent as the Academic Hitman to protect the system and make a pawn sacrifice of the plagiarist! Dr. Asghar Qadir's blank check to his friend who wrote a fraudulent review full of prevarication is simply passed off as “unwise”.

So, in trying to save G. Murtaza from the aiding and abetting corruption observations based on the prima facie evidence, Dr. Asghar Qadir has condemned his good friend and confrere sharing the same HEC gravy-train on ethics charges instead! And he logically leads one to the same conclusion-space on the trifecta observed above, prefering his choice of two of the three listed. It's still checkmate!
I think these superlative Distinguished National Professors should really be more selective in whom they send as Hitman to defend and preserve their HEC gravy-train! I must remember to write this good fellow Mr. Clean Hands a thank you note someday for all his gifts of confirmation for this whistleblowing disclosure.

The court of public opinion in the world's academe alone will be sufficient to indict these distinguished fellows of Pakistan if history is any evidence. Just the whiff of scientific misconduct in the former CALTECH's president (1997 to 2006), 1975 Nobel laureate in Medicine, David Baltimore's research paper co-authored with another researcher, of what became infamously known as the “Thereza Imanishi-Kari” Case just because other scientists could not independently reproduce some data reported in their joint paper, almost brought the Nobel laureate down. The charge was just on one paper and Baltimore himself wasn't even involved with what his co-author did. And yet, his neck was on the line just because his name was on the paper – integrity is the only currency in academe, when that's lost, there is nothing left but permanent disgrace:

“In 1986, Imanishi-Kari had co-authored a scientific paper on immunology with David Baltimore. (http://tinyurl.com/Thereza-Imanishi-Kari-wiki) By 1996, the New York Times called the Imanishi-Kari case “The fraud case that evaporated,” after an appeals panel found that “the Government failed to prove any of the 19 charges leveled against Dr. Imanishi-Kari.” But during the late 1980s and early 1990s, the case was a cause celebre, spawning extensive news coverage and a Congressional investigation. The case was linked to Baltimore's name because of his scientific collaboration with and later his strong defense of Imanishi-Kari against accusations of fraud.” (http://tinyurl.com/David-Baltimore-wiki)

And here we have wholesale confirmed forgeries of intellectual properties by a confirmed known plagiarist physicist caught a second time, prima facie being aided and abetted by many Mr. Clean hands in a corrupt system to survive this long after being officially caught once before, with other Mr. Clean hands rising to support the first Mr. Clean Hands to preserve and protect the holy grail of HEC with a pawn sacrifice of the plagiarist. Is that a scandal which can topple even the most distinguished Nobel laureate in the West? No – not in Pakistan which only apes the West in importing its education system with uncle toms at the helm creating a gravy-train for all to feed off of.
All trivially predicted in this very Letter to Editor that this pawn sacrifice will naturally be attempted as it is the obvious norm in any corruption system, and it must be prevented by moral voices from among the DNPs themselves preemptively rising to the occasion. Well – there you have it. Perhaps now Dr. Riazuddin will comprehend the import of my earlier entreaties to him to selflessly step forward blowing the insider's whistle on this entire scam of HEC based higher education system which soils the bed sheet of all those supping on its gravy-train. And like all bed-soils, it leaves a disgusting stench behind for the maid to clean up.

Not to worry Mr. Distinguished National and International Disgraces of Pakistan pissing on its peoples – the matter is shortly to be put before the Supreme Court of Pakistan as *amicus curiae* submission of this Letter to Editor. To the DNP Academic Hitman’s assertion: “You have already "blown the whistle" and it did nothing much.” I can only state the obvious fact of the matter that I have only just started. This whistleblowing hasn't even appeared in the press. It has only been circulated by email in the academe and I have already been contacted by the DNP Academic Hitman within days exactly as anticipated to set the stage for pawn-sacrifice and save the system. But the “butterfly effect” is only just beginning, not ending. For no one can tell the beleaguered people of Pakistan with a straight face that among all these vaunted Distinguished National Professors in Pakistan sucking off the HEC gravy-train, a thousand others eagerly wanting to climb onboard to have their fill, and amidst all these super brilliant scientists making Pakistan its nuclear weapons by the dozen to protect its peoples from the enemies over there, none could have detected and deconstructed what this ordinary fellow, yours truly, has trivially done here for the enemy within.

The exposure of this magnitude of fraud and its explanation of how it is aided and abetted in the system is surely that last straw that breaks the camels back! The last slip which releases the long built-up slip-stresses into an exploding earthquake. Like death, such social earthquakes have a cleansing effect – for it washes away the old and the decaying, to give the young a chance to build anew.

Zahir Ebrahim

Writing from Silicon Valley, California

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early from corporate life to pursue other responsible social interests. He is a Pakistani permanent resident in the United States and spends his time between California and Pakistan.

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Chapter 6: Appendix-I Zahir Ebrahim’s Initial Observations to pathetic responses by HEC and DNP (Distinguished National Professors)

Appendix-I Observations to responses by HEC and DNP

G. Murtaza's own defense, which I have seen, forwarded to me by Dr. Abdullah Sadiq on Tue, Oct 11, 2011, is just as transparently truthsmithing as Dr. Qadir's disclosed in the Addendum to the Letter to Editor. So is Dr. Sohail Naqvi’s, also forwarded to me by Dr. Abdullah Sadiq on Fri, Oct 14, 2011, defending his HEC family. Everyone is always innocent in Pakistan! Pakistanis are perhaps the most unimaginative and un-original truthsmithers in the world when it comes to “justification” when caught. Such transparent explanations will be flooding the newsmedia once my Letter to Editor gets into the public limelight.

- [Here](http://tinyurl.com/G-Murtaza-Justification) is Dr. G. Murtaza's defense of himself.
- [Here](http://tinyurl.com/Sohail-Naqvi-HEC-defense) is Dr. Sohail Naqvi’s defense of his territory and its gravy-train.

They ignore 90% of my detailed Letter to Editor and the issues explored therein. Below is an enumeration pertaining just to the 10% they are paying attention to, and offering a self-defense for, but outright also ignoring. They’d be both the laughing stock as well as the recipient of contempt and scorn in the Western academe as I eventually incorporate their responses in newer articles and expose them in the West. What a national and international disgrace these stewards of Pakistan's Higher Education system.

Just the omission of the following pertinent facts of the matter from their entire conversation demonstrates their co-opted mental level which has nothing to do with fact finding and unraveling the web of corruption which enabled this plagiarist to survive this long in the HEC system. It is self-evident that the entire “investigation” is to proffer bland proclamations of personal hygiene and sainthood for everyone like any two-bit godfather caught in the act and protecting his family with a lamb sacrifice:

1. How did a plagiarist who was removed from Punjab University for plagiarism
become Director at the University of Gujrat? Who aided and abetted the plagiarist to acquire the new grazing grounds? God Almighty? Or someone from the corrupt HEC organization? Or someone from the corrupt University of Gujrat which has been afforded saintly accreditation by HEC? Or was it this Dr. G. Murtaza fellow, his relative, who cleansed him? Have you conducted an investigation into this matter to make such determination before making your blanket pronouncement “Dr. Durrani alone is responsible for what he has done and not his colleagues, University of Gujrat, HEC etc.”

2. Who appointed a known plagiarist who was forced to resign from Punjab University, as “HEC Approved PhD Supervisor”? Once again God Almighty? Or HEC itself? Have you conducted an investigation into this aiding and abetting before making your blanket pronouncement “Dr. Durrani alone is responsible for what he has done and not his colleagues, University of Gujrat, HEC etc.”

3. Who approved that plagiarism paper mill BPAS as "HEC Approved"? Or do you have some lesser minion to take the fall for that instead of God Almighty, or perhaps the former HEC Chairman himself who just loves to report his number of publications at every step. The current number on his resume is 798. Have you conducted a competent investigation into how you yourself support a plagiarizing paper-mill as an “HEC Approved” before making your blanket pronouncement “Dr. Durrani alone is responsible for what he has done and not his colleagues, University of Gujrat, HEC etc.” I can in fact hire a bunch of high school students part-time to go through the entire HEC portfolio of publications, all of them, for each one of your HEC Approved Phd Supervisors, and do a low-hanging-fruit grab. And how much public monies have you spent for your “HEC has NEVER condoned any act of plagiarism anywhere.” – that you couldn't even detect that BPAS, your own HEC Approved paper-mill, was just a piece of your own trash in which your plagiarist was publishing? HEC gave plagiarist that paper-mill on a plate and made it really easy for him. Where is that investigation to find out who made that approval within HEC, and what sort of Q/A process you have for such approval for which great emoluments and academic advancements are granted in the system you have instituted, before your proclamations of personal hygiene and sainthood for everyone is made?
4. Your failed policy of "number of publications for advancement" is directly responsible for the drastic rise in plagiarism in Pakistan. Your inability to enforce your own charter, be it plagiarism, or be it fake degrees, makes a mockery of Pakistan's higher education system. With what shamelessness can you proclaim: “HEC has NEVER condoned any act of plagiarism anywhere. This case has been investigated and immediate action has been taken. We are all shocked by this blatant act of plagiarism but are certainly not responsible for it.”

It is self-evident that Dr. Sohail Naqvi’s quoted statement is a brazen lie – for just the straightforward acts and policies enumerated above, of omissions and commissions, reflect that HEC did everything to make plagiarism easy, rewarding, and protected. The only reason HEC is offering this pawn sacrifice is because of the Letter to the Editor from which there is no escape.

Dr. Sohail Naqvi’s claim to “investigation” has been to only make the predictable pawn-sacrifice, and nothing more, in order to protect the rest of HEC's gravy-train as presciently and very accurately already described in the Letter to Editor.

HEC leaders are marching to a rather old tune. Everyone knows it by heart in Pakistan. The fact that I could predict it trivially is not my genius – but an index into HEC’s systemic corruption which has evidently also swallowed my friend Dr. Sohail Naqvi. The same people chartered to fight corruption are themselves corrupt and that’s hardly ironical in Pakistan. This is self-evident by the fact that Dr. Sohail Naqvi refuses to provide answers to the enumerated questions above, and which are spelled out in considerable depth in my Letter to Editor, while giving the blank check of good health to everyone else: “Dr. Durrani alone is responsible for what he has done and not his colleagues, University of Gujrat, HEC etc.” I look forward to seeing his name in the next Distinguished National Professors list.

Do HEC administrators and the Pakistani academe supping on its gravy-train really think that reasonable, sensible people who care for professional integrity, honesty, professionalism would deem this saintly HEC proclamation by its Executive Director Sohail Naqvi, an outstanding example of what an upstanding administrator and honest broker should be? Or would it be plain as daylight that this is a den of corruption when the above obvious questions are being brushed under the rug of silence?
They condemn themselves – no need for any help from me!

I also have to say that all this feigned shock and horror at this disclosure reminds me of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal in which Justice Robert H. Jackson, the chief prosecuting counsel for the United States, hanged the Nazis despite their feigned protestations that "we didn't know" about all the horrors of Nazi war crimes. Justice Robert Jackson's response to those feigned protestations is timelessly captured in the following newsreel. It is good reminder of what to expect from a skilled interlocutor not on the take: [Watch](#).

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Dear Colleagues,

I have come across the ‘Letter to Editor’ of Mr. Zahir Ebrahim. The revelation is simply shocking. One can only call it sheer madness.

Further, Mr. Ebrahim’s bracketing the reviewer with the author is also shocking. My first and immediate reaction to that is as follows:

1. I was Durrani’s Ph.D. supervisor more than two decades ago and our joint work published in the late 1970’s has never been accused of plagiarism. These papers are public property and open to scrutiny.

   To some of the remarks Ebrahim made, I would say that:
   - Your supervisor at the University cannot be held responsible for what you will do later in life.
   - Your Ph.D. supervisor is not necessarily your ‘mentor’.
   - ‘Being related’ should not be confused with ‘nepotism’.
   - One is ultimately known by one’s own work and not by one’s company, party or even country.

2. Regarding the ‘book(2009)’ under discussion, I didn’t referee it for publication. That was publisher’s job. The book was already published when I wrote my review. If the material turns out to be fake or forged, the Reviewer or even the Referee (which I was not) cannot be held responsible. Whether the material is genuine or not is the responsibility of the author and author’s alone.

3. I have spent more than 50 years of my professional life here in Pakistan. Almost the entire physics community of Pakistan knows me. One who steals or aids and abets stealing cannot remain hidden for so long. Ebrahim who evidently doesn’t know me should have asked the community about me before making his pronouncements.

4. Now the big question why Durrani did what he did? One can only attempt to guess. Perhaps Mr. Ebrahim himself answered that by raising the following:

   “Virtually verbatim even a high school student shows greater imagination when moral teachings haven’t been part of his upbringing. A verbatim textual theft is almost unheard of even in the most dupe-heads public high school class where at least some paragraph shuffling and wordsmithing might happen for an English paper out of concern that one might be caught by a simple search. The cleverest plagiarists steal and capitalize on ideas, not on text.”

