

# *Rajol al Tawasol vision*



*In the joy of leaders and peoples*

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## *presentation*

To the people of the United Arab Emirates  
Union became happiness .. !!  
To those who laid the pillars of the union and  
raised man  
And strengthened the values of the  
Federation of Cooperation and Tolerance  
And love in human beings .. !!  
Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan

Rajol Al Tawasol





## Introduction

It is my contention that if one intends to address the question of happiness, one will be discussing a subject of special distinction, so much so that it precludes the mention of all other subjects. Which subject pleases you and makes you feel grateful for when you discuss it? Which subject makes you feel happy and exalted when you address its associated ideas? Which subject makes you feel happy when you write or publish something about it? Needless to say, the answers to these questions differ a great deal from one person to another.

However, the answer in my case is: It is the very subject of happiness itself, especially when you address the notion of happiness as it pertains to leaders and nations.

If we study the books we author, our libraries, our media and our culture, we find that the question of happiness is addressed in generic terms which tackle the differences between nations in as much as these differences relate to concepts, cultures and frames of reference. Hence a question poses itself: What is this book going to add to the voluminous body of writings on this subject? The answer to this question is that after thorough research and inquiry, one has discovered the absence of a very important pillar-namely, the secret of perpetuating, deepening and disseminating happiness, of making leaders and nations happy by increasing the attention accorded to unity, love and tolerance.

This subject is rarely addressed by research, authorship and records. Hence this book is intended to renew attention to happiness in an attempt to supersede narrow points of view predicated on the kind of selfishness that stems from endeavoring to realize our own happiness without reciprocating it, without thinking of returning favors to those who make us happy. Schematically, this book endeavors to point out that addressing the methods of making others happy is ultimately bound to bring happiness to the person who works on this. This endeavor has psychological, emotional and social dimensions to it. One who thinks of others as making one happy must logically think of themselves making others happy in the first instance, and by doing so secures a measure of happiness unto oneself. In taking further steps in this direction, one will ultimately supplement one's own happiness.

Engaging in projecting happiness onto leaders is unthinkable to the minds of people that have never had a taste of happiness. This is a whole culture in its own right. In fact, my vision as to imbuing leaders and nations with happiness has three facets to





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The first facet comprises nations that work on making their leaders happy, responding in kind to the leaders who have made the nation happy — an example in this case here being the UAE. The second facet comprises leaders who have made their nations happy; but whose nations have not yet responded in kind — an example in this case here being the ten happiest nations according to the World Happiness Report 2017. The third facet comprises countries, neither whose leaders nor people have ever experienced happiness — an example in this case here being the ten least happy countries as documented in the same report.

I am quite sure that if intellectuals, writers and authors work to address this subject, this will have far reaching effects since it involves disseminating the fragrance of happiness among people and in doing so they themselves will become happy; they will act in the capacity of ‘ambassadors’ of good and love. They will employ the of people and use their ideas in a positive way and channel all this in the right direction, strengthening unity between nations and their leaders and the social, economic, cultural, educational and health-related fabric. This is imperative in an age pervaded by socio-economic and cultural diversity, crises and problems. Preoccupation with this pursuit will be a safety valve, a vessel that crosses to a shore of security and happiness, as it were.

For this course of action to come to fruition, those engaging in it must be equipped with sincerity, good will and clarity of objective. Acquiring material gains is in total contradiction to this altruistic pursuit.

In ‘Al Tawasol International Tent’, we have been pioneers in advocating this when we inaugurated ‘Majalis’— ‘The Schools of the Wise Man of the Arabs Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan’. This program gave birth to another program: ‘The happiest nation and the sweetest smile’. The success of this other program gave birth to two new initiatives: ‘The record of happiness to make the leadership happy’ and the ‘National Day of Happiness’, which will give a national and international dimension to the programs and initiatives of happiness.





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I have conceived transforming this interest and line of thoughts into tangible reality in scientific and cultural circles by authoring a book on 'the vision of the Al Tawasol initiator with regard to imbuing leaders and nations with happiness'. To my thinking, this subject has not been addressed before, although the need to address it and to tell people about the ways and methods of consummating their happiness is quite real.

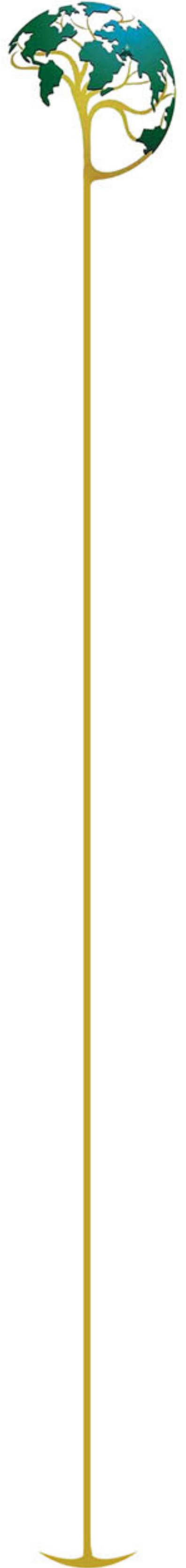
Although this enterprise has originated in the UAE and focused on making its leadership happy in the first instance, it nevertheless lays the foundation for setting the UAE leadership as a regional and international model of imbuing nations with happiness and generalizing this initiative through the branches of 'Al Tawasol International Tent', its representatives and emissaries. It is worth mentioning here that the activities of the Tent in so far as this particular subject is concerned comprise signing records of projecting happiness onto leaders who have made their people happy and publishing this book in different languages to develop and disseminate a culture of happiness.

