

Dear Mr. Salman Sultan:

I am fine, thank you.

Thank you also for reading my article and reading it critically.

No, I was not specifically referring to Dr. Humayun Azad; I was thinking about all individuals like him, such as Dr. Ahmad Sharif and many others that I know personally, but not as famous. I admire all of them. And, that was the point, I was simply expressing my admiration for those whose disciplines (such as Bengali literature) were not related to the discipline of science, (I am not talking about scientific process) but still have chosen to become scientific-minded. Here I draw the line between Chemistry, as a discipline of science, and Bengali, as not. I could have used any other discipline, in place of Bengali, which is not directly related to the discipline of science. The issue is not whether, as you have pointed out, science as a process can be applied to any discipline. On that I agree with you, in general. As a matter of fact, we all follow scientific processes in our everyday life, knowingly or unknowingly, consciously or unconsciously. I was not implying that Bengali professors did not, or did not have to, follow scientific processes in their work. I was simply expressing my expectation that at least those who teach science and scientific processes should naturally be scientific-minded. I was also expressing my disappointment that, some amongst us who practice science as a discipline are not scientific-minded!

The point I was trying to make was, মুক্তবুদ্ধির চর্চা করলেই বিজ্ঞানমনস্ক হওয়া যায়; it does not matter whether one's discipline is Bengali, which is not a science-specific discipline, or Chemistry, a discipline of science.

Sincerely,
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