So why this suicidal path which Durrani took? Mr. Ebrahim should ponder on that.
Review: I know the author both as his PhD Thesis supervisor and as a colleague. I find it a pleasure to write a few lines about his recently published book titled 'Scientific Writings'. Essentially, it is a Physics book covering a spectrum of topics from relativity to terrorism. The author investigates various facets of Einsteinian relativity and some aspects of Maxwell Electromagnetic Theory; later he discusses the hidden simplicity of complex numbers. In particular, using mathematical models, the author attempts explaining the developments in economics. His scrutiny of the portraits of Mona Lisa with reference to Quantum Mechanics and his mathematical analysis of terrorism (which is really the demarcation of the dispossessed) and how it can be curtailed are quite interesting. The language is well orchestrated and the stream of thought and consciousness, is quite impressive and compelling. All in all, it is an erudite and well-performed piece of work. —Professor Dr. G. Murtaza

Product Description
This is a collection of papers on scientific subjects, written by J R Durrani, a member of the Faculty of Basic Sciences at the University of Gujrat, Pakistan. Ranging from terrorism to the stock market, scientific thought is applied to a wide variety of topics.

Customer Reviews
There are no customer reviews yet.
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HEC has NEVER condoned any act of plagiarism anywhere. This case has been investigated and immediate action has been taken. We are all shocked by this blatant act of plagiarism but are certainly not responsible for it. Dr. Durrani alone is responsible for what he has done and not his colleagues, University of Gujrat, HEC etc.” -- Dr. Sohail Naqvi, Executive
Re: [Fwd: Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan under the Watchful Eyes of its Distinguished Stewards of Science and Higher Education]

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To: "Zahir"  
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Mon, Oct 10, 2011 at 2:34 AM

Dear Mr./Dr. Zahir Ebrahim,

I am distressed (but not surprised) to see the plagiarism you bring out. I am also a Distinguished National Professor, albeit in Mathematics. I happen to be a friend of Prof. Riazuddin and G. Murtaza and know Ijaz Durrani. You assume that the Distinguished National Professors are watching over the literature to check plagiarism. That is far from the case. As it happens, I was not given a copy of the book. In all probability because Ijaz was worried that I would catch the plagiarism and would not be ready to ignore it. Murtaza is not only the Supervisor but also a relative of Ijaz. He is not likely to do anything that would harm him. Prof. Riazuddin is genuinely concerned about plagiarism. He is not a friend of Ijaz Durrani but only knows him. Did you ask Prof. Riazuddin to do something specific? "Blowing to kingdom come" is not specific. I would expect him to be ready to come forward for some specific action. Let me offer myself to come forward for bringing the matter to the attention of relevant authorities. What, precisely, would you suggest I do?

Yours sincerely,

Asghar Qadir

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Fwd: A MASSIVE case of Plagiarism in Pakistan.

Asghar Qadir <aqadirmath@yahoo.com>  
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Tue, Oct 11, 2011 at 8:32 AM

Dear Ebrahim,

I disagree with your approach of avoiding suggestions from others. I am not arrogant enough to believe that I know everything and have all the answers from the start. Everybody’s suggestions are potentially useful. Of course, I will only follow those suggestions that I find fit with my goals. I am concerned with trying to make it apparent that plagiarism does not pay. I want to inhibit that practice. Try to make the risk too much to take. That and no more.

I will try to get the HEC to take action against Ijaz Durrani, who you say plagiarized, and not Murtaza, who you say wrote a review of a book without reading it. The latter is uncommon and is unwise but not unethical. The former must be pursued to have action taken against any plagiarists that come to light. I agree with some of Murtaza’s comments but do not see the relevance of his comment on why Ijaz followed a suicidal path, unless he is saying that Ijaz is suicidal. I do not see the point of “unmasking” Riazuddin, who joined me in getting whatever action we could get taken against the other Punjab University plagiarists. Abdilah Sadiq is a physicist (who is not a Distinguished National Professor, incidentally) who was Dean of Engineering Sciences at the GIKI and later Rector of the PIEAS. He had been at the PAEC for his entire career before retiring, except for other stints on leave from there. He was involved with the Olympics that you refer to.

My line of action will be to ask Sohail Naqi, Executive Director of the HEC, to take the necessary action. If he does not, I will try to get the Chairman of the HEC, Dr. Javaid Laghari, to take the necessary action. If he does not, I will take the matter to the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and try to get them to force the HEC to take action. I am fairly sure that I will get action taken somewhere along the line up to there. You have already “blown the whistle” and it did nothing much. (I am not sure what you had hoped to achieve with that in a country that elects Asif Zardari and Nawaz Sharif and their ilk repeatedly.) I hope that my more limited attempt will fare better.

Best regards,

Asghar

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Caption “In summary, the author is a physicist who has worked in prestigious institutions for many years, is uncomfortable with the present culture of science, and is not afraid to say so. He makes a pretty convincing case that what we call “science” is dead today, and needs resurrection.” -- S. H. Durrani, (ex Director NASA) Olney, MD-USA
Caption “While Zahir Ebrahim's language is offensive, it must be acknowledged that he has highlighted a very serious issue. ... My response to Mr Ebrahim is as follows: thank you for detecting the Ijaz Durrani misdemeanour and raising the alarm. It is an eye opener, and we can no longer bury our head in the sand. However, your language is extremely offensive, and will drive away even the most ardent supporter.
of the idea of reform and ethics in Pakistani research. Mr Ebrahim should calm down and let us in Pakistan sort out this mess. We do not need a Hercules to clean the academic Augean stables, and it is high time we set up the appropriate mechanisms to avoid another Ijaz Durrani, BEFORE such publications take place. First, a senior physicist such as Prof Murtaza must acknowledge his bad judgement in writing such a glowing foreword to Ijaz Durrani's "book", specially as the latter was unfortunately known for having gone overboard in the past. ... As a first step, HEC should put a stop to the system of payment for publications, or for students supervised. This is open to abuse and HAS been abused in the past.” -- Shaukat Hameed Khan, Mon, Oct 17, 2011 at 6:41 AM PST
Hardly! I think what is OFFENSIVE -- and in the EXTREME -- is this whole affair and the "remedies" being offered and all the covering up and all the feigned "shock" that has been expressed by the "honorable", "distinguished" professors (I bet there is NOT ONE among you who does not know of this plagiarism business and that it has been going on for years as expressed in the emails I have received. So why the "shock"? Is it because it has been brought to light in all its glory?). No one is trying to be a "Hercules to clean the academic Augean stables" (though you should be looking for one). And I thought all "appropriate mechanisms" were in place already if one is to listen to HEC and the VCs (how do you propose the new ones by the same people would be any different?) "Let us in Pakistan sort out this mess" (and that too through HEC? You must be kidding) sounds so much like the politicians offerings "let parliament fix the corruption" (while tabling a "new" NAB bill that washes all sins). And you know what really pisses me off? It is your declaring Durran’s wrongdoing as a “misdemeanor” (and that is really shocking; wonder why so many are then “shocked” by this discovery if it is only that — a “misdemeanor”?).

What amazes me is that people are still defending G Murtaza. Every thing I have looked at from him has turned out to be shit (do pardon the expression). Here’s the latest example: See Syed Anwar Ali’s PhD thesis titled:

"ON EXACT SOLUTIONS OF NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS"

Now I am no mathematician or physicist but I can tell the introduction is an almost exact replica (leading me to believe so is the paper though I didn’t feel the need to go any further). But I did ask someone who does Navier-Stocks Equations and “Pure crap...all kids stuff” was the response. Now this tells me not only is Anwer Ali’s PhD thesis crap, so is Nadeem/Jamal’s "research" all crap (and that he has PUBLISHED many a similar papers and with many a collaborators over the years including — now this gets ridiculous — even S. Anwer All himself meaning Anwer Ali had Nadeem’s permission to copy his work (or is Mr. Nadeem going to claim he didn’t recognize his own work??? I know what G. Murtaza is going to say :-)).

Regards,
Ehsan

P.S. Furry you forgot the latest “Of to join the ranks (Rahman Matik). And from the respected KU And conferred upon him by “a noted poet, scholar, scientist, and educationist VC (who) I am sure enjoys his position because of his brilliance” I am sure a lot of effort went into that. I would have advised RM to get a “real one” for it appears to be much easier (couple of hours to copy paste, slight editing, formatting and printing the thesis: I am sure he would have had no trouble finding a department head to endorse it as “original research” :-)"

On Mon, Oct 17, 2011 at 7:41 AM, Shaukat Hameed Khan <shh@comsats.net.pk> wrote:

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Caption “The three important wheels of progress will have to be geared up and unison and coordination to make Pakistan an independent and self-reliant nation. The human resource development must be welded to the blessings of higher education and research to exploit the rich natural resources of the country to its maximum potential. The secret of progress in 21st century is the total commitment of empowering our youth with the intellectual firework of modern discoveries and academic excellence, unfolded through research and generation of knowledge in the universities. Since 2001, the Higher Education Commission has tried its best to promote higher education and provide opportunity to the greater number of youth for higher education in the universities, so that they could make Pakistan a productive country through their relevant research. Our vast track of rich land maze of rivers and canals, dense forests in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan and teeming millions of youth standing in need of higher education are all a vast potential to reshape the destiny of Pakistan and make it the most vibrant and progressive country of the world. The network of the universities, which Higher Education Commission established, has been engaged in this noble mission since 2001 and our efforts had borne fruits. The number of PhDs and productive scientists has increased manifold what we need at present is a conducive national policy to make higher education a top priority of the country. Earlier, Prof. Dr. Syed Sakhiwot Shah, Vice Chancellor in his welcome address paid rich tributes to the role of Higher Education Commission, especially opening up universities in the backward rural areas of the country. Hazara University one of the same which needs special attention and support of higher education in its early years of growth. Although the university have survived several natural and circumstantial disasters, yet it requires continued support for completing its academic blocks, auditorium, labs and other related facilities to about 9000 students on its three campuses. Dr. Naqvi inaugurated the foreign faculty hostel and praised its solid structure as most suitable to attract the foreign faculty. This would certainly enhance the quality teaching and research services of the university. He also addressed the heads of the universities, deans and administrative staff in the conference room and appreciated the steady progress of the university with their committed services over the years.”
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To see Zahir Ebrahim’s unsugared response to HEC and other senior academics and public servants of Pakistan between October 16, 2011 to October 31, 2011, deconstructing their transparent truthsmithing and re-baptizing in the aftermath of the disclosure of this grotesquely mind boggling case of plagiarism and collusion, continue reading here.

To see the details of the full exposure, read Letter to Editor: Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan under the Watchful Eyes of its Distinguished Stewards of Science and Higher Education.

To read a précis of the entire matter, see the short oped submitted to the news media: OPED Whistleblowing: Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan with Systemwide Collusion by Zahir Ebrahim.

The full documentation has been sent with a personal letter to the honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan, Supreme Court of Pakistan, as amicus curiae on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

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Chapter 8: What a load of crap! Zahir Ebrahim Responds Bluntly and Comprehensively to Pakistani Academics and Bureaucrats, Calls for Full Audit  October 16-31, 2011

To:  Dr. S. Sohail H. Naqvi, Executive Director HEC

To:  Dr. Javaid R. Laghari, Chairperson HEC

To:  Senior academics of Pakistan and heads of institutions, including Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy, and Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan, senior academic bureaucrat and Member.

Cc:  Noam Chomsky, invited guest to take a peek into this cesspool of Peter baptizing Paul

Date:  Sun, Oct 16, 2011 at 8:22 PM PST

Subject:  What a load of crap!

Dear distinguished educators,

Dr. Hoodbhoy finally spoke up. Good. I am waiting to see when the moral and upstanding physicist full of angst over my whistleblowing discovery will call a press conference and come on television to reveal it to the public. But I have to wonder why Hoodbhoy is so afraid of even mentioning my name as in his opening gambit when he says: “It was brought to your attention and mine by others and I have no new information to add."

The “others” has a singular name buddy. I brought it to your attention and to Dr. Sohail Naqvi’s on Fri, Sep 30, 2011 at 11:18 AM (as shown in my email record). The title of the email to refresh your ailing memory was: “Did Zahir Ebrahim just discover a Pakistani professor trying to rip off Max Planck?” I know quite well why you are allergic to my name, ever since the time you sent me one of your articles and I mentioned to you that if it didn’t have your name on it, I honestly would have thought its author was Daniel Pipes. That’s okay, Daniel Pipes too runs from me despite my open letter to him to debate me which he knows he can’t win, as do you. Anyone can google my name with +hoodbhoy and discover what no one wants to talk about in Pakistan, the house niggers who have taken over the entire discourse spectrum in Pakistan destroying our country far more subversively than even HEC can.
Well, Dr. Hoodbhoy, you aren't taking this one over. Take a backseat. Unless you really want to take the driver seat and I am happy if you will. All of Pakistan will thank you. Go to GEO News, or to any of the dozen channels in Pakistan and reveal this scandal in its full dimension. Point the newsmedia to its full unraveling in the detailed Letter to Editor. Just don't play your old games of HEC upmanship which your reply appears to me to be as the proverbial broken record: “I have argued this point with you for many years, but you always say that I habitually attack the HEC out of malice. All I ask of you is a reality check.” You lament you have nothing new to add “and I have no new information to add.” Why not? Let me show you and others in how many ways you can add new things with just a bit of real moral courage rather than lip-service with broken 45s.

If no one in Pakistan reveals this in the newsmedia before my own oped finally appears (see below), do you think it would be reasonable to conclude for an outsider that most are actually nanga (naked) in this hammam (bathhouse)? Or pursuing this on a high moral horse to settle their own petty vendettas and get a leg-up of “I told you so”? Or is everyone so abuzz with this shocking discovery of academic fraud underneath the very noses of HEC, just being plain cautious as the realitiespeak betrays in my oped?