I would like to express my gratitude to those who have provided me with help and stimulation during the writing of this book and in particular Dr. Mohammed Al Ameen Al Nabigha who has reviewed the book in draft form.

I also would like the reader to focus on the principle of making leaders and nations happy and develop a conception of happiness predicated on fairness and positive thinking. In this regard, I welcome constructive feedback and remarks to help in improving forthcoming editions of the book.

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## Section One: Chronicles of the Al Tawasol Phases

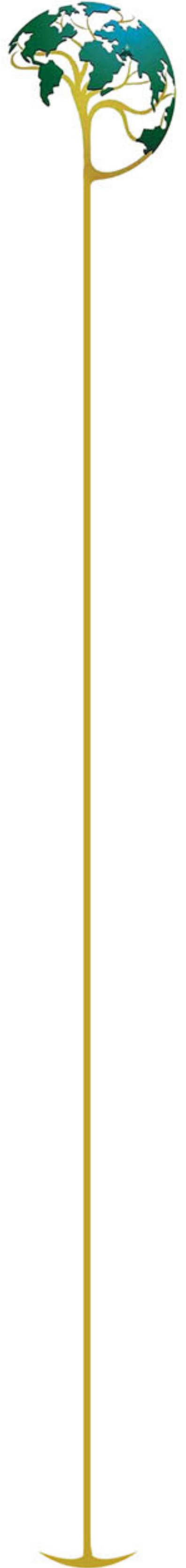
### Pre Al Tawasol-International Tent Phase

The emergence of 'Al Tawasol' idea goes back to my childhood when I was just nine years old. I was in the primary stage of education at that time. The earliest signals occurred when one of my teachers fell ill and was hospitalized. I decided to visit him.

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### The 1980-1990 Phase

As of 1980, I started to organize a meeting on Thursdays at my father's house in the Mazyad neighborhood in Al Ain on a weekly basis. The meeting was a forum attended by relatives, friends and others, with various domains subjected to discussion. After graduating from Zayed Military College, the weekly meeting continued and started to attract businessmen and receive support from the Gulf Cooperation Supermarket Company, which we founded. It was the first kernel of the Al Tawasol program. This support had a positive effect on funding hospitality, travel and memorial presents and conferred on the 1980-1990 phase an aspect of recruitment and communication. During this phase, I went on several visits to disseminate an awareness of communication and benefit from the experiences of others in this particular field. These visits included Egypt, a country where I gained much of my military knowledge — either through military study courses or training — and where I also developed an active interest in continually communicating with my military commanders who supervised my military studies.

### The 1991-1993 Phase

As of the beginning of 1991 until the end of 1993, I was seconded to teaching at the KSA Command and Staff College. During this period, I had the opportunity to meet many people in distinguished positions and to attend lessons, debates and forums given by important scholars and people in Riyadh. Also, my work at the Command and Staff College and my academic relations provided me with opportunities to meet specialists in various fields.

My spacious house in Riyadh was suitable to disseminate the idea of 'Al Tawasol' and practice it on a daily basis. People coming to the KSA on pilgrimage or Umrah and especially relatives and friends would visit me. Some, including those with specific interests in communication and specialties, would stay for a while. I would take advantage of these opportunities and talk to the people in transit to discuss the idea of 'Al Tawasol' and how to transform it into tangible reality.





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### **The 1993-1994 Phase**

After that, the weekly 'Majlis' moved to Abu Dhabi when I was appointed lecturer at the UAE Command and Staff College in Abu Dhabi. The 'Majlis' was a venue where scholars in various fields of specialization from inside and outside the country met. Brainstorming was used to glean a number of ideas and preconceptions. As a lecturer at the Command and Staff College during that period, I was able to attract experts from the college to come and address the 'Majlis'.

### **The 1994-1996 Phase**

As of late 1994 and until mid-1996, I was sent on a language study course at the University of Colorado, Denver, USA. This availed me of a rare opportunity to meet students and invite them to my place of residence. I also got acquainted with specialists and academics every Thursday as it was the tradition at the 'Majlis' in Abu Dhabi.

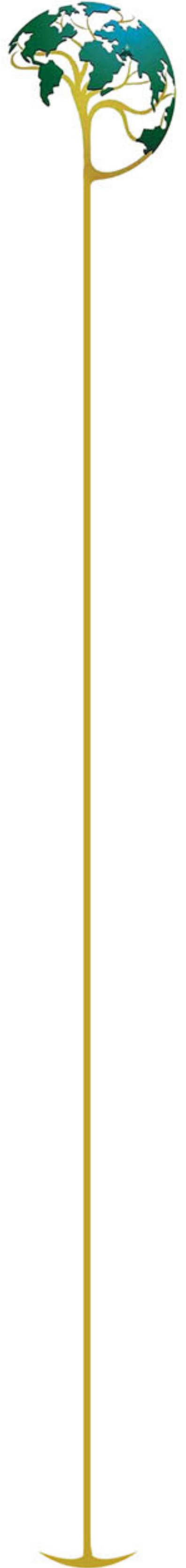
After that, I relocated to Washington, D.C., where the circle of 'Al Tawasol' became wider and deeper. In Washington, D.C., I lived in a large house and communicated with businessmen and community dignitaries who greatly enriched my concept of 'Al Tawasol'.

