

Knowledge and Skill *not* Merely for Exploring Probable but for Achieving Preferable Future

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Today's change or the lack thereof becomes tomorrow's reality. It includes attempts to analyze the source, patterns, and causes of change and stability in order to develop foresight and to map the future. The subject and methods include possible, probable and desirable variations of the present, both social and natural, human and independent of human impact to what the present could become from multiple interdisciplinary perspectives. This requires collection of quantitative and qualitative data, the research methods, tools and techniques to handle development of theories of recent conditions and how conditions might/should change. The futurists approach at academic setup and foresight practitioners' forecasting is a vital source to the relative wealth of nations. The discipline excludes future predictions through supernatural means, as well as attempt to forecast the short-term or readily foreseeable future. This submission is an attempt to gain a holistic and systemic view based on insights and overlapping of all disciplines to different degrees from a range of different disciplines, featuring widely accepted and consistent concepts and theoretical paradigms to suit the scientific and reliable research methods, and guidelines for their ethical and appropriate application within society. Shaikh Ayaz's philosophical and visionary poetry and writings are a message and a key source on the subject matter, his contribution is cited and referred comparatively for having a dynamic and broader national scenario.

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