

Science was the subject I was least interested in when I was young. Many people in social studies, arts, or economics believe that the science basics they learn at school make up the whole of their scientific journeys. It was only a few years ago, when I immersed myself deeply in the arts, spirituality, and the social sciences, that things started to change. The revelation was simply that everything is connected, and that the physics of music, the chemistry in meditation, the use of herbs, and the biology of species were the decisive factors necessary to ensure that I had a good grasp of the arts and of the other fields that interested me.

Sadly, schools offer us a distorted concept of science, separating interconnected aspects of knowledge into discrete subjects that were not meant to be separated in the first place. Science is not about scientists in labs doing monotonous jobs and spouting complicated jargon.

In the pages that follow, Dr. Riyam Kafri probes this subject in her article on Ibn Tufayl's book *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan*. As Einstein puts it: "The man of science is a poor philosopher," not because science is supposed to be that way but because we have deprived it of imagination.

Today we are looking at science not only from a Palestinian perspective but also through an interesting lens. We want to show how physics, chemistry, medicine, and genetics, for example, are integrated in every part of our daily lives. We specifically highlight important projects by Dr. Ayman Hussein in Nablus and Dr. Moien Kanaan in Bethlehem, in addition to many valuable perspectives and articles. We pose questions such as "Why are scientists in Palestine struggling?" and "What initiatives are being taken to deal with these concerns?"

At the same time, we are also putting into your hands a very special issue on Gaza. We have worked hard to bring you an in-depth overview of the latest onslaught on our Palestinian people and land. This is the first time that we release two issues at once, the main September issue and a special Gaza issue.

So let's wonder as we wander together on this scientific journey, and recall the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Men love to wonder, and that is the seed of science."

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