### **The Second Half of 1996 to 2000 Phase**

During the mid-1996, I returned to Abu Dhabi, and during this phase, the 'Majlis' hosted a number of guests who participated in recorded debates and communicated with specialist centers such as the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) and other centers. In 1997, I joined a Kung Fu health club known as 'Kung Fu Club'. I registered at the club together with my son Mohammed who was six years old at the time. I admired the trainer at the club, a Chinese named 'Lu'. This trainer had a dispute with his sponsor and one day, I met him at Corniche Street in a state of sadness. I stood by his side until he sorted out his problems and I founded a club in which he was in charge of training. The club included two sections: a sports section and a language section. I enrolled in both.

The language section developed and covered 12 languages. As a result of this focus on languages, many Chinese citizens enrolled to study the Arabic language and the center was the first center to teach the languages of East Asia.





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The Kung Fu Club was transformed into the Chinese Golden Institute, which was later changed to Real Time Training and Development Center. This opened up a gateway for me to travel to China and get acquainted with businessmen and Chinese clubs. This development was the result of a humanitarian position taken towards that Chinese trainer. Hence, we can conclude that taking sides with someone who has been wronged and deprived of his rights, or someone who is in need or vulnerable is a form of communication which is bound to come to fruition even if this takes time to materialize.

In 1998, I visited other countries to disseminate the culture of 'Al Tawasol' and carry out studies and research. Perhaps the most significant of these visits were visits to the Nasser Military Academy and the Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC) in Egypt. After that, I went on a visit to the United States to get acquainted with crisis management centers where I was accompanied by various experts and specialists in the field.

### **The 2000-2010 Phase As of 2000,**

the idea of 'Al Tawasol' became a tangible reality as I founded a center for developing project management with headquarters in Abu Dhabi. This center was the first kernel of the 'Al Tawasol International Tent' and it employed a group of administrators from inside and outside the state. The center started teaching languages to students at Real Time Training and Development Center and awarding them approved certificates in the languages of Europe, China and East Asia. The Center was also in charge of registering students at universities and sending them abroad on study courses. It had a representative with the task of following up on student affairs, registration and study courses at universities. A large number of students graduated in languages from this center.





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kind of work is an important form of communication — namely, academic communication with students and universities. The office of developing project management undertook the task of administrative supervision, whereas Real Time Training and Development Center undertook the task of academic supervision.

Teaching at the Center was not limited to students only, as communication extended to inmates in the form of providing them with training programs in languages and informatics. This proved that language is not a means of communication only; it also functions as a psychological therapy of behavioral aberration. Also, vocational training was part of our activity; we undertook vocational training and recruited experts to apply their knowledge in certain fields of vocational training in real life situations involving trainees in training sessions organized by the Center.

The role of the office of developing project management also included services to businessmen and communicating with businessmen clubs inside and outside the country. The first businessmen center founded through the services of 'Al Tawasol International Tent' was the Australian Businessmen Center with headquarters in Abu Dhabi. This was the largest club of businessmen in Abu Dhabi whose foundation was contributed to by 'Al Tawasol International Tent'.

The role of the office of developing project management also included feasibility studies of projects and business administration and this gave a vibrant model of communication in the field of economics. On one of my visits to Germany, I presented two studies. The first one tackled student affairs abroad with respect to the administrative and academic sides, whereas the second one involved communicating with German hospitals to recruit German doctors to work in the UAE in order to develop and administer hospitals in the public and private sectors. During a visit to China, I posed an idea on founding a Chinese hospital for organ transplants and invited specialists in this field to visit the UAE. These specialists actually met His Excellency, the Minister of Health, and proposed the idea of founding this specialist hospital





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I made use of the first idea in communicating with an Australian company to conduct a study on founding a hospital on a piece of land in the Abu Dhabi Emirate which was given to me by the state.

Perhaps it is interesting at this stage to turn to an important aspect of my communication with others. This communication took the form of a tourist and entertainment journey to Mauritania and Morocco. Part of this visit was by land transport. This provided me with an opportunity to get acquainted with Bedouin life among the people of Mauritania, whose way of life intersects in many aspects with the way of life in the UAE in terms of tent life, hospitality, tolerance and simplicity.

I realized that 'Al Tawasol Tent' was part of the life of these people, of their heritage and culture. They call the family a tent and thus say 'the tent of the folk of so and so', i.e. the family of so and so, although the era of residing in tents was gone for some of them who dwelled in buildings in cities. However, the image of the tent reverberates in their imagination with its accompanying symbols of authenticity, generosity and the simplicity of the art of life. Getting acquainted with others and communicating with them is streamlined, almost spontaneous, and therefore the name 'tent' was well received by them and 'Al Tawasol' was given a function in their life because communication and visits constitute an integral part of their life, which is predicated on cooperation and social solidarity.