Despite all you big shots having fancy titles, degrees, medals, and perpetual meal tickets on our national exchequer's expense, it takes an ordinary plebeian sitting 20,000 miles away to uncover your fraud? Some argue that serendipity struck once. But does it also have to strike repeatedly? Will it also take a plebeian to bring it to the public's notice, and will it also take a plebeian to bring it to the courts? You guys will only be forwarding emails to each other?

Below is my oped submitted to the Western press. I have an Advocate of High Court in Karachi volunteering to assist, and having read the full Letter to Editor and learnt about my own life of having lived in the United States for 30 years but still only holding on to one citizenship, that of Pakistan, he appears to be inspired to work with me. The fact that it took a non-physicist to blow this scandal on physics in a country where physicists appear to be coming out from the woodworks - I never knew there were so many physicists in Pakistan – is scary. Is this advanced physics a very easy field or something? I bashed my tiny brains on quantum mechanics before I gave up on learning any more advanced physics at MIT, and that experience had led me to believe that physics was a very hard discipline requiring huge intellectual talents and superior abilities to reason, to analyze, to understand the hand of God so to speak. Perhaps I was mistaken and just had a lousy professor that semester.
If physics is really such a hard discipline requiring superior brain power to be a physicist, can this G. Murtaza fellow before excreting his profound intellect on Amazon for a verbatim plagiarized book not know that this calibre of work cannot be produced by his relative about whom he states in the review: "I know the author both as his PhD Thesis supervisor and as a colleague"?

And furthermore, for whom G. Murtaza is also well aware as his relative, that the author of the book was once before caught in plagiarizing at Punjab University and resigned before the university could take further action?

On top of it, does it not strike anyone as academic deceit and gross academic misconduct to write a review for a relative but carefully omit that fact of being a relative in the review identifying the relationship only as: "I know the author both as his PhD Thesis supervisor and as a colleague"?

It is called conflict of interest, in case no one has heard of that term before in Pakistan, and furthermore, in this case it is with intent to deceive by hiding that conflict of interest. Is such ethics news to researchers and educators whose only currency of academic legitimacy is intellectual honesty?

And do none of you find this dishonesty objectionable, that Distinguished National Professors and other lesser academics wanting to be Distinguished National Professors, are even rising from the woodworks to defend their dishonest friend like this other fellow Dr. Asghar Qadir, with most just looking the other way?

Who is this G. Murtaza - God? I never heard his name before this discovery of the fraud. The god of medicine who was the president of Caltech, Nobel laureate David Baltimore – and I read his autobiography... – with just one unproven charge of data falsification by a co-author on one single paper, could not dodge the scientific misconduct scandal for a decade. It remained the focus of federal government investigations for the 19 charges which were ultimately dropped. But the scandal succeeded in tarnishing the good name of David Baltimore, and he only managed to outlive it because he himself was not the direct participant in it. Baltimore could never become president of Caltech had the charges been proved to be true. But evidently, being a Salam Chair holder gives one a "get out of jail free" card for life in Pakistan for a review of a 100% verbatim plagiarized book such as the following. Where is the condemnation of this fellow in Hoodbhoy's display of moral upitude?
“Review: I know the author both as his PhD Thesis supervisor and as a colleague. I find it a pleasure to write a few lines about his recently published book titled ‘Scientific Writings’. Essentially, it is a Physics book covering a spectrum of topics from relativity to terrorism. The author investigates various facets of Einsteinian relativity and some aspects of Maxwell Electromagnetic Theory; later he discusses the hidden simplicity of complex numbers; later still, using mathematical models, the author attempts explaining the developments in economics. His scrutiny of the portrait of Mona Lisa with reference to Quantum Mechanics and his mathematical analysis of terrorism (which is really the demarche of the dispossessed) and how it can be curtailed are quite interesting. The language is well orchestrated and the stream of thought and consciousness, is quite impressive and compelling. **All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work.**  

–Professor Dr G Murtaza” Amazon Review

I can assure you that such a fraud can bring down even a Nobel laureate in the Western academe if it was discovered that he wrote a review calling a 100 percent plagiarized book in his own broad domain of discipline "**All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work.**" If the reviewer is so incompetent or domain unfamiliar, why did he write the review for book containing technical papers in physics? Such a scandal would have demolished Dr. Abdus Salam and even before that, of what little I have learnt of this great man from both Dr. Riazuddin, and by reading his biography as well his compilation of papers on developing science and technology in developing nations which I had borrowed from Dr. Riazuddin's bookshelf, he would have died of shame had he even dared to commit such intellectual deceit.

And this fellow G. Murtaza occupies that posthumous honor of Salam Chair belatedly awarded by Pakistan to the greatest physicist of Pakistan who never relinquished his Pakistani citizenship despite being tormented by being called a non-Muslim by the government of Pakistan, and writes that shameless “**justification**” which was forwarded to me by Dr. Abdullah Sadiq? I will deconstruct it sentence by sentence, thought by thought, in the upcoming second oped.
Dear Colleagues,

I have come across the ‘Letter to Editor’ of Mr. Zahir Ebrahim. The revelation is simply shocking. One can only call it sheer madness.

Further, Mr. Ebrahim’s bracketing the reviewer with the author is also shocking. My first and immediate reaction to that is as follows:

1. I was Durran’s Ph.D. supervisor more than two decades ago and our joint work published in the late 1970’s has never been accused of plagiarism. Those papers are public property and open to scrutiny.

To some of the remarks Ebrahim made, I would say that:

• Your supervisor at the University cannot be held responsible for what you will do later in life.
• Your Ph.D. supervisor is not necessarily your ‘mentor’.
• ‘Being related’ should not be confused with ‘nepotism’.
• One is ultimately known by one’s own work and not by one’s company, party or even country.

2. Regarding the ‘book (2009)’ under discussion, I didn’t referee it for publication. That was publisher’s job. The book was already published when I wrote my review. If the material turns out to be fake or forged, the Reviewer or even the Referee (which I was not) cannot be held responsible. Whether the material is genuine or not is the responsibility of the author and author’s alone.

3. I have spent more than 50 years of my professional life here in Pakistan. Almost the entire physics community of Pakistan knows me. One who steals or aids and abets stealing cannot remain hidden for so long. Ebrahim who evidently doesn’t know me should have asked the community about me before making his pronouncements.

4. Now the big question why Durran did what he did? One can only attempt to guess. Perhaps Mr. Ebrahim himself answered that by raising the following:

“Virtually verbatim! even a high school student shows greater imagination when moral teachings haven’t been part of his upbringing. A verbatim textual theft is almost unheard of even in the most dunces-heads public high school class where at least some paragraph shuffling and word-smithing might happen for an English paper out of concern that one might be caught by a simple search. The cleverest plagiarist steal and capitalize on ideas, not on text”.

So why this suicidal path which Durran took? Mr. Ebrahim should ponder on that.

And our man of conscience Dr. Hoodbhoy can only find fault with the University of Gujrat, and show how right he has been all along on matters HEC?
plagiarism at the University of Gujrat

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Subject: Plagiarism at the University of Gujrat

Dear Dr. Naqvi:

The instance of wholesale plagiarism at the University of Gujrat is, by now, making waves inside and outside Pakistan. It was brought to your attention and mine by others and I have no new information to add. But this episode is just one example of the egregious academic crimes and thefts regularly committed by university teachers in Pakistan. Your typical response is that you are not the inspector general of police and therefore, that the HEC cannot be held responsible. I am hoping, however, that you may now choose to be a little more thoughtful.

While you are indeed not IG/ISI/NSC, you and your past mentors, Dr. Altaf-un-Rahman, firmly supported the pay-by-paper policy which incentivizes plagiarism. Today, HEC-funded universities are doling out huge sums to their teachers based on the number of annually published research papers, while the PCST is paying still larger amounts. University priorities, structures, and values have been distorted so that the number of publications has become paramount for promotions and tenures. This is why our teachers steal!

I have argued this point with you many years, but you always say that I habitually attack the HEC out of malice. All I ask of you is a reality check.

You are an intelligent man who knows that we live in a system that is broken and deeply corrupted everywhere - lawyers, judges, politicians, soldiers, etc. It is no different in Pakistani academia, where honesty and fair play are rare. There are any number of examples: a dean at QAU caught forging refereee reports goes on to become a vice-chancellor in another Pakistani university; professors putting their names on papers written by the director general of CERN are caught red-handed but continue in their positions; Karachi University is discovered to be awarding degrees in a program where no department exists; a vice-chancellor revealed to have bought Viagra with official funds goes unpunished; and much more.

In this environment the introduction of incentives to achieve any goal must therefore be made with the greatest of care. Let me ask you to consider a hypothetical example: imagine that the government fixed a reward of one lakh rupees for any army or security force soldier/officer who killed a terrorist. Given that the moral environment in the security arena is the same as elsewhere in Pakistan, within a month there would surely be a mountain of corpses. A few would be terrorists, most would not. It would be impossible to check on who was, or was not. Yet the government would trumpet that improved "productivity" of its security forces. Should it further declare that its job is not to investigate individual crimes, that mountain would be twice as high.

Similarly, the HEC boasts of a pile of papers that is now mountain high and still growing. But are most of these real research papers? Do the writers give seminars and talk to colleagues about what they have discovered and published? Is there a feeling of excitement and discovery on campuses? Are their results being cited, except by the authors themselves? Has industry or academia in other countries taken note of the work? The answer to every one of these is NO!

More to the point: many papers in your pile have been stolen straight from the internet, many have faked data, many are trivial, many are old works with new titles, many amount to mere butterfly collecting, and many are simply wrong. Claiming "productivity allowance" and meeting promotion/tenure requirements is all that the authors want - and get.

Your stock defense is that bad research and bad publications is not your problem, but that of referees and journal editors. You deny that just about every kind of nonsense can get published these days even in "international journals", not to speak of the many fly-by-night ones that fill our mailboxes daily with invitations to write research articles.

I am pleased that Dr. Abdullah Sadiq has taken a principled stand on the University of Gujrat matter (see his email below). On the other side, as ever, toadies and sycophants will rally to defend HEC policies even as the plagiarism pandemic rages. Sucking up is how one becomes a big man in Pakistan.

In civilized countries, the manifest failure of a policy often means that the responsible minister or functionary resigns. It never happens in Pakistan. However, I would plead with you to pause, understand the damage from unleashing the forces of naked greed, and then summon the courage to stop this insanity right away.

Sincerely yours,

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Never mind that Dr. Sohail Naqvi himself shamelessly proffers his soon to be made famous proclamation of sainthood and being syphilis-free to this very audience amidst most academics' thunderous silence:

“HEC has NEVER condoned any act of plagiarism anywhere. This case has been investigated and immediate action has been taken. We are all shocked by this blatant act of plagiarism but are certainly not responsible for it. Dr. Durrani alone is responsible for what he has done and not his colleagues, University of Gujrat, HEC etc.” — Thursday Oct 13, 2011

Is everyone a coward in Pakistan that they cannot call a bold faced lie for what it is? Or, once again, is it the concern that life is a cheap commodity in Pakistan and such bold calls may lead to premature retirement? Well, it has now been dismantled in the Appendix-I of the updated Letter to Editor.

Whatever the self-interest, omission my dear educators presumptuous enough to think that I or any other Pakistani wants most of you educating our children, is a sin at times worse than commission. Selective silence on inconvenient facts is captured most eloquently by Aldous Huxley:

‘The greatest triumphs of propaganda have been accomplished, not by doing something, but by refraining from doing. Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth. By simply not mentioning certain subjects, by lowering what Mr. Churchill calls an “iron curtain” between the masses and such facts or arguments as the local political bosses regard as undesirable, totalitarian propagandists have influenced opinion much more effectively than they could have done by the most eloquent denunciations, the most compelling of logical rebuttals.’ — Aldous Huxley, Preface (circa 1946) to Brave New World, 1931, Harper, pg. 11

My next oped, unless lightening strikes first, is focussing on G. Murtaza's review on Amazon, the complicit silence of his colleague, and their gratuitously rising to defend him as did this Dr. Asghar Qadir: “I will try to get the HEC to take action against Ijaz Durrani, who you say plagiarized, and not Murtaza, who you say wrote a review of a book without reading it. The latter is not uncommon and is unwise but not unethical.”

The fact that none of you seem to perceive anything wrong in either G. Murtaza's fraudulent
review, nor Asghar Qadir's gratuitous Peter washing Paul statements in defense of G. Murtaza where he glibly pontificates from his Distinguished National Professor's pulpit that writing a review for a book one hasn't read is not "unethical" and also "not uncommon", shows me that truly in this glorified hammam of “Distinguished” National Professors, there is not one fully dressed puppy. That complicit silence shouts louder than the muezzin's azaan in Pakistan. Please read the additions in the updated detailed Letter to Editor whose notification was emailed to you yesterday for the full deconstruction of Dr. Asghar Qadir's bullshit.

Is there not one Distinguished National Professor in Pakistan who can rise to call a spade a spade?

Is there not one concerned professor who are sending emails to each other who dares to call a spade a spade in public? Your private mataams (chest beatings) and/or bravados mean nothing.

