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The Historian Sultan Nagi and His Methodology in the Historical Research *

The boasting and appreciation of the literature page of Al-Gamhoria Newspaper for the historian, Sultan Nagi, the famous Yemeni historian, God's grace be upon him, who was and will stay enlightened and a luminous lamp, guiding the researchers and concerned with the issues and aspects of the different Yemeni history whether old, recent or contemporary, that it will publish on its pages a series of the method of the historian, Sultan Nagi in the historic research.

We hope that this study will be the first step to discover the various and valuable aspects of the practical life of the Yemeni historian, Sultan Nagi.

Yemeni historian Sultan Nagi, who participated with abundant portion in writing and translation on Yemen and Yemen's glorified history whether old, middle, recent or contemporary, stayed and will remain one of the notable Yemeni historians in particular and Arab historians in general.

The writings of Sultan Nagi, who wrote for various aspects of history life, characterized by logical sequence of the events, objectivity in dealing with fact, courage in rising the realities without partial for this opinion of that.

Really, the historian Sultan Nagi's writings, studies researches were not of the arid and stagnant ones which separate between the reader and his writings, but they were writings and researches formulating with easy manner and literary frame penetrating to minds and souls of the readers without hardness, that the historic facts and events in most cases were arid and stagnant. Hence, the role of the capable historian to make the historical events seem alive and moving in front of the reader.

The examiner and reader of Sultan Nagi' various writings in Yemen's history will find out deeply his manner and method in the historical researches which are represented in coordination of methods, references, discoveries, accurate explanation, clear presentation, deep analyzing of the events roots. In the introduction of book "Military History of Yemen", Sultan Nagi explained his method in the historical research, he said, " that was done following effort and sufferance to collect hundred of resources, references and documents contradictory in the opinions and ramified in viewpoints. Following arduous hard work within the contents of the resources in order to be screened and analyzed to conclude what is to be determined in the soul that it is true and reasonable and in harmony with the truth"

Eventually, Sultan Nagi's culture reflected its influence and set its impressions on his method in writing the historical researches of Yemen. He got the certificate of general culture (secondary school) by correspondence from London University, Bachelor in Arts (Arab History) from the American University in Beirut in 1961, and High Diploma in Educational Administration from Reading University in Britain. His knowledge of foreign culture opened wide landscape of science and knowledge greatly affected on his various studies and books on one hand, and academic studies that complied him with scientific method, and his talent in writing and high literary taste on the other hand, and the features and landmarks of his methodology appeared in writing the historical research.

Firstly and above all, his great and true love for Yemen filled up his soul which is glittering with glories.

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111 (5) غ سُلطان ناجی ومنہجہ فی __ ابحث التاریخی اعزازا وتقديرا من الصفحية الادبية في صحيفة الجمهورية للمؤرخ سلطان ناجى « مؤرخ اليمن الكبير» رحمه الله الذيكان وسيظل اشعاعما ونبراسا مظيئا بهدى الباهثين والمهتمين يتضايا وجوه تاريخ اليعن المختلقية سواء كان منها القديم والحديث والمعاصر •• تتشر سلسلية حلقات على سفحتها عزمنههم المؤرخ سلطان ناجى في البحث التاريخيي . وعسى أن تكون هذه الدراسة الخطوة الاولى على طريسي الكشف عن جوانب قيمة متعددة فسى هياة مؤرخ اليمن الكبيسر いいいろいろ سلطان ناجي العطية • فى متدمة كنابة - التاريسخ ظل وسيغل مؤرغ اليمــــن وبينها والما كانت دراـــــات لندن ، ويكالزريس آداب فسمي سلطان ناجى الذى ضربجسهم وأبحاث مصاغة باسلسوب سهى العسكري لليعن - الفردي لهم « تاريخ العرب » من الجامعــة والمسر الكتابة والترجمة وبتالب ادبى ينفذ الى عتول نوعه .. الصعب في تناوله معن الامريكية ببروت سنسة ١٩٩١م ونابوس القراء دون مشتمــــه منهجه في البحث التاريخي حيست عن اليمن وتاريخه المجيدسوا، وديلوم عالى في الادارة التربويه القديم الوسيط أو المحمديث أو فالحقائق والوقائع التاريخية في عمال : مسن جامعة ريدنج ببريطانيما المعاصرعاها من اعلام المؤرخين الأغلب الأمم جامدة جافسه د ٠٠٠ تم بعد جهد ومعاناة في فالمقلاعه على المثقاده الاجتبية تد اليمنيين بمقة خامة اوالمؤرخين المتحت له آقاقا واسعة مسنالعلم وهنا يأتى قور المؤرخ المتمكسن جمع مئات من المصادر المراجع العرب بصلة عامة . أن ينفخ فيها مسن روحه فتسرى والونائستي المتبايف في الاراء والمعرفة أثرت دراساته ومؤلفاته فيها المياة وتصير الممداث لقد تعيزت كثابات سلطسان المتشبعه في وجهات النظر ، وبعد العديدة اثراءا كبيرا مسن تاحية التاريخ دية متدركة امام القاري، عناء شاق في الغوص داخيل ناجى الذى أرخ لمختلف وجسوه ودراسته الاكاديمية الجامعية والمستقصى •• والمستقرى، محتويات هذه المصادر من اجل حياة التاريخ بالتسلسل العنطتي الشي الزمته بالمنهــج العلمي . كتابات سلطان ناجى الغتباينه في غربلتها وفحصها للغروج منهما ومرهبته في النتابة وذوقه الادبى

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