

Whistleblowing Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan

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Letter to Editor: Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan under the Watchful Eyes of its Distinguished Stewards of Science and Higher Education

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Academic Hitman for Pawn-Sacrifice

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 thechutzpah 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 Eelectromagnetic 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](#), compare to [page xi Durrani](#))

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](#)) *Δ 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](#))

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](#))

Chapter 4: The Relativistic Mass Increase and Classical Physics

Copied from Milos V. Lokajicek, 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](#))

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](#))

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

Copied with tiny wordsmithing from Alfred Ziegler, Institut fur theoretische Physik der Universit 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](#))

Chapter 7: How to Create a Universe

Copied from Gordon McCabe, February 2, 2008, paper of the same title ([pdf here](#), compare to [Durrani](#)) 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](#)) 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](#))

Chapter 10: The Last Scientific Revolution

Copied with tiny wordsmithing from Andrei P. KIRILYUK, Solid State Theory Department, Institute of Metal Physics 36 Vernadsky Avenue, 03142 Kiev-142, Ukraine, 2007 paper of the same title ([pdf here](#), compare to [Durrani](#)) 93 of the 94 references dropped.

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](#)). 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](#)). 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](#))

Chapter 14: The Effect of Nuclear Terrorism: Fizzles

Copied from Theodore E. Liolios, The European Program on Science and International Security, 2002 paper of the same title ([pdf here](#), compare to [Durrani](#))

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](#))

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](#))

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 in on 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 blanketly 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>), 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>) 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

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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](#)).

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](#)). 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:

61. * "Mona Lisa-- ineffable smile of quantum mechanics" (2010) BPAS Vol:30D(1) pp:160-173 (Journal) HEC Recognized:Yes ---> **Same as Chapter 17 of *Scientific Writings*, an exact copy of Slobodan Prvanovic's paper of the same title already noted above**

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 off 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>). 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 virtuously 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>). 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>). 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 ([Letter to Editor Masterpiece of Plagiarism in Pakistan By Zahir Ebrahim Oct 13 09:00 PM 16803 27/40](http://tinyurl.com/DAWN-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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>).

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 legitimized 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.

Addendum 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" Riazuddin, 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, preferring 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.

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Appendix-I Observations to responses by HEC and DNP

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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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Addition 1: I got in touch with WIPO and received a link from them for the Laws in Pakistan pertinent to its ratification of the

WIPO Copyright Treaty. That link has been incorporated in the text.

Addition 2: More data on I. R. Durrani's second plagiarized book *Fairy Tales, End of Science and the Resurrection* which is just as forged. Its first two chapters confirmed forgery. The rest I haven't found the time to examine as yet.

Addition 3: A reviewer Dr. S. H. Durrani of Olney, MD-USA, claiming to be "ex Director NASA", praising the second forged book of I. R. Durrani *Fairy Tales*, as an "iconoclastic book", noting: "***In summary, the author is a physicist who has worked in prestigious institutions for many years,***" -- which prestigious institutions? And why did S. H. Durrani claim that the author "*has worked in prestigious institutions for many years*"? Just how well connected is this Dr. I. R. Durrani fella? Or what does he know about the system and its peoples, that he can elicit so much support for his forgeries, and be re-instituted with HEC as a phd supervisor, and with University of Gujrat as a Director, after he was caught for plagiarism at Punjab University once before and resigned before the university could take further action?

Addition 4: Distinguished National Professor Dr. Asghar Qadir – Academic Hitman for damage control and pawn-sacrifice, absolves his friend Distinguished National Professor Dr. G. Murtaza from all wrong-doing by redefining ethics just like how kings and rulers do: "*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.***" Once again, just how well connected is G. Murtaza that his confrere would even incriminate his own integrity with that absurd claim? Does Dr. Asghar Qadir also indulge in the same since he does not think it is "unethical"? (See Letter to Editor for complete details)

Additional Observations

People get easily dis-reputed for academic misconduct in the West and pay the price for it all their lives. Academic integrity and honesty is to live and die for in the Western academe. And here is this Pakistani top mathematician, designer on Pakistan's nuclear weapons, boldly proclaiming that fabricating data, fabricating testimony, which is what a book review for an unread scientific book reduces to, is not "unethical"? Are these the stewards of higher education in Pakistan? People who think it is not "unethical" to fabricate reviews, to tell falsehoods, to make up data – for what else is in a book review which one hasn't read but made up comments for? It is exactly the same as making up data out of thin air. That's called academic fraud. And Dr. Asghar Qadir says it is not "unethical" but only "unwise" and that it is "*not uncommon*"? The same people of no integrity in one area also behave with no integrity in another area. Integrity isn't a selective thing that you turn on and off based on whether it is a book review or a research data. Those who don't think it is unethical to invent a book review, I am not sure that I am going to trust any person straightfacedly saying but they can be trusted when doing their research not to invent the data they wish to see in order to rush for publication. **I don't want any such people teaching my children! Do you?**

Note that this is Dr. Asghar Qadir gratuitously defending his friend Dr. G. Murtaza – not G. Murtaza defending himself.

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