In Morocco, I was able to visit many Moroccan cities. I stopped at the grave of the explorer Ibn Battuta in Tangier. In the historical record of visits to the grave I wrote "Al Tawasol Initiator communicates with Ibn Battuta the explorer". In 2010, I visited the Republic of South Africa to learn about breakthroughs in programs and training in the technical and academic fields on the level of universities, colleges, centers and institutes. This was also done under the umbrella of the Real Time Training and Development Center. In the same year, I attended a conference in Singapore which hosted more than 100 universities to facilitate the registration of students via websites, exchange of expertise and discussing the issue of visiting professors.



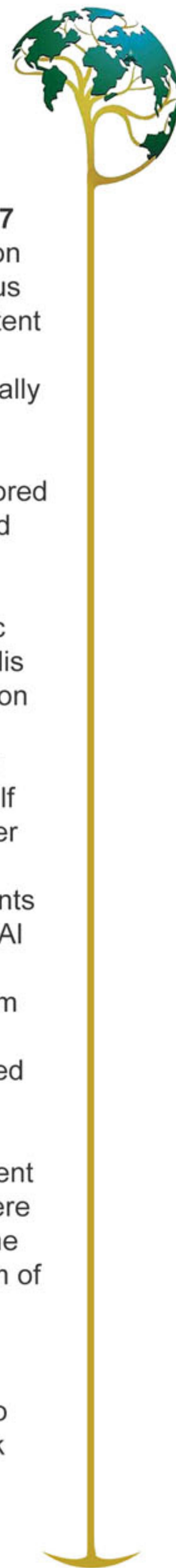


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**The 2015 Up to Present Day Phase** In this phase, the 'Green Hands' program was launched via the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research. The program was later called 'Green Hands Portal' and it was approved by the UAE after its license was given during the publication of this book. This portal has branches applying its program in Sudan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The horizons of this portal are expected to widen because countries and communities need to pay attention to environmental protection and strengthen efforts geared toward the protection of the environment. The portal accords attention to communicating with specialists and those concerned with environmental studies. We have invited people of international renown to participate in the portal. We also visited China to attend a forum on developing agriculture and to become acquainted with all types of Chinese farms. It has been announced that a book with the title "The Khalifa bin Zayed Initiative: The Knight of Environment and Sustainability", which will be one of the props of the 'Green Hand' program, will be written. In conclusion, before the emergence of 'Al Tawasol International Tent', there were several precursor phases that encompassed various countries and cultures at different times. I focused on serving a particular purpose — communicating on a global level targeting one ultimate goal: becoming the 'Al Tawasol International Initiator'. This active interest on my end ushered me into carrying the banner of international communication and gave birth to 'Al Tawasol International Tent', which has become an international platform for communication and bringing together those interested in building bridges of communication from all over the world.





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### **Post Foundation of Al Tawasol International Tent until the end of 2017**

At the beginning of this phase, a piece of land was bought in Al Khatam (on the Abu Dhabi-Al Ain Road) to attract businessmen and to carry out various activities. A license for 'Al Tawasol International Tent' was issued and the tent was licensed to hold events, conferences and debates. Thus, the tent became a meeting place for businessmen, scholars and specialists generally interested in communication. Two weekly forums were held. One on Mondays to host businessmen to explain projects discussed at the management of the tent in Abu Dhabi, where businessmen would be honored and their experiences discussed in order to benefit from them. The second forum was held on Thursdays. This was an open forum to all people irrespective of their areas of specialization.

During this period, the tent started to address different bodies in the public and private sectors and founded an assembly called 'The Program of Majlis the Wise Man of the Arabs Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan'. This Majlis focused on tradition, customs and the cultural heritage of the nation.

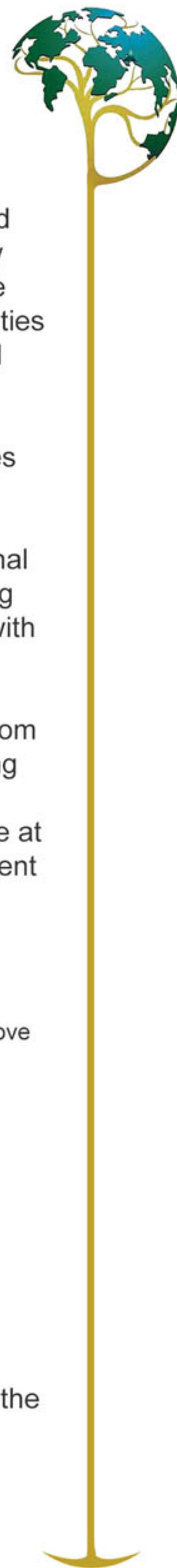
During this phase, 'Al Tawasil International Tent' organized a forum in Abu Dhabi that brought together a number of intellectuals from the Arabian Gulf countries in collaboration with Real Time Training and Development Center to discuss matters pertinent to disseminating knowledge in general.

Intellectuals from other Arab countries participated in this forum. Participants were later hosted at the headquarters of 'Al Tawasol International Tent' at Al Khatam.