The level of moral dignity being shown to the memory of Dr. Abdus Salam by his vaunted students will surely be making him turn in his grave. The poor man got no peace when he was living. Many a Pakistani scientist today supping on HEC's gravy-train sponged off of his generous sirparisti (benefaction) to build their vaunted careers while the government of Pakistan designated his entire community non-Muslim. And that “honor” bestowed by the holy custodians of deen and iman for a man who even recited verses from the Holy Qur'an at his speech in Stockholm proudly representing Pakistan and Muslims before the entire world with the following most momentous words. These words, the bold affirmation of faith, the bold affirmation of nationality, the bold affirmation of the love of, and the thirst for knowledge which is the foundational corner stone of any education system K-20 which seems to escape all the stewards of higher education in Pakistan supping on HEC's gravy-train, astonish me even today at many levels. The base level being that someone would love his people so much despite their show of national ingratitude and political perversity to legally scapegoat an entire minority on religious grounds (http://tinyurl.com/salam-speech-nobel-1979):

Abdus Salam's speech at the Nobel Banquet, December 10, 1979

Your Majesties, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of my colleagues, Professor Glashow and Weinberg, I thank the Nobel Foundation and the Royal Academy of Sciences for the great honour and the courtesies extended to us, including the courtesy to me of

Whistleblowing: Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan Report Recap By Zahir Ebrahim
being addressed in my language Urdu.

Pakistan is deeply indebted to you for this.

The creation of Physics is the shared heritage of all mankind. East and West, North and South have equally participated in it. In the Holy Book of Islam, Allah says

"Thou seest not, in the creation of the All-merciful any imperfection, Return thy gaze, seest thou any fissure. Then Return thy gaze, again and again. Thy gaze, Comes back to thee dazzled, aweary."

This in effect is, the faith of all physicists; the deeper we seek, the more is our wonder excited, the more is the dazzlement for our gaze.

And the same parasites leave him no peace in death as they now continue sponging off of his good name for the same selfish purpose of holding on to their decaying careers in their twilight years as they seed fraud, mediocrity, and corruption among our youth whose charge they have gratuitously taken as the "educators". I don't wish to utter the most apropos descriptive adjective here right after I have quoted the Holy Qur'an. But the most pious can surely imagine it with their "unconstrained imagination".

Here is my current oped. Note that I am inviting foreign professors to peek into our national and international disgrace which is being so willfully shoved under the rug: OPED Whistleblowing: Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan with Systemwide Collusion by Zahir Ebrahim.

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REPLY BY: Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan, senior academic bureaucrat
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Subject: Re: Language, Language!

Date: Mon, Oct 17, 2011 at 6:41 AM PST

Re: Language, Language!

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While Zahir Ebrahim's language is offensive, it must be acknowledged that he has highlighted a very serious issue.

Since the time we started 'paying' an honorarium to academics to publish research papers, we have had a major increase in publications no doubt. While I assume many papers will be academically sound, BUT many may not be so and may only represent unwarranted multiplication by the 'academics' through one means or another. One is worried that it is no longer a case of publish or perish academically but one of loose oversight and greed, which must be dealt with severely, otherwise we will have a lot of Babar Awans and Dr. Lalquat Hussain in our midst.

How do we bring in some badly needed basic oversight? It has to be intrinsic to the process itself, augmented by some reforms in HEC.

First, a senior physicist such as Prof. Murtaza must acknowledge his bad judgement in writing such a glowing foreword to Ijaz Durrani's "book", specially as the latter was unfortunately known for having gone overboard in the past.

Second, what about the Professors themselves? How do we control them. What about Professors who are joint authors with a lot of foreign faculty, with suspicions that the research is done abroad and co-authors added locally.

All department heads must get off the bandwagon of more and more publications for the sake of publications only, and mentor the junior scientists on the ethics of proper referencing and acknowledgement.

Third, we need to highlight another issue. Some heads of institutions are publishing a paper a week!!! Their name is added as co-author, whereas the appropriate place for their names is to be in the "Acknowledgements" and not as co-author. OR they are editors of the University's journal, where most of their papers are published.

As a first step, HEC should put a stop to the system of payment for publications, or for students supervised. This is open to abuse and has been abused in the past.

I wish to point out an incident a few months ago at a prestigious University in Islamabad, where I was on the selection and promotion board, I expressed misgivings at the fact that theoretical mathematical papers were being published with 6-7 co-authors. It would appear that this was a ploy to multiply the publication numbers by the department faculty members, specially as they were publishing in fields which were not their own! Since then I have been excused from the Selection Board.

While it is not desirable, but do we have to set up a mechanism for intervention? OR guide every institution to conduct strong peer reviews PRIOR to publication.

My response to Mr Ebrahim is as follows: thank you for detecting the Ijaz Durrani misconduct and raising the alarm. It is an open question and we can no longer bury our head in the sand. However, your language is extremely offensive, and will drive away even the most ardent supporter of the idea of reform and ethics in Pakistani research.

Mr Ebrahim should calm down and let us in Pakistan sort out this mess. We do not need a Hercules to clean the academic Augean stables, and it is high time we set up the appropriate mechanisms to avoid another Ijaz Durrani, BEFORE such publications take place.

I do not like Committees, but the HEC needs to set up a small group of people (OUTSIDE the HEC) to advise it on reforms in this area, while carrying out drastic reforms to the QC sections in HEC.

Finally the HEC needs to pause, take a deep breath, and come out of the 'path dependency' mode of development programmes, in order to focus now on consolidation and quality.

Shaheen Harneed Khan
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Cc: Dr. S. Sohail H. Naqvi, Executive Director HEC

Cc: Dr. Javaid R. Laghari, Chairperson HEC

Cc: Senior academics of Pakistan and heads of institutions

Cc: Noam Chomsky, invited guest to take a peek into this cesspool of Peter baptizing Paul

Date: Tue, Oct 18, 2011 at 3:15 AM PST

Subject: Re: Language, Language!

Dear Educators,
Finally I get some reasonable man's attention. Thank you. I wish I had used the same sort of carefully worded strong language when I forwarded you dear Shaukat Hameed Khan Sahib, my 2007 Letter to HEC which was, now in retrospect, way too politely worded to elicit any response from you whatsoever at that time. Ask Dr. Riazuddin or Dr. Sohail Naqvi for a copy if your memory now fails you. It was officially written to HEC. I know for a fact that you saw that detailed letter with the Subject: "HEC - my friends, is Alice in wonderland?", and whose topic was: "Seeding a radical and genuine transformation - outside the purview of HEC".

But you couldn't afford the time to read it. My friend [name omitted] who reported to you at the time in the Planning Commission [of Pakistan] had even asked you about it upon my insistent request and your reply [as I] vaguely recall now was something like this: "it's too long, I don't have time". I had wondered then, as I do now, when do public servants have time for the public they are paid to serve.

You think my language is offensive? I am glad. I am finally learning the art of wielding power then, but only with deliberate words from the logic of which the antagonist simply cannot escape.

But please be aware that my diction in this instance was not used in any state of un-calmness as you seem to misperceive: "Mr Ebrahim should calm down ". I am as calm in this case as when I am deconstructing the World Bank frauds, the War on Terror frauds, Global Warming fraud for which Nobel peace prizes are awarded, the many Hegelian Dialectic frauds, the surfeit of house niggers selling out our nation frauds, and police-state construction worldwide frauds under the rubric of fighting "terrorism".

My use of language is far more measured than the vile acts, Machiavellian mantras, nihilist philosophies, and unjust power-mongering of rulers which they most humbly endeavor to dismantle. If people find the accurate description of what is happening more disturbing than the acts themselves, that is the state of pious hypocrites. That is the first thing which needs to be cast aside for honest people. What are you afraid of? The plebeians' daily vernacular?

No my learned friends and bemedalled educators. My measured plebeian language is used only to very humbly prepare the noble public servants of Pakistan, the employees of the people of Pakistan who have suddenly become our masters, for the day when the graphic details from Dickens' narrative in A Tale of Two Cities will see no escape for the Grade-22s and feudal lords now living it up on the public's hard-earned debt-laden treasury while signing away the nation's children's future with the mere stroke of a pen in ruku [bending at the knees
while in prayer].

It is in fact to preempt that very chaos and anarchy that I am persisting in this endeavor, both in the United States and Pakistan. Otherwise, my own children are MashaAllah quite well educated here in the United States. ... Only because I and my wife were born on the right side of the railroad tracks! Why do I care for the education system in Pakistan, or for anything else for that matter? The same reason I carry my Pakistani citizenship. Because I was born on the right side of the railroad tracks!

Please read my book to learn that I am not un-calm. I am as calm as Socrates about to drink the Hemlock. As calm as when I call a spade a spade. Here is calling it the way I see it pertinent to our nation: THE NIGGERS OF PAKISTAN. Even the veterans’ of America who have criminally bombed Muslim civilizations to smithereens and are now suffering from pangs of PTSD, had more courage and dignity to withstand my accurate vocabulary employed to describe their acts upon innocent peoples, and their predicament, than you betray here. Please read the following letter to editor which is among the most [widely read] verbiage for the past year on Pentagon's own funded American war veterans' website: Veterans Today: Zahir Ebrahim: America’s War Veterans, PTSD and its Cure – Feature Letter to Editor.

Having said all that, I am really glad that you spoke up. Thank you Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan sahib.

But permit me to state the obvious. You cannot sort it out by using the same people who created the problem: "and let us in Pakistan sort out this mess".

Even your off the cuff remark of the problem is severely lacking in the understanding of the multidimensional multi-tiered problem-domain which needs addressing in Pakistan's higher education system: "and it is high time we set up the appropriate mechanisms to avoid another Ijaz Durrani, BEFORE such publications take place."

Therefore, instead of being insular know-it-alls like HEC itself is - and so what's the difference between you and them - and gratuitously describing the humble efforts of this plebeian as: "We do not need a Hercules to clean the academic Augean stables," I urge you to do things methodically in stages.

Please begin by helping me with my filing a writ in the Supreme Court. Become my partner. I will accept you as my partner in this endeavor without having met you because of what [my
friend name omitted] had narrated of you.

This is what I have in mind:

1) A competent body is constituted under legal mandate from the Supreme Court. This competent body, inter alia, also looks at my document which I today sent in a personal letter to the Chief Justice of Pakistan as the prelude to my initiating formal legal procedures.

The scale of the problem is many dimensional and transcends individual cases of corruption. I do not believe that any of you in Pakistan are willing to look at the system perspective, not that you are not competent to do it, far be it, you are most competent people when you want to be. But in this case, you are beholden to self-interests, to your survival, to your gravy-train. Why is system perspective so necessary? Why do you think I was examining that Max Planck quote which lead me to catching this fraud in the first place? I was describing in a separate piece of work I am writing, on how to partition a problem by decomposition and abstraction and how to reassemble it, while keeping the system perspective and its inter-relationships [in focus] and that's when I ran into Max Planck's thesis suggesting the same idea from physics. Permit me to quote it here once again:

“Modern physics has taught us that the nature of any system cannot be discovered by dividing it into its component parts and studying each part by itself, since such a method often implies the loss of important properties of the system. We must keep our attention fixed on the whole and on the interconnection between the parts. ... The same is true of our intellectual life. It is impossible to make a clear cut between science, religion and art. The whole is never equal simply to the sum of its various parts.” (Max Planck, Partly cited in Critique of Western Philosophy and Social Theory By David Sprintzen, pg. 76)

2) This competent body which is judicially chartered, as I wish to constitute it, looks at the whole system.

Yes I am a citizen of Pakistan with every right to have my say in matters pertaining to my people – which is why I continually suffer all the indignities which the Pakistan passport brings me not just at international airports, but also at the Pak Consulates stoically braving our own countrymen's indignities.
3) I wish to constitute this competent body with people who have one primary qualification which is non-negotiable no matter how many Ph.Ds they have, how many medals they wear, and how many Nobel prizes hang around their neck. Can you guess what that might be?

Learned and competent people who are willing to rise above their own self-interest.

How can one judge that? Indeed. Get off the gravy-train and one will know!

InshaAllah, with one moral voice standing up, many more will follow.

4) This competent body will make its recommendation to the court after pursuing its mandate with due diligence.

5) The highest court in the land must issue a legally binding verdict to the Federal Government and not mere advisory opinions. These legal rulings must be followed by the executive.

But in general, as we all know, courts don't have any authority to enforce their rulings. No court in the world can implement anything unless the Executive and the Political will is agreeable to enforcing its rulings.

This is where senior bureaucrats like your good self can play an instrumental role in creating that political will. Yourself, and some of Pakistan's brightest minds like my friend Dr. Riazuddin who have some sense of higher education.

Being a Ph.D. or a scientist or a professor does not mean they know how to educate others. My worst teachers have been hot-shot brand-names. My best teachers have been the humble and modest men like Dr. Noor Muhammad at UET Lahore.

I have no Ph.D. And I have only taught first grade, and other elementary school classes as a parent volunteer. But I will publicly pit my two cents worth of wherewithal on the fundamentals of K-20 education system, without false modesty, with the best of you.

At the national scale, individual experiences do not translate well. You have to be systems architects to make scalable systems that are resilient to the environment in which they are to operate. Which is why distributed systems are inherently more scalable than centralized authoritarian autocratic rule which a mere tyrant on the throne can bring down. That is the
operating environment of Pakistan. It fertilizes our every soil.

Without people, real people, implementing ideas, verdicts, rulings constitutions, morals, dogmas, these lofty thoughts remain the "god damned piece of paper" as former American President George W. Bush Jr. is reported to have referred to the United States Constitution.

Don't think we are fools Mr. Shaukat Hameed Khan Sahib.

