

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: THE WORD "PHILOSOPHY"

Question: The word Philosophy has appeared in the party books and has been mentioned in several places, such as in the phrase "The philosophy of Islam", and some of the Shabab say that the party has ordered the omitting of the word philosophy if it appeared like this without in fact mentioning the alternative. So what is the truth of the matter?

Answer: The word philosophy means the love of wisdom, it does exist and there is no denying to this. When the word philosophy appeared in the party books, in phrases such as "The philosophy of the party", it means in this context the idea, and each party must be build upon an idea i.e. a philosophy. Therefore, there should be no questions asked about the use of the word philosophy to reflect the meanings of the love of wisdom or the idea. As for the philosophy in its common meaning which is used to describe philosophical research, such as the Greek philosophy, this would be damaging and would hamper progress, and there is no such meaning to philosophy in Islam.

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