In addition to this, the tent used to invite successful people and honor them at the end of the forums by awarding them certificates issued by the Real Time Training and Development Centre. This complemented and supported the tent in the realm of training.

The tent also hosted people to discuss their activities and hobbies and to give them an opportunity to showcase their innovation. In doing this, the tent became a meeting place where skills and talents were burnished and where fruitful relations with specialists were established. The tent actually became an incubator of many projects. This qualified the tent to become a platform of specialists who would launch advertisements introducing them and their areas of specialty to the public. At the same time, they would know about their counterparts in any country if they were registered in our e-communication portal whose slogan is 'People for People'. The tent also catered to ambassadors of happiness and gratitude and the gratitude task force.





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The tent was also a source of journalists who reported on its message and presented its mission through their media channels to the whole world. By doing so, they added to their media a new dimension that stirred in people happiness, joy and gratitude and channeled their capacities and potentialities into tolerance, cooperation and amity instead of divisiveness, sedition and conflicts. This book, 'The Vision of International Tawasol Initiator: Imbuing Leaders and Nations with Happiness', is the best example of all this. The book abounds with the benefits of communication and happiness initiatives which are the harvest of more than forty years spent in this quest for achieving happiness on a large scale for leaders and nations alike.

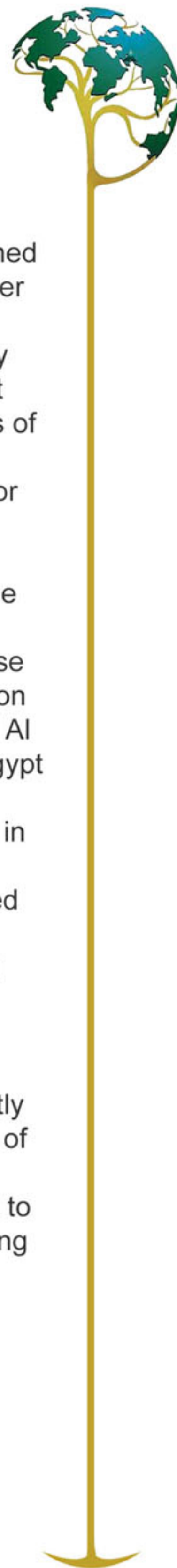
'Al Tawasol International Tent' has also become a venue where international ideas converge; it has established an encyclopedia of ideas and is working on registering this encyclopedia and writing to the authorities concerned with this matter.

On the other hand, the 'Tent' has hosted many guests and has become a center of hospitality. It has corresponded with exhibition hosts to benefit from their experiences in their fields of specialization - perhaps this is something very peculiar to the 'Tent'. Offering hospitality, giving homage to events, debates and conferences have been facilitated by the equipment available at the 'Tent', which has become a platform bringing together benefit, enjoyment and entertainment. The following sections and activities have been established at the 'Tent', which is an Arab 'Majlis' where discussions are organized and ideas are exchanged in a thoroughly organized manner:

- Discussions with specialized people as in the studio of 'Zayed in the eyes of those who love him'
- A garden in the shape of a 'Majlis' opposite to a stage
- A mini stage and a corner where the records of imbuing leaders with happiness are kept
- The village of the 'wise man of the Arabs' which is a group of tents
- The 'Green Hands' program to host scholars and researchers in the field of environment culture
- Equestrian Club
- A track to train Equestrians
- A natural habitat of birds
- Two rooms: one for managers and the other for guests
- A library

In the field of communication training, some people have been trained on the philosophy of 'Al Tawasol' in terms of methodology, commitment to the internal system of the 'Tent' and signing undertakings.





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### The 2010-2017 Phase

In 2010 the 'Tent' began opening its branches; actual branches were opened in Egypt, Sudan, Morocco, Spain and branches in other countries are either pending or in the process of approval. Several bodies have requested opening branches and liaison offices. Such requests are answered usually after examining the request and assessing the extent to which the request fulfills the requirements of the internal system of the 'Tent' and the clauses of undertaking set by the 'Tent'. The requirements comprise, for instance, refraining from actions predicated on political, ethnic, sectarian, religious or fanatic division and focusing on solidifying brotherhood, tolerance, love, understanding and cooperation in the framework of the kind of economic investment that serves the purposes of the nations and governments of the world.

The holistic approach of 'Al Tawasol International Tent' yielded fruits. A case in point here is manifest in the fact that the Association of Arab Tribes Union in Egypt in the Arab Republic of Egypt, headed by Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Al Batran, the Sheikh of the Sheikhdoms of Arab tribes, invited me to visit Egypt and gave me the title of 'Sheikh al-Arab' as an honorary chairman of the Association of Arab Tribes Union in Egypt with membership number 2064 in July 2016. This honorary title was given to me as 'International Tawasol Initiator'. In the context of communicating with Arab tribes in Egypt, I visited tribes in Marsa Matruh, El Alamein and other places in order to get acquainted with these tribes and promote a culture of communication and tolerance.