You might be surprised if you just open your heart and listen to the voices of the ordinary people. Your degrees, titles, king's medals, mean nothing to us ordinary peoples. Only your acts as public servants speak to us. So far, that loud language of the rulers and their bureaucracies is far more vulgar and vomitus than anything I have uttered in my entire life. And check with Dr. Riazuddin, I cuss a lot. I even recently asked Ehsan to teach me some colorful but effective Pushto cuss words so I can better articulate the deeds of our "watanchods" [those who f*ck their own nation] as I have quite run out of Punjabi vocabulary.

The day abhorrent and vile acts start disturbing our noble consciences more than their accurate description, that's the day transformation will begin. And not a day sooner.

Join me dear friends. With you or without you, I am going to the court system, InshaAllah, to create that mandate on behalf of the people of Pakistan to constitute a competent body to examine the Higher Education system ab initio, and to abolish HEC - provided that's in the Will of God. I only focus on what's in my control. I only care for my own labors, and leave the rest to Providence. Just as I am sure most sensible people do. However, unlike most Pakistanis pathetically waiting for Allah to solve our problems, I truly believe in the following famous words uttered by a rational revolutionary in 1775. These timeless words are contained in the epilogue of my compilation of essays titled: The Pakistan Decapitation Papers – A Report on the Banality of Evil:

“They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a Xe guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. ... Besides, sir, we
shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.”

Get off that HEC bandwagon and join this struggle to together build something worthy for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you,

Zahir Ebrahim

To: Dr. S. Sohail H. Naqvi, Executive Director HEC

To: Dr. Javaid R. Laghari, Chairperson HEC

To: Senior academics of Pakistan and heads of institutions, including Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy, and Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan, senior academic bureaucrat and Member

To: Ehsan Leghari, Zahir's activist confrere Lahore Pakistan.

Cc: Noam Chomsky, invited guest to take a peek into this cesspool of Peter baptizing Paul

Date: Tue, Oct 18, 2011 at 9:45 PM PST

Subject: Re: Language, Language!

Dear Ehsan and educators,
Thank you Ehsan for NOT missing the point. I have not looked at your most recent data as I am still busy trying to understand I. R. Durrani’s Ph.D. thesis signed by G. Murtaza – may be it

is a different G. Murtaza in that instance as well. Thus far, I can't tell when the survey ends and the thesis begins. I will be sending it to physicists at Harvard, MIT, Caltech, and right here behind my house at Stanford to get their more domain-expertise view on its worth, while I study it for theft of intellectual property from text books in the field. The investigation work which HEC should have been doing, and should have done, two ordinary citizens are doing gratis.

In the meantime, I will enlighten you Ehsan and other important Pakistani bureaucrats listening in on who this "A. H. Nayyar" fella is – if he is the same physicist I called out for his bullshit once before, at the World Social Forum in Karachi March 2006.

Some background for those who have never heard of this forum – as most of you probably dine at the WEF. The WSF forum was intended to be the plebeian antidote to the elitist World Economic Forum. I was one of the late arriving volunteers to join from the United States, and a lot of organizing spade work had already been done by remarkable ordinary Pakistanis with no titles or medals or chips on their shoulders, including members of some leftist NGOs like Action Aid, along with a handful of Swiss volunteers. This WSF unfortunately had already become too NGO heavy as Arundhati Roy in India had rightly pointed out refusing to attend Karachi, and it has subsequently been a failure in achieving its overarching plebeian mission whose promise it had been launched with several years ago (and I have written about this in: Introducing A Game As Old As Empire). But WSF Karachi was my first experience of it and I learnt a great deal listening to real people first-hand explaining their daily problems as a direct result of the structural problems which have been imposed upon Pakistan and the developing nations by various WTO treaties signed off by exactly the kind of high-falutin Mr. clean hands listening in on this communication stream on higher education. I had volunteered to run the camp toilets for the poor participants visiting from far away villages and towns who could not afford the hotels of Karachi and were to be housed at the WSF camp in tents. Having met Abdul Sattar Edhi sahib, especially taking pains to locate him in Mithadar Karachi and introducing my young children to him several years earlier, I have been deeply impacted by this man's fundamental philosophies on public service. His 1996 book A Mirror to the Blind is a must read for the grade-22 public servants reading this letter and unable to understand what both Ehsan and I are communicating here with utmost sincerity.

You guys seem to be so hung-up with your titles and honors and medals that I wish to relate to you the following factual account: I volunteered for the toilets project when it appeared that the camp bathrooms execution was in trouble. I immediately took over the project, and fixed it in
the two or three days I had to get it properly implemented working with local contractors in
Karachi, followed by going myself for periodic inspections and flushing others' excretions
during the downtime between WSF sessions to ensure their cleanliness and prevent public
illness. Evidently, I am doing the same again and again amidst the profoundly learned here.

When the WSF forum finally commenced a week after my arrival, in a session titled:
"Fundamentalisms; Types, Causes and Effects", I found a fellow named "A. H. Nayyar",
physicist, as among the honored speakers on the panel. As I recall, the session was organized
by NGO Action Aid. It was my honor to meet some of their most energetic young, and not so
young, men and women volunteers who selflessly devoted their time for a cause which each
one of them appeared to firmly believe in. It was more than just a paid job for many of them,
and I had to struggle to keep up with them in 20 hour long marathon work sessions each and
every day in the preceding days, while only catching few hours of rest each night on the floor in
Tahzeen's office at the WSF Secretariat with mosquitos biting all night. Physically exhausted
but mentally more alert than I had been in a while, after this good physicist "A. H. Nayyar" fella
had stopped speaking on his pathetic take on Fundamentalisms, I was the first one to raise my
hand.

I said something to the effect, inter alia: It sounds like Messrs. Bernard Lewis is speaking
through your mouth!

Followed by: Physicists are the first fundamentalists – for that is the only non-
propagandistic meaning of the word.

A hush fell over the audience as I proceeded to deconstruct this fellow's echoing of his
massa's message. His only response was to call me "ignorant" or something to that effect, I
now forget exactly. A personal attack for my analytical deconstruction of his deception – the
last refuge of the scoundrel who has been checkmated in his own claimed domain of expertise!

Isn't that what's precisely going on here? Both Ehsan and I, two ordinary peoples, are
unraveling your deceit-craft almost with the ease of taking candy from a baby? Is that the real
hidden calibre of Pakistan's higher education stewards?

With Daniel Pipes speaking through Pervez Hoodbhoy's mouth, and that "vulgar propagandist"
(anointment by Noam Chomsky, interview on CBC, December 9, 2003, see part-2) Bernard
Lewis' message from his villainous book "Crisis of Islam - Holy War Unholy Terror" being
regurgitated from the mouth of this "A. H. Nayyar" house nigger, the Secular Humanism
movement in Pakistan aided and abetted by foreign funded NGOs has been in full swing for several years.

These non-profits, getting their monies from charities registered in neutral countries with several degrees of separation between them and the imperial sources, cleverly harness our cultural foibles, our misanthropic cracks and lacunas, our social and religious discontents, to implant their subversive message in our consciousness and in our highly controlled discourse spaces. As Professor Noam Chomsky of MIT listening in on this conversation, has time and again pointed out:

‘This “debate” is a typical illustration of a primary principle of sophisticated propaganda. In crude and brutal societies, the Party Line is publicly proclaimed and must be obeyed — or else. What you actually believe is your own business and of far less concern. In societies where the state has lost the capacity to control by force, the Party Line is simply presupposed; then, vigorous debate is encouraged within the limits imposed by unstated doctrinal orthodoxy. The cruder of the two systems leads, naturally enough, to disbelief; the sophisticated variant gives an impression of openness and freedom, and so far more effectively serves to instill the Party Line. It becomes beyond question, beyond thought itself, like the air we breathe.’

and

‘Democratic societies use a different method: they don't articulate the party line. That's a mistake. What they do is presuppose it, then encourage vigorous debate within the framework of the party line. This serves two purposes. For one thing it gives the impression of a free and open society because, after all, we have lively debate. It also instills a propaganda line that becomes something you presuppose, like the air you breathe.’

and

‘The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion, but allow very lively debate within that spectrum — even encourage the more critical and dissident views. That gives people the sense that there's free thinking going on, while all the time the presuppositions of the system are being reinforced by the limits put on the range of the debate.’
Well, I just had to unmask this respected physicist A. H. Nayyar before the awe-struck Pakistani audience scratching their head at his erudition copied from the massa, with a pincer attack to break that carefully crafted discourse barrier.

The number of people who mobbed me afterwards eager to learn more, prima facie demonstrated to me just how tired our public is of all the puppetshows being enacted for them by their stewards that just even an ordinary plebeian with only an iota of commonsense and no high falutin titles, can command their immediate attention!

This is why the system and its incantations of power ensure that no voices of the plebeians are ever heard among the people unless these are the co-opted voices of house niggers, fools, dupes, and mercenaries echoing the synchronized tunes of the Mighty Wurlitzer (google my name with +Mighty Wurlitzer).

Here is the picture of picture of "A. H. Nayyar" from WSF speaking at that “Fundamentalisms” session arranged by Action Aid:
Now I ask you. Is it this same "A. H. Nayyar" who is on this email conversation? Or, like he claims for his confrere G. Murtaza, some other A. H. Nayyar?

Who knows – and Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman sahib will also one day claim it wasn't him who spoke to me on my last day of my two week gratis engagement at HEC in 2005 when he came to the nice office my friend Dr. Sohail Naqvi had generously given me, to hear me out on why his six PC-1s for imported universities was the worst idea for Pakistan, a diabolical method to get us into more debt with the WB. That they will fund any crap including one thousand men paid for digging a ditch a mile long, then filling it up, and then digging it back again, one hundred thousand times – because the purpose of these loans was really to give a lever to IMF to rob Pakistan blind through their neoliberal structural re-adjustment schemes and not by bequeathing any real higher education to a colonized people. It is WB-IMF which has, inter alia, completely destroyed our indigenous production base exactly through this Trojan horse of being made a debtor nation no differently than how the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States has made that once industrialized nation a debtor nation to the world with no production basis of any significant sort on its own soil. Its once thriving steel mills are lying as vacant in Pennsylvania as our once prosperous cottage industries, textile, etc. Diesel has surpassed
petrol – how can trucks deliver goods? That was a calculated design at least ten years ago to have the price of diesel be at artificial parity with petrol.

Do I tell a lie on any of this Mr. Shaukat Hameed Khan?

What you are learning from me here they don't teach at the Harvard Business School. Nor in the Poverty Alleviation lab at MIT run by the Economics Department from where both Ben Bernanke and Paul Krugman got their Ph.D. in how to screw a people in the developed nations. The Bretton Woods which the Iranian president Ahmadinijad was referring to in his recent speech at the UN, crafted WB-IMF scam to do the same thing to developing nations. Last time I checked, 4/5th of all humanity is 56+ trillion dollars in debt to the developed world. And the developed world is, I don't know, lost count, somewhere close to 100 trillion in debt to the private central bankers. These debts are not there to ever to be repaid. There isn't enough money in circulation to pay them off and also feed the people. These debts are to control peoples’ and nations’ destinies.

And our higher education system as presently constituted is a pawn in that very shell game to ensure that we excel only in mediocrity. Our stellar minds among the youth gratuitously escaping that fate are immediately harvested by MNCs and Western nations. Why? Because they can't be absorbed productively in Pakistan. It is a really cool shell-game which perniciously weakens the very fabric of the nation the longer it plays on. Until we arrive at where we are right now. Today is worse than yesterday, the path ahead is worse than it is today – you can do the math to figure out where it ends!

Do I again tell a lie Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan? Were you never present at those meetings where Atta-ur-Rahman as the former head of the HEC had his begging bowl out before the WB to make more fodder for MNCs and the export high-tech labor market? This ain't about the simple "lifafa" kickbacks. Our academies are not subverted in that old fashioned hideous way of catering to the flesh which appears almost honorable by comparison. No – the perversion is matched to the intellect.

But the learned will only mind the descriptive word “fucking” offensive, while happily doing the act to their own nation, at times without realizing it. Each one tops the other and continually invents newer positions to even put the Kama Sutra in need of a modern updated edition. How true in general: ہر شاخ پے الو بٹھا ہے [there is an owl on every branch – Urdu saying]

But in this specific instance, I believe Iqbal is more apropos:
Although my congregation is full of liars and hypocrites, my categorical imperative is to announce the singular truth.

If my conversation with Kamran Khan of Geo news comes to pass, that controlled discourse dam will breach catastrophically. We will InshaAllah unravel the entire house of cards and show how the higher education system as designed, is merely a pawn in that very pernicious system of sustaining the white man's colonization by harnessing our own uncle toms.

That erudite description is not mine – but the well thought out imperial strategy of inducing perpetual mental servitude laid out by Lord Macaulay in 1835. As most educators surely know, it became the cornerstone of India’s higher and lower education policy for the Indian subcontinent whose impact we are still seething from today nearly 200 years later:

‘We must at present do our best to form a class who may be interpreters between us and the millions whom we govern, —a class of persons Indian in blood and colour, but English in tastes, in opinions, in morals and in intellect.’ – (Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay, Minute on Education, 2nd February 1835, page 8)

But what most educators don't appear to realize is that many highly learned peoples today continue to unwittingly be the “interpreters” between the white man's 'la mission civilisatrice' and the billions whom they now govern instead of the former millions, but this time only indirectly through client-states and deftly cultivated uncle toms in a global web of control. These are the people who tend to magically materialize in all positions of power across the spectrum crafting policies for the nation in line with their massa’s wishes – military, politics, education, industry, trade.