The 'Tent' has been an object of interest on the part of states and social groups. This is evidenced by the fact that the 'Tent' has more than 77 representatives in centers and affiliate offices in 91 countries. More recently the 'Tent' inaugurated a representative office in the Economic Community of West African States, an organization which comprises fifteen states with headquarters at the Senegalese capital Dakar. Thus the 'Tent' has started to engage in events inside and outside the state in accordance to the following plan:





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**Some initiatives launched by 'Al Tawasol International Tent' inside and outside the UAE:**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Participants and Strategic Allies</b>	<b>Date</b>
The participation of 'Al Tawasol International Tent' in the first national campaign to raise awareness of professional ethics and the respect of law under the slogan 'the secret of my success is my ethics'	Law Respect Culture Bureau, Ministry of Interior	12/4/2012
Launching 'Ramadan Nights Initiative'	Launching 'Ramadan Nights Initiative'	2013, 2015
Launching several programs on 'Majalis'- 'the Schools of the Wise Man of the Arabs'	'Al Tawasol International Tent' headquarters (Al Khatam)	2013 up to today
Launching the first Global Environmental Forum in the UAE (First Session)	Real Time Training and Development Center	4/2/2013
Launching the document on the initiative of love and gratitude under the motto 'Khalifa Growth and Giving'	Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR)	20/8/2013
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Launching the championship of 'The Champion of Professional Champions' in collaboration with the International Boxing Association, Full Contact	Launching the championship of 'The Champion of Professional Champions' in collaboration with the International Boxing Association, Full Contact	2014, 2015
Launching an initiative on the 'Green Hands Program' and 'Environment Ambassadors'	Environment Agency/ Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) and some Arab countries	2014 up to today





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<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Participants and Strategic Allies</b>	<b>Date</b>
Participation in 'Orphans Day'	Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan	2014
Organizing 'Wahashtona' (We Miss You) campaign in the UAE	Millennium Hotel, Abu Dhabi	2014
Launching 'Tawasol International Torch' initiative	Millennium Hotel, Abu Dhabi	2014
Launching 'Khalifa the Knight of Environment and Sustainability' initiative	Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR)	2015
Organizing entertainment events for the 'Children of the 8th Smile Camp for Diabetes Patients' under the patronage of the Ministry of Health, Ras Al Khaimah	'Al Tawasol International Tent' headquarters (Al Khatam)	2015
Participation in 'The Mother of the UAE is the Pride of My Country' campaign	'Majlis the Wise Man of the Arabs' program	2015
A forum to develop a businessmen club	The UAE	2015
Launching the 'Hand in Hand' to defeat cancer' campaign	Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR)	2015
Conference on 'Our nations do not die'- a representative body	Participation of 'Al Tawasol International Tent' initiator, Iraq	30/9/2015
Organizing the events of 'Martyr's Day'	'Al Tawasol International Tent' headquarters (Al Khatam)	18/10/2015





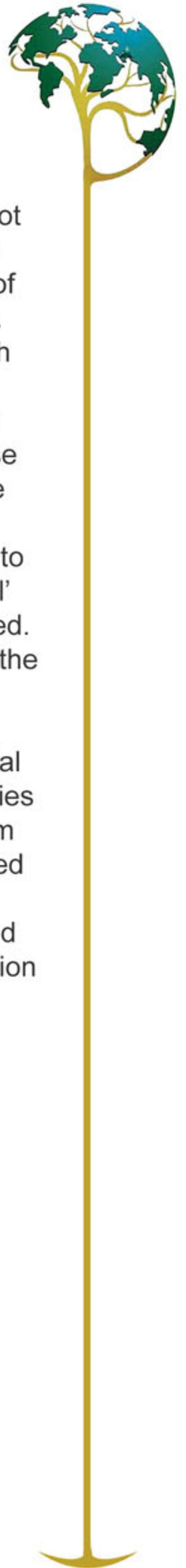
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**Some initiatives launched by 'Al Tawasol International Tent' inside and outside the UAE:**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Participants and Strategic Allies</b>	<b>Date</b>
Participation in and execution of the events of 'innovation week'	The Emirates Quality Association	2016
Launching the 'Arabs Knight Trophy' initiative	'Al Tawasol International Tent'	2017
Launching 'the happiest nation and the sweetest smile' initiative	With participation of Al Ain Municipality/Municipalities of the Western Region	2017
Launching the 'International Association of Happiness and Tolerance' initiative	UAE (Al Ain)	2017
Launching the 'City of Happiness- Al Ain' initiative	UAE (Al Ain)	2017
Launching 'the satellite channel of happiness' initiative	UAE (Al Ain)	2017
Launching the 'International Association of Happiness and Tolerance' initiative	Morocco in collaboration with the UAE Football Association (Al Ain)	2017
Launching the 'register of happiness to imbue the leadership with happiness' initiative	Inside and outside the state	2017