I will let Malcolm X and Martin Luther King capture the ugly veracity of the matter in their finessed tongue than my stammering one:

‘Today's Uncle Tom doesn’t wear a handkerchief on his head. This modern, twentieth-century Uncle Thomas now often wears a top hat. He’s usually well-
dressed and well-educated. He’s often the personification of culture and refinement. The twentieth-century Uncle Thomas sometimes speaks with a Yale or Harvard accent. Sometimes he is known as Professor, Doctor, Judge, and Reverend, even Right Reverend Doctor. This twentieth-century Uncle Thomas is a professional Negro … by that I mean his profession is being a Negro for the white man.’ — (Malcolm X, The Autobiography of Malcolm X, 1964, 1999 hardcover edition, Chapter Black Muslims, page 265)

‘The white establishment is skilled in flattering and cultivating emerging leaders. It presses its own image on them and finally, from imitation of manners, dress, and style of living, a deeper strain of corruption develops. This kind of Negro leader acquires the white man’s contempt for the ordinary Negro. He is often more at home with the middle-class white than he is among his own people. His language changes, his location changes, his income changes, and ultimately he changes from the representative of the Negro to the white man into the white man’s representative to the Negro. The tragedy is that too often he does not recognize what has happened to him.’ — (Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope, page 307)

But we don’t have to be that way!! We can choose a different destiny.

And it begins with the journey of the self – cure thine own heart first:

خودی کا سر نہاں ل ام الا اللہ
خودی ہے تبیغ فسنا لا ام الا اللہ

[ Raise the awareness of “self” to the pinnacle of truth, for “self” is the grindstone without which the journey to truth is with a blunt sword ]

The fact that there is so much protection-racket going on here for this Distinguished National Professor of physics G. Murtaza caught with this pants down speaks volumes. He is evidently the corner brick of the pyramid! His take-down, which is inevitable by the sheer weight of prima facie evidence despite all this re-baptization by his pontiff friends, causes the entire pyramid scam to collapse – which is why all are rising to protect that corner brick.
This concerted effort at salvaging the sinking ship is clearly betrayed by the following shameless statement of G. Murtaza’s other PR spokesperson, another Distinguished National Professor, this time of mathematics, Dr. Asghar Qadir: “I will try to get the HEC to take action against Ijaz Durrani, who you say plagiarized, and not Murtaza, who you say wrote a review of a book without reading it. The latter is not uncommon and is unwise but not unethical.”

Given this depth of perversity among the academics of higher education of Pakistan, senior Pakistani bureaucrat Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan’s statement was a breadth of fresh air – the only gentleman to even state: “First, a senior physicist such as Prof Murtaza must acknowledge his bad judgement in writing such a glowing foreword to Ijaz Durrani’s "book", specially as the latter was unfortunately known for having gone overboard in the past.”

We are way past that! It is the trifecta described in my Letter to Editor. Can't any of you learned educators, medalled on both sides of your lapel for your stellar intellect, see that? Bohat bhole ho badshao (you are being too innocent of knowledge – Macbeth). All the expensive perfumes of Arabia will not wash this stink off your hands.

Zahir Ebrahim

To: Dr. S. Sohail H. Naqvi, Executive Director HEC
To: Dr. Javaid R. Laghari, Chairperson HEC
To: Senior academics of Pakistan and heads of institutions
Cc: Noam Chomsky, invited guest to take a peek into this cesspool of Peter baptizing Paul

Date: Wed, Oct 19, 2011 at 12:49 PM PST

Subject: WELL DONE HEC!
While such a major scandal has been uncovered here with the highest level fraud in Pakistani academia of wholesale plagiarized research books; with glowing review written by a senior physicist occupying the Salam Chair for one of the plagiarized book; with other Distinguished National Professors trying to cover it up along with wannabe future Distinguished National Professors trying to outdo the former in showing loyalty to the system; an unsurpassed academic fraud which is a national and international disgrace that has “proved that they are second to none in world-class research” in gross verbatim theft of intellectual property; what is HEC publicly acknowledging instead and dedicating its song to:

'HEC acknowledges: 33 scholars given awards for contribution in research, academics

ISLAMABAD:

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) conferred awards on 33 outstanding researchers and scholars of the country on Monday.

The ceremony titled “Outstanding Research Awards” was held at the HEC Secretariat, where the “merited winners” were handed out awards under different categories: Lifetime Academic Achievement, Best Innovator, Best Book Publication, Best Research Paper and Best Young Research Scholar.

Academics from six varied disciplines, including Biological Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Basic and Applied Sciences, Management Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities, were given the awards.

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HEC Chairperson Dr Javaid Laghari said that the purpose of these awards is to recognise and reward achievements of Pakistani researchers in all areas of knowledge. University research is directly linked to the economic growth of any country which is evident by the developments taking place across the globe, he added. Praising the researchers for their work, Executive Director HEC Dr Sohail Naqvi said, “They have proved that they are second to none in world-class research.”

Similarly, Federal Minister for Science and Technology Mir Changez Khan
Jamali, while addressing the audience, said that due to initiatives of HEC scholars are engaging in active research activities.

An official from HEC said that each year, applications are invited from all over Pakistan for these awards, for which a transparent and competitive mechanism has been adopted.

“The selection is made after scrutinising the research work of applicants, which is evaluated by judges nominated by the Research Awards Management Committee,” he added.

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WELL DONE HEC!

In my youth, Saturday nights with Eddie Carapeat on Pakistan radio was among the most anxiously awaited moments for English-enabled middle class teenagers. I loved The Carpenters, as did many of my generation. One of their songs was the most dedicated song among secret lovers, and unrequited lovers too, on that late night broadcast. Only the people concerned knew who they were while the rest listening in were only left wondering as dedication letters were read out over the public airwaves from all over Pakistan. When we heard a name we thought we recognized from among our peer groups, it was always with the all knowing nod, rarely the surprise: – unka kuch chakar chall raha hai. mujhe pehele pata tha!

Well, with profound apologies to Karen Carpenter's most beautiful soul which continues to fill real lovers' hearts with joy (or solace), here is the song from the 1970s, I imagine being dedicated among the new kind of lovers on the prowl:

(*) There's a kind of hush
All over the world tonight
All over the world
You can hear the sound of lovers in love
You know what I mean

Just the two of us
And nobody else in sight
There's nobody else and I'm feelin good
Just holding you tight

(**) So listen very carefully
Get closer now and you will see what I mean
It isn't a dream
The only sound that you will hear
Is when I whisper in your ear I love you
For ever and ever

There's a kind of hush
All over the world tonight
All over the world
People just like us are fallin' love

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But wait. In the 1960s there was an even greater hit. It was Simon and Garfunkel bemoaning the Vietnam war fraud, war atrocities, corruption of the soul, and the Sound of Silence of the spectating world watching it all equally participant in that corruption. It became the number 1 hit song in 1966 at the height of Vietnam war and mankind's corruption. Its prophetic words resonate globally today [in a world] which is now caught in a corruption that is unequaled in recorded history:

"Fools", said I, "You do not know
Silence like a cancer grows
Hear my words that I might teach you
Take my arms that I might reach you"
But my words, like silent raindrops fell
And echoed
In the wells of silence

Here is the full song. I dedicate it to my love:

Hello darkness, my old friend
I've come to talk with you again
Because a vision softly creeping
Left its seeds while I was sleeping
And the vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains
Within the sound of silence

In restless dreams I walked alone
Narrow streets of cobblestone
'Neath the halo of a street lamp
I turned my collar to the cold and damp
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light
That split the night
And touched the sound of silence

And in the naked light I saw
Ten thousand people, maybe more
People talking without speaking
People hearing without listening
People writing songs that voices never share
And no one dared
Disturb the sound of silence

"Fools", said I, "You do not know
Silence like a cancer grows
Hear my words that I might teach you
Take my arms that I might reach you"
But my words, like silent raindrops fell
And echoed
In the wells of silence

And the people bowed and prayed
To the neon god they made
And the sign flashed out its warning
In the words that it was forming
And the sign said, "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls
And tenement halls"
And whispered in the sounds of silence
To: Dr. S. Sohail H. Naqvi, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan

To: Dr. Javaid R. Laghari, Chairperson HEC

To: Distribution List (http://zahirebrahim.wordpress.com/2011/10/11/plagiarism-in-pakistan/)

Cc: Sheldon Lee Glashow, Higgins Professor of Physics, Emeritus, Harvard University, Nobel co-laureate physics with Dr. Abdus Salam, 1979

Cc: Noam Chomsky, MIT, invited guest to take a peek into this cesspool of Peter baptizing Paul

Date: Monday, October 31, 2011 0900 AM PST


Dear distinguished educators,

Due to the import of the following outside evaluation by a Physics Nobel Laureate upon my request, I feel it necessary to disseminate it widely to the Pakistani academe. Something has drastically gone wrong at a very fundamental level in Pakistan. The fact that few appear to be overly perturbed over this immensely disquieting matter is itself prima facie evidence of what’s gone wrong. Instead of pausing for even a moment in thoughtful reflection at what a senior nobel laureate in physics is stating of his brief evaluation, our stewards of higher education in Pakistan have made absurd excuses, and HEC has hushed it all up. Please read my request letter to Dr. Shelly Glashow carefully – it very clearly stated the purpose of my evaluation request to him. A first of its kind in Pakistan to my knowledge.
My systematic deconstruction of the pathetic Pakistani responses to this outside impartial evaluation, and the call for a full spectrum independent audit of the higher education gravy-train follows. It is high time to step back and objectively examine its profit-loss statement – which, since its inception nearly ten years ago by the fiat of America's favorite military dictator who appointed his own lackeys at the helm, one of them still continuing, has never been done.

You are encouraged to share this communication in the academe – for debate and accountability evidently are not yet a notable hallmark of Pakistani science despite HEC forcibly thrusting Western values and traditions upon our neo-colonial culture to bring us kicking and screaming into the 21st century. They seemed to have overlooked that bit. This matter has already been deposited with the Supreme Court of Pakistan. A writ against HEC and all those who have orchestrated it, aided and abetted it, and supped on its free gravy-train, will provide these stewards of higher education their first opportunity of full debate and accountability – Western style that they treasure so much.

This communication can also be read at: http://zahirebrahim.wordpress.com/what-a-load-of-crap/#Part-II

Thank you for your time.

Zahir Ebrahim,

Silicon Valley, California

Dear Mr Ebrahim:

I briefly looked at this thesis. The material seems rather pedestrian.
I cannot tell whether the material is original or not, but in any case,
nothing he does is particularly noteworthy. (Nor does he claim that
any of his results are in any way important.) Furthermore, I note that there are virtually no citations to his work in the plasma physics literature. It’s not a good thesis and Durrani is not a recognized contributor to science.

Yours,
Sheldon Lee Glashow

On 10/22/2011 12:26 AM, Zahir Ebrahim wrote:

Hello. I am investigating a scandalous case of plagiarism in Pakistan's higher education system. I have recently caught a Pakistani physicist, by the name I. R. Durrani plagiarizing verbatim whole scientific papers including the work of Max Planck to write entire books. His Ph.D. supervisor wrote a glowing review of that book on Amazon (http://tinyurl.com/Durrani-Amazon).

A précis of this scandal which to my knowledge remains unsurpassed in the annals of plagiarism, collusion, and cover-up, is in my oped (http://tinyurl.com/OpEd-Masterpiece-of-Plagiarism).

I have located this plagiarist's Ph.D. thesis written under the same Ph.D. supervisor. I am interested in finding out the calibre of this work and consequently that of his supervisor who is presently under the spotlight for his glowing review of the plagiarized book.

You might be surprised, Nay shocked to learn that this Ph.D. thesis supervisor occupies the prestigious Salam Chair at a local university in Lahore Pakistan, named after the co-winner of the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics shared with you and Dr. Steven Weinberg, Dr. Abdus Salam!

This fellow's name is G. Murtaza, and I am given to understand that he was a student of Abdus Salam!

As you can see, Dr. Abdus Salam's student writing glowing praise for a 100% plagiarized book, and that too for his student for whom he writes: "I know the author both as his Ph.D. Thesis supervisor and as a colleague. I find it a pleasure to write a few lines about his recently published book titled 'Scientific Writings', is scandalous to say the least."

And on top of it all, it has been revealed that G. Murtaza is related to the plagiarist, and that familial bond was evidently not disclosed when writing the review.

I would like to solicit your assessment of this Ph.D. thesis in plasma physics written under the supervision of G. Murtaza. How would you generally rate this work on a scale from A to F, where A is original and brilliant, and F is copied from a text book or pretty standard stuff that any graduate student in this discipline would already know.

It should be borne in mind that this work was done in the 1980s and what might be deemed "standard" today may have been cutting edge then.

I would be most grateful if you would be able to look at it as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Zahir Ebrahim

SF Bay Area, California.
### Where do we go from here?

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As per practice of GAC, Durrani’s PhD thesis (1987) was sent abroad for refereeing. Prof J. D. Callen and Prof. G. Martelli, two celebrated names in Plasma Physics refereed the Thesis and recommended it for the award of PhD Degree. Referees’ letters can be accessed at GAC for further details.

By the way, Prof. J. D. Callen, later on, accepted Durrani for postdoc position at his University of Wisconsin, which Durrani could not afford for personal reasons.