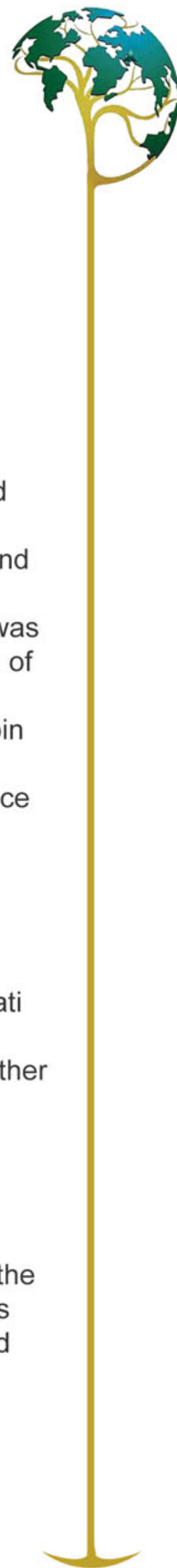


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Several other events and conferences inside and outside the state have not been mentioned here for lack of space. However, in addition to the events mentioned above, 'Al Tawasol International Tent' has launched a number of initiatives including: 'The happiest nation and the sweetest smile' program. The 'ambassadors of gratitude and happiness to imbue the leadership with happiness' group. This is a group of national and global people who volunteered to take care of the happiness register and were consequently named ambassadors of happiness and actually worked on promoting these registers. 'The joy of a grateful nation with a wise leadership' initiative. The 'day of tolerance' initiative; the day of Arafah was selected as an 'international day of tolerance' on which 'Al Tawasol centers' invite people to adhere to tolerance. Selecting 23rd December as an international 'tawasol' day on which people who contribute to the success of 'tawasol' are honored. To sum up, the outcomes of the phases of 'tawasol' mentioned above are the following: Al Tawasol International Tent has created an environment of expertise, culture and international relations, which is available to its affiliates. Al Tawasol International Tent has established economic and social relations. Al Tawasol International Tent has kept abreast of new opportunities and ideas. Al Tawasol International Tent has provided an unbiased platform to honor thinkers and innovators. Al Tawasol International Tent has provided nations with an idea of promoting a culture of tolerance, understanding, communication, acquaintance and cooperation instead of hate, tension and separation. Al Tawasol International Tent has developed a vision and mission that contribute to making leaderships and nations happy and identify the tools of local, regional and international peace in an atmosphere of love, understanding, tolerance and cooperation.





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### Section Two:

**The Philosophy of Al Tawasol Initiator as regards the happiness of leaders and nations**

**Chapter One: The Happiness of Leaders Who Have Achieved the Happiness of their Nations (The UAE as an example)**

Prelude:

The UAE leadership has persistently worked on providing all means and capabilities to make the people of the UAE and the residents happy. The pillars of this quest for happiness were laid down by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. In terms of levels of happiness achieved, the UAE came in the first place among Arab countries in three consecutive years and in the 21<sup>st</sup> rank globally thus surpassing many advanced countries world-wide as evidenced by the World Happiness Report of 2017, which was released by the Earth Institute, Columbia University under the supervision of the United Nations.

The UAE leadership under the guidance of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan the President of the State, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum the Vic-President and the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and their brothers, the Rulers of the Emirates, are all greatly concerned with realizing the happiness of the citizens and residents. This concern amounted to creating a ministry for happiness, which is the first precedent of its kind in the world. This unprecedented orientation both globally and in the Arab World has had resounding echoes and now Emirati citizens feel happy and find appreciation and commendation in other countries. The appreciation and commendation derive from the fact that other countries show respect to the leadership of these citizens for having conferred happiness upon them. The citizens have become, so to speak, mirrors reflecting the policies of the leadership and showing that the leadership has become an example to be emulated in the realm of the happiness of leaderships and nations alike.

In view of these laudable deeds and considerate treatment on the part of the UAE leadership, one finds oneself enveloped in thinking of how to express one's gratitude. This is dictated by the sound innateness of a spirit inclined towards loving those who bestow benevolence upon one and having the desire to reciprocate.





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I have witnessed how the radiance of the UAE leadership engulfs its citizens and residents; this has been as clear as sunlight in high noon. The world has testified to this according to the facts established by scientific studies carried out by international bodies. This has prompted me to think of ways of returning some of the favors of this leadership by designing a number of programs and initiatives intended to hearten the leadership.

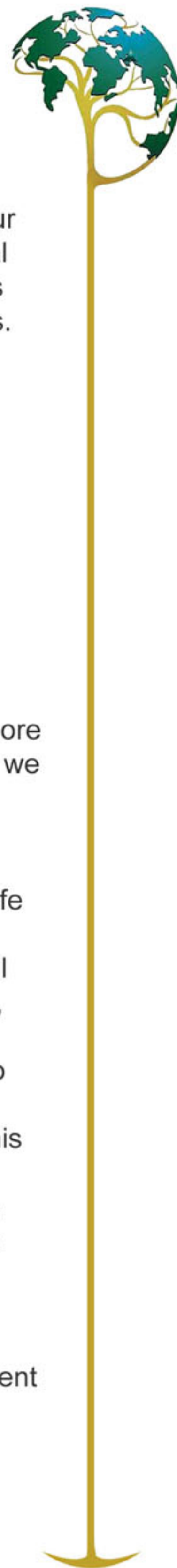
In this respect, a group of the ambassadors of gratitude and happiness inside and outside the UAE has been honored for having shown gratitude to their leaders. These ambassadors have participated with us in heartening the Emirati leadership and we will, if God wills, participate with them in honoring their leaders.

To keep abreast of the Year of Zayed -2018- we have formed at 'Al Tawasol International Tent' five committees to cover the following spheres: media, administration, coordination, following-up and activities. The five committees form a task force called the 'task force of gratitude and happiness'. In terms of duty, this is the least we can do as citizens. We are determined to embark on doing so every year and to generalize this practice in all the countries of the world.