Durrani’s thesis was based on the following three research papers published in the late seventies:


Having citation indices 17 (seventeen), 3 (three) and 2 (two) respectively. But the thesis got delayed since Durrani remained ill for a long time (mainly psychological problems).

Does this citation index entitle Durrani to be a recognized contributor to science at that time or not?

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**Caption** “You sent Durrani’s thesis to someone (in particle physics) whose own PhD thesis got him the Nobel Prize. Indeed your standard of evaluation is of the highest order.”

-- Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 12:28 AM PST
We only aim to please G. Murtaza. When the Executive Director of HEC, the pathetic toady Dr. Sohail Naqvi applauds Pakistani science with headline news on October 18th, 2011: ‘HEC acknowledges: 33 scholars given awards for contribution in research, academics', majestically asserting “They have proved that they are second to none in world-class research” just when I am exposing this grotesque Peter washing Paul gravy-train of systemic corruption at HEC which has so cleverly been kept out of the Pakistani press, how can anything less suffice for Pakistani science than the highest standard of evaluation: “You sent Durrani’s thesis to someone( in particle physics) whose own PhD thesis got him the Nobel Prize. Indeed your standard of evaluation is of the highest order.”?

I am glad G. Murtaza that you have the balls to attest to the fact that I brought the best in the world to coldly assess that you approved a rather “rather pedestrian” work of your relative for a Ph.D. thesis. But wait just a few more seconds as you scroll down to read and even that left-handed attestation is about to come unglued for someone who writes a lauded review of a hundred percent verbatim plagiarized book of his relative as “All in all, it is an eruditely performed piece of work.” Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy didn't have the courage to mention my name previously when referring to my work (see What a load of crap! Zahir Ebrahim responds bluntly to Pakistani Academics and Bureaucrats ), and evidently you also lack the same courage to address me directly by my name even when writing to me directly. Is this the measure of the man occupying the Abdus Salam chair – and your friends don't die of shame?

No – they rise to protect you instead. You might just want to choose your friends a bit more carefully – the next one like Dr. Asghar Qadir before him, does you as much credit as you do to Dr. Abdus Salam's memory while occupying his chair and writing a review for your relative's stolen work with glowing tribute. You guys continually furnish further evidence of Peter washing Paul to the zenith of absurdity!

G. Murtaza's Lackey's Brilliant Response
Caption “Dear Professor Murtaza, Ijaz Durrani somehow showed to me the Ph.D thesis evaluation letters of the external examiners you mention and I was impressed by the praise and quality of research done by Durrani as your student. These are available in QAU record and I think Mr Zahir should also see that. I agree with you that a nobel prize winner would see it certainly of a much lower quality, his thesis was not a nobel Prize quality, we know that and then what is the wisdom to bother a Nobel Laureate to evaluate it years afterwards?. The thesis was for Ph.D degree and not for Nobel Prize and the well known scientists of the field approved that for Ph.D. For the QAU university that was enough as is done for all other theses of the QAU I have been evaluating as external examiner over the years. But at the same time I wonder what are these mails for which I keep on getting it is clear to all of us that plagiarism is abhorable and almost all scientists know it. And HEC clearly has taken immediate action on the matter. So why are we waisting time and repaeting this matter again and again. I would humbly request that my e-mail address should be removed form this matter and not to send copy of such mails to me. I would be grateful. N.M.Butt” -- Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 2:25 AM PST
Honoring N. M. Butt's request, he can discover this dismantling of his load of crap on his own.

The ecosystem which has nurtured Pakistan's brilliant minds and provided for their daily cakes while the common man in Pakistan cannot eat even dry bread and immolates himself in protest, is itself corrupt ab initio. How can these Distinguished minds of Pakistan escape its impact? They cannot. They have to play along in order to continue supping from its gravy-train. Thus, when fully exposed, they are left to make excuses for themselves. Cognitive dissonance which evidently few people experience in Pakistan, does tend to strike serendipitously every now and then. Such psychological discomforts have only one of two outcomes as has been empirically proven time and again by social psychologists in empirical observations (see Leon Festinger's seminal work). Either the person experiences a profound metanoia and is transformed giving up his prior state, or, as in the case of HEC, Sohail Naqvi, G. Murtaza, Asghar Qadir, and his new sycophant Noor M. Butt, further affirm their prior holy beliefs with even greater fervor of self-righteousness.

Just examine both their responses. They have together chosen to even put down the co-winner of the Nobel prize in physics shared with the very mentor whose memory G. Murtaza sponges off from as the occupier of the Salam Chair. Look at their absurdity: the Nobel laureate Shelly Lee Glashow is too competent, over-qualified, “your standard of evaluation is of the highest order” for that standard to ever be objective in his review of Pakistani science because his own Ph.D. thesis won him the Nobel prize in physics!

Here is G. Murtaza once again (precious wisdom such as this cannot be repeated often enough): “You sent Durrani’s thesis to someone( in particle physics) whose own PhD thesis got him the Nobel Prize. Indeed your standard of evaluation is of the highest order.”?

Here is G. Murtaza’s confrere from the same bathhouse, some fellow named Dr. Noor Butt who gratuitously claims in G. Murtaza's defense: “For the QAU university that was enough as is done for all other theses of the QAU I have been evaluating as external examiner over the years ... I agree with you that a nobel prize winner would see it certainly of a much lower quality”.

Thus, according to these brilliant minds of Pakistan, a Nobel prize winner in physics ought not to be reviewing others’ papers/thesis/technical-work, or pass negative judgments on Pakistani science when he ascertains it to be warranted, because he is biased due to his own over-achievement! Kafkaesque to say the least!
But of course a Nobel prize winner in physics is most objective if he applauds – as Dr. Abdus Salam evidently did when he set up his students for bemedalled knighthoods. Where would they be today without his magnanimous benefaction I am forced to wonder? It would be revealing to have all his students’ work re-examined, and all the theses they have supervised re-examined, in the Western academe – but I don’t have the time as my nation and my people burn to the ground from hunger and starvation on the one hand, and drone attacks on the other.

Does it take a rocket scientist to conclude that these Pakistani savants prefer unchallenged applause over rational critique because one enables the perpetual gravy-train and the other (potentially) demolishes it?

This Achilles’ heel is at the very core of why peer-review concept imported by HEC as a foreign value cannot work well in Pakistan in our existing value system of Peter washing Paul. That entire tribal class is held in perpetual check by an imperial culture which rewards boot-lickers and ostracizes any truly adverse critique, while tolerating the mild dissent to convey the desired illusions. Among the latter is all the critique we have seen in my unraveling of this tortuous scandal, from Pervez Hoodbhoy to Shaukat Hameed Khan (see What a load of crap! Zahir Ebrahim responds bluntly to Pakistani Academics and Bureaucrats).

People in Pakistan tend to take it personally if their “poetry” is not superfluously acclaimed with unbridled “wah wah” (highest praise), as a friend of mine at QAU who got his own Ph.D. at CALTECH and has been serving in Pakistan with a labor of love and a sense of mission rather than supping on the national gravy-train, recently lamented citing me cases after cases betraying our cultural Achilles’ heel in which peer-review simply cannot work. Such matters can only transpire by value transformation – and what value transformation where Peter and Paul continually baptize each other while the rest are shamelessly watching in silence? By evaluating I. R. Durrani’s Ph.D. thesis as “rather pedestrian”, the Nobel co-laureate in physics with Dr. Abdus Salam and Steven Weinberg, not only makes a statement on the poor nobody IR Durrani whom everyone now wants to scapegoat just as I had predicted when I caught his plagiarism, but indirectly imputes the much tauted G. Murtaza for awarding that “rather pedestrian” “not a good thesis” work a Ph.D.! Please read my request letter to Dr. Shelly Glashow carefully – it very clearly stated the purpose of my evaluation request to him. A first of its kind in Pakistan to my knowledge – and such rejection of unrequited love surely cannot sit well in the holy temples of boot-licking sanctity.
And we already know of the fraternal bond between the two relatives G. Murtaza and I. R. Durrani. Even Dr. Asghar Qadir, the other HEC Distinguished National Professor sent in for making a pawn sacrifice of I. R. Durrani, gratuitously wrote me: “Murtaza is not only the Supervisor but also a relative of Ijaz. He is not likely to do anything that would harm him.” (see emails in Part-1 What a load of crap! ) Is it forbidden therefore for a plebeian to wonder out loud among the brilliant Pakistani minds of high science whether “not likely to do anything that would harm him” also included awarding a Ph.D. degree for a thesis which is “rather pedestrian” and “not a good thesis”?

A full audit of just this scandal of a vaunted protégé of Dr. Abdus Salam supervising his own relative's Ph.D. thesis, and managing to acquire letters from other foreign professors to endorse the “rather pedestrian” “not a good thesis”, will surely reveal many pious and weighty matters. G. Murtaza has already admitted that his relative was having “psychological problems” mainly due to which he had delayed his Ph.D. thesis from the 1970s when the bulk of the “rather pedestrian” research work was evidently published (as annotated by G. Murtaza in his response letter above). Did G. Murtaza finally bail out his relative and install him on the gravy-train?

Is it impertinent to ask this obvious commonsensical question when there is already overwhelming prima facie evidence of grotesque conflict of interest?

The fact of two relatives, Peter and Paul, engaged in a public bathhouse not striking as conflict of interest to anyone in Pakistan, directly betrays the scope of systemic corruption in the system itself which has evidently re-semanticized the very morals of the people. That which even an irreligious high school dropout in the West will trivially see as conflict of interest and highly unethical to say the least, appears all but a yawn to the pious minds of Pakistan's higher education insisting on their saintliness.

These people are the stewards of higher education in Pakistan?

They can't even muster sufficient intellect against this lowly plebeian who is most straightforwardly unraveling their every deceit, their every spin statement with such ease... On what basis did these mental midgets become so lauded and applauded in Pakistan?

I'll inform those new born babies so innocent of knowledge: If one is a bemedalled General, one is appointed Vice Chancellor. If one is well-connected somewhere in the tribes, one is appointed professor. And if one name drops wisely and opens wide, silently or in applause,
one becomes Distinguished National Professor. And combinations thereof. If there was any intellectual calibre in them, could they not muster a more honest defense? How can it be possible that an ordinary fellow with no remarkable talent is able to so trivially dismantle their entire Oedipus complex?

Once again: how is that possible for an ordinary fellow like this scribe to be the cat among all these brilliant pigeons of Pakistan?

Well – it becomes understandable when one examines all this as a system of indirect colonization. Such absurdities are only reality when mediocrity has been permitted to rise to the top in Pakistan. The competent and moral people unwilling to play the game languish in silence, or move away, and the rest come to occupy lofty chairs. I am reminded of ZAB’s last speech on television in 1977 just before he was deposed on America’s orders (See Profiles of Intelligence, Brigadier Syed A. I. Tirmazi, SI (M), 1995, excerpt, http://tinyurl.com/Tirmazi-excerpt) in preparation for the “imperial mobilization” to Afghanistan and the trap laid for the former USSR by Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jimmy Carter’s National Security Advisor (see Interview to French magazine Le Nouvel Observateur, Paris, 15-21 January 1998, excerpt, http://tinyurl.com/Brzezinski-excerpt): “this chair is very strong”. Only as strong as the massa permits it to be, and no stronger. In this case, the massa wants all high chairs to be occupied by stellar mediocrity to ensure the complete and utter intellectual destruction of Pakistan. To assist in that endeavor they brought in HEC and its uncle toms who inflicted upon us only the best smelling crap of the West – no differently than has been done in the rest of Pakistan control structure which is filled from top to bottom by the most pious peoples looting the nation dry.

I was brought to tears by this youngster speaking before the Pakistan National Assembly. (http://tinyurl.com/video-voice-of-sanity) But it evidently had little impact among the grafters and usurpers of Pakistan’s treasury as is visible in the video. In his last interview on television, the late comedian and insightful commentator Moin Akhtar (http://tinyurl.com/video-Moin-Akhtar-last) expounded upon this infestation of piety most eloquently, and with great visible sadness in his heart. And Kamran Khan of Geo News revealed on October 25, 2011 the grotesque suicide by self-immolation of a young man, Raja Khan (http://tinyurl.com/video-Raja-Khan), in front of the Parliament building in Islamabad because of abject poverty and inability to feed his wife and two children in a nation where HEC offers lucrative salaries in US currency to foreign faculty and to brown sahib mercenaries with foreign passports, while building them multi-million dollar “solid structure” to live in (see audit below). These holy bearers of “ilm” in
Pakistan should watch these short clips again and again to remind themselves of the cesspool in which they are earning their “clean living” while the nation starves.
Two scavengers collecting reusable items to earn three square meals a day for their families. - Statesman
Stare at the above images of the unvarnished reality of the vast majority of common man in Pakistan while HEC's gravy-train gets an audit-free ride from scam to scam, from foreign faculty hiring program to building "solid structure" to attract them, to the academic luxury orchestrated by my own good friend Dr. Riazuddin in NathiaGali (a hilly resort near Islamabad) each year amidst great applause.

Both my wife and I were invited to give a technical presentation of our choosing at NathiaGali a few years ago by Dr. Riazuddin gratuitously offering the government of Pakistan to pay for the airfare. I declined outright saying I had nothing to contribute as I had left my engineering profession a few years earlier, but perhaps my wife might be interested. I further declined the gratuitous offer of a free air ticket at the public exchequer's expense and paid for my wife's air ticket to come to Pakistan just to make the presentation because I thought it might be of some value to Pakistanis attending the forum (little did we know then that it was to be merely a junket for the lower-echelon have-nots who can't fly to New York and Trieste every year). I accepted for my wife the state's accommodation and pick and drop at the Islamabad airport as my wife is a foreigner and does not know her way around the genius of our culture. The VIP protocol she was accorded in Pakistan my goodness, with blaring police escort and what have you – an ordinary simple techie in the United States suddenly became a VIP in Pakistan.
because she is a foreigner, and the expense that was borne by the Pakistani government for the entire junket afforded me a rare glimpse into the gravy-train and why it is so seducing. My wife simply could not believe the lavish expense that was incurred in such a poor country on the public treasury when her own corporate employers in the United States do not bear such expenses. And of what value was her technical talk and her visit to Pakistan at the expense of my pocket book? I still don't know – for prima facie appearance makes it look like a big fat zero. And this junket is repeated every year by Dr. Riazuddin and company from the public treasury when people are dying of hunger and killing themselves to protest the travesty just down the street from where many educators live in posh bungalows in Islamabad.

If I speak a lie – Dr. Riazuddin, the most distinguished scientist of Pakistan, is a witness that I declined the air-fare, and even the gratis visa that was offered by the Pakistan embassy (we paid even for the visa for her) explaining exactly why I was going to pay for my wife's ticket to Riazuddin, and my wife visited on our own personal expense for less than a week just imbued with the spirit of benefiting Pakistan. That spirit came from me as I sent her to contribute her two cents worth at my expense, not government of Pakistan's expense. I am most interested in knowing how many others declined in good conscience and came on their own expense. Surely there must be others who come to Pakistan to visit their families and must have the moral sense to not use the pretext of “benefiting” Pakistan to get a free plane ride. How many?

Someone should be auditing all this “benefiting” Pakistan which goes on at state expense just at the whim of good-intentioned people like Dr. Riazuddin. Had I accepted that free offer from Dr. Riazuddin then, I would not be writing this today. And that very fact which empowers me, in itself informs me of the grotesque silence of the lambs in Pakistani academia and the Pakistani press to these revelations. Who isn't naked in this bathhouse? All proclaim “benefiting” Pakistan, but wonderfully always at state expense on hare-brained schemes without oversight or audit as if it is their family's private fund – when, if ever, from their own pocket book? The only people I am aware of, and I know many, who do spend of their own hard-earned wealth for worthy public causes, are unsung heroes and most ordinary anonymous private citizens – none of them supping on the national exchequer's gravy-train.

The system ab initio invites corruption and those part of it simply cannot avoid being tainted by it. There are I am sure countless programs and opportunities like these to sup on the public exchequer and I have only touched on the tip of the ice-berg. Some of these appear to be most convoluted with HEC being used to channel funds into various operations which have nothing to do with higher education in Pakistan. Witness this report in The News of Tuesday.
March 22, 2011 headlined 'Any discriminatory waiver can push the region into a nuclear arms race: Laghari':

“Dr. Javed Laghari, chairman of the Higher Education Commission and patron-in-charge of the South Asian Strategic Stability Institute, said that any discriminatory waiver would only increase the asymmetry of fissile material stockpiles in South Asia, which not only goes against Pakistan’s security interest but could very easily push the region into a nuclear arms race which is neither desirable nor helpful.

He was inaugurating the three-day International Conference 2011 on ‘Fissile Material Treaty (FMT): Possibility and Prospects’ organised by the South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI) here on Sunday night. Maria Sultan, director-general of SASSI, conducted the proceedings.

Dr. Laghari hoped that the conference would justify the need for consensus to start negotiations on FMT, which were central to international non-proliferation and arms disarmament measures and keeping the effectiveness of the Conference of Disarmament (CD) as the custodian of the multilateralism in international arms control negotiations. He said that the CD at this moment was facing a deadlock. He lamented that a new trend of selectivity based on commercial interests was developing which would increase the possibility of proliferation without the fear of costs.

He said this would result in the creation of a new category of nuclear weapon state outside the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which must not only be discouraged but also stopped because it was contradictory to the original bargain of the NPT, and a challenge to national security of member states as well as the international security.

The HEC boss observed to be rightly proud of partnership with SASSI with its 50 research publication over the last six years and the holding of almost 36 international workshops and seminars and 58 in-house and bilateral meetings.”

-- The News, Tuesday, March 22, 2011

The afore-quoted news report was brought to my attention by my conferee in Lahore Pakistan, Ehsan Legari, who challenged me in response to my call for full audit of HEC gravy-train on
how something this convoluted could ever be audited if one didn't know what to look for:

“Let me illustrate this point with an example I just came across just today. Ms. X was not that great a student but she had an ace up her sleeve: She happened to be the daughter of some guy with all the connections. Not only is he able to secure her a scholarship, soon he manages to set up a approximately **a HALF A MILLION POUND** fund to set up a unit (these monies of course come from the poor Government of Pakistan (GoP) through NUST. Does any one know of the GoP being so kind to a local university?) at that very UK university that then hires her to run it (remember she has not even completed her studies yet; in fact she hasn't to THIS DAY though she tries to give the impression that in fact she DOES have a PhD. She does NOT! And that she is the resident "nuclear security" and "terrorism" expert is no surprise).

But that half a million pound is not enough and having all the right connections and knowing where the money is, she moves back here (though still supposedly "Headquartered in UK") and opens up a local chapter of that unit (in fact two) and continues to milk the system (these funds are all coming out of the education budget and I am sure that UK Headquarter is being maintained to funnel more money to it (remember that nearly half a million pound grant was just initial setup payment). Now try and audit that Zahir!) Of course as quid-pro-quo, she has all the right people on her board, **including the HEC head honcho.** Talk about incestuous Peter/Paul thingy....(Of course she also has the required gora as the Program Manager here so all bases are covered) ;-) 

Some gravy train, eh? And bet you didn't know your government was doling out millions of pounds to foreign universities. How many and how much? I shudder to guess but I hope you make it a point that the auditors look at that angle too...

Now I am sure most have already guessed who I am talking about as most of the recipients have I am sure worked with her at one time or another. I am sure many have written for her army-financed Neocon-leaning think-tank **PRSU** (no I haven't figured that part out nor have I figured out why she has two names for it's offsprings (**SASSU** and **SASSI**) unless it was for double-billing and padding up her resume or some other reason.

I certainly was "shocked" to see how tightly it was linked with HEC and a lot of
the educators. Of course the lady I am talking about is Maria Sultan and finding HEC boss Javed Laghari as SASSI's "patron-in-charge" was a big surprise (I never dreamed this think would link up with HEC)."

-- Ehsan Leghari, excerpt from Email dated Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 1:28 AM PST

Where is the audit of the fat gravy-train?

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Caption “Who is the auditing agency for HEC and its programs? Even the Pentagon has an auditing agency. On the 10the of September 2001, one day before 9/11, the Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld came on television to
announce that the Pentagon had misplaced 2.4 trillion dollars which the audit had found could not be accounted for. The next day the story was conveniently buried. Do you guys care that Dr. Sohail Naqvi just spent who knows how many millions on the "solid structure" mentioned in that news blurb above: "to attract the foreign faculty"? Do you have any idea where the funds for these things come from? As a debtor nation, after fancy-bookkeeping is accounted for which transfers fund around from the finance ministry to this or that ministry, after debt-deferments, etc., the source of all development funds come from foreign loans. I have already explained the purpose of this before. There was no oversight of HEC when the posterboy of Musharraf launched the Foreign Faculty Hiring Program, the foreign universities importation program, who knows what other programs under the public's radar, and there appears to be still no oversight now in how the funds are spent. PC-1s are signed according to blind command obedience in the bureaucratic hierarchy, and especially in HEC, often in expectations of continuing to sup on the gravy-train if it includes consultants, distinguished national professors, etc. If you guys have any sense left after years on the public exchequer's gravy-train unquestioned by anyone, you'd conduct a full audit of all HEC programs beginning with this boondoggle of Foreign Faculty. I have yet to hear a single good word about it from anyone.” -- Zahir Ebrahim, Fri, Oct 21, 2011 at 4:24 PM PST

It is no surprise therefore that my own respected professor from UET Lahore, one who had inspired me greatly in my youth, wrote me:

“One is not always a teacher nor a student. Sometimes one is a student and at other one could a teacher. At the moment i am your student to learn the courage you have. However one cannot change the fundamental frequency one has. Overtones can change. secondly there are certain gray areas where Allah has given you flexibility. i am quite clear that HEC has a role. They have made some mistakes knowing or unknowingly. They might have trusted some people who betrayed them. I would never go with the plagerism and am sure that Mr. Naqvi would also never do that and once he knows something is wrong, he would try to correct it. However i am also clear that the tone you have may hurt HEC and may be harmful as a whole. that is why i want to be a wise friend and not an enemy. I do have a heart but believe that mind that God has given us is the first prophet to guide. We should not be led by passions in all matters. Our
love for Allah and his Prophet and his family(AS) is where i will keep my heart ahead of mind. Otherwise i would use my mind first. As a society we have a statistical distribution. Individual mistakes should be corrected but not in a way that destroy the institutions. I hope you would forgive me. I am with you in pointing out an act of plagiarism and would like that HEC looks in the matter and punishes those who are responsible for it. However i would not like that HEC is closed.” -- excerpt from a letter to Zahir Ebrahim from his teacher, dated Tue, Oct 25, 2011 at 11:06 PM PST

I can only laugh at that use of a Ph.D. mind in Electrical Engineering: “Otherwise i would use my mind first.”, because the alternative is to beat my own head on the wall and only injure myself. Hahahahaha (and the reader cannot see the tears which accompany it).

I am told that it takes less than Rupees 5000/-, about 50 US dollars, for administering the final solution to pesky matters in Pakistan in these hard times when the common man has to protest his abject indigence by self-immolation without anyone batting an eye, and when impoverished children routinely eat from trash dumps right outside multi-million dollar bungalows while pious patriots dine at the public exchequer's gravy-train in the most grotesque display of virtuous high-mindedness. The slightest interference with that supping is considered a sure fire ticket to an early existential retirement.

If that's the primary reason for the cowardly silence of the rest, it is unforgivable. Nothing that is stated here any single person in Pakistan can deny with a straight face. They can choose to ignore it – which is what my own professor did in that aforementioned letter. He neither responded to the 90 percent material of my disclosure of this scandal, and exactly as predicted, rushed to hang the effect, the plagiarist, while giving a blank check to the cause, HEC: “I am with you in pointing out an act of plagiarism and would like that HEC looks in the matter and punishes those who are responsible for it. However i would not like that HEC is closed.”

The fact that this was an entirely predictable reaction already made preemptively clear in the detailed unraveling of this matter in my widely distributed Letter to Editor of October 07, 2011 is a moot point – it does not take a rocket scientist to anticipate every single move to be made by those caught in the system rising to protect it. The tragedy is, that even good persons like my own teacher who I know is an honest man to the core of his being, is now part of that corruption by his silence. He wrote me that afore-quoted reply in response to my unequivocal
demand from him:

“Why are you silent in this matter – like in every other matter? What is your maslehuat [sagaciousness] here? Do you not see that by remaining silent, you are just as much a part of this racket? Your silence, the silence of good people, is the payback into this corrupt system that is sustaining it. In return, this system supports you, supports your employment, supports your conference trips abroad, etceteras. **Either condemn me, or condemn them. I won't mind if you justly condemn me in public for any injustice I may have committed. But I do mind your silence on the injustices I am revealing.** Here is a picture - whom does it remind you of:” -- Zahir Ebrahim to his teacher, Tue, Oct 25, 2011 at 12:39 AM PST

My teacher's final reply to me was this sad nonsense: **“You expect something beyond my power.”** (Email dated Wed, Oct 26, 2011 at 10:58 PM PST). I could only exclaim in bewilderment while pulling my hair out: Beyond his power to speak the truth and decry falsehoods? The virtuous recite that very proclamation in their 5-times prayer rituals each and every day in the land of the pious. A simple substitution of “god” with falsehoods, and “God” with “Truth” makes the hypocrisy of the silent manifest to the dullest of mind. As a “child”, this man was my teacher. Without him, and moral teachers like him beginning with my parents, I would not have been able to walk this path. As an adult and able to stand on my own two feet,
I am compelled to indict him for his undignified excuse for moral cowardice and the system which has led him and others like him to the hypocrisy of clean consciences which even surpass Macbeth's willful 'Be Innocent of Knowledge': “You expect something beyond my power. ... I hope you would forgive me.”

It's not me whom you have offended. Ask that indigent child for forgiveness eating out of the trash bin and sleeping out in the cold open air while you keep HEC and its scams alive by your pious silence. Your prayers and your imams will surely disown you if that child does not forgive you and all like you whom it curses with each and every breadth of its tragic existence.

The entire house of cards will have to be torn down with a Herculean bulldozer for there is no salvaging a termite infested holy tower of babel which has started eating into the very soul of good people who are no longer even able to distinguish between truth and falsehoods amidst their great nod to piety, religion, and unsurpassed holiness as evidenced in the momentous words of my own teacher. All will resist the demolition of the tower of babel... but once the non-linear tide of honest actions is unleashed, a snowball will demolish all 360 statues in the kaabas across Pakistan, and the world. Or, the world itself will be brought down into tyranny far worse than witnessed in recorded history by the silence of the good people choosing to sit on the fence amidst bold proclamations of faith!

Zahir Ebrahim

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