Some detractors may object to this and say that we have started honoring the Emirati leadership although the UAE comes in at 21st rank in terms of the levels of happiness achieved by states in 2017. This objection might sound reasonable if we restrict ourselves to numerical sequence, however this ignores other considerations and at this junction we have to ponder some other facts. Firstly, the first country in the world to establish a ministry for happiness is the UAE. Secondly, the UAE ranks first among Arab states in so far as happiness level indicators inform us.

Moreover, as the initiator of 'Al Tawasol International' and an Emirati who knows the values of my country and the goals and achievements of my leadership with respect to making the people happy, I feel that it is my duty to return this favor. I feel proud when I call for heartening the leadership. I also feel proud in presenting to the leaders and nations of the world a tested model which shows that the leadership of the UAE comes first among Arab countries in terms of the levels of happiness it has achieved for its people. It also occupies an advanced rank globally among the happiest nations. On the other hand, the Emirati people come first in terms of heartening their leadership and making it happy.





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This short book reflects our vision at 'Al Tawasol International Tent' and our determination to proceed in this direction. The vision comprises a practical program on heartening leaderships. It also deepens the idea of happiness registers to hearten the leadership which we have initiated in the Emirates. Here we have to ask two questions:

How Has the UAE Leadership Made the Nation Happy?

Why and How do we Make the UAE Leadership Happy?

To answer these questions, I will employ two treatises.

### **First Treatise revolves round the question: How Has the UAE Leadership Made the Nation Happy?**

The way the UAE leadership has made its people happy is manifest in:

♦Direct interaction with the people and turning them into the hub of its concern:

The late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan says in one of his quotes:

"In my view providing citizens with health care, education and culture is more important than wealth. These three constitute a domain of production and we have endeavored to fulfill this and have achieved much in this respect."

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan says in one of his quotes:

"Our greatest goal has always been building the UAE man in all fields of life to empower him to shoulder the trust and responsibility of preserving the march of our union in a quest to realize the ambition of the homeland in all domains." In another quote, His Highness says, "The homeland is an end, the citizen is a goal".

♦Close attention to the needs and aspirations of the people, responding to these needs and aspirations and opening all avenues to them.

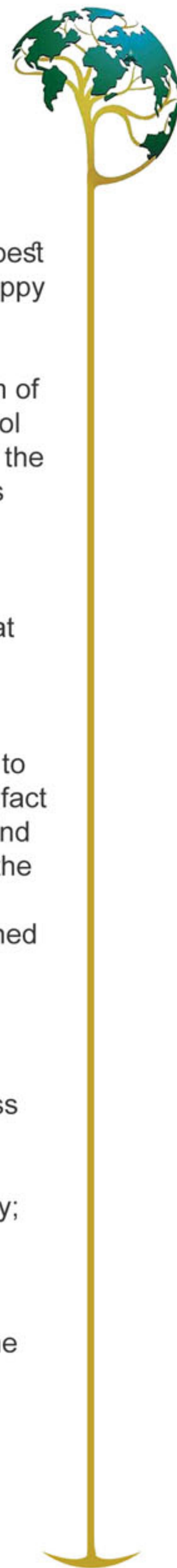
His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum says in one of his quotes:

"The military command has taught us that a commander must listen to his soldiers. Who is a better commander than the Messenger, peace be upon him? Nevertheless, the Messenger used to listen to his companions".

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan says in one of his quotes:

"The Emirati man has become the cornerstone of the progress, development and building of the state"





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♦Providing advanced public services to the people:

In the field of education, the UAE leadership provided its people with the best educational systems and equipped them with the tool set for building a happy future. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan says:

“The wise leadership of the UAE has been keen on developing the system of education in the state and upgrading its institutions as it is an important tool for managing the development of human resources. In the world of today, the system of education constitutes a social and national responsibility. States and societies link their hopes and aspirations as regards rearing and preparing generations to meet the current and future challenges to this system”.

In the 2015 Third Government Summit, His Highness said, “Our best bet at this period of time where we have wealth is to invest all our resources in education”.

This clearly illustrates the constant concern of the UAE leadership with providing developed education, on which it has spent generously in order to make citizens happy. This is because the leadership is quite aware of the fact that the happiness of citizens in any field is inevitably the product of the kind of education which reflects the aspirations of the leadership and enables the citizen to ascend to the position planned by the leadership.

♦In the field of health, the leadership has provided citizens with distinguished health care as there is no happiness equal to that of a patient when he recovers from an ailment.

♦In the domain of infrastructure, the leadership has built domestic infrastructure of the most advanced global standards in order to shorten travelling distances and save time. All this has contributed to the happiness and comfort of the people.

♦The leadership has worked to establish that the dues of justice are done and on enabling those who have been wronged to obtain their rights easily; this has injected happiness and tranquility into the veins of all society.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan says:

“Justice is a right of all and the supremacy of law is above every other consideration. Under the rule of law all people find protection and enjoy the equity maintained under the rule law”





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- ◆ Provided a state of stability and security and invoked feelings of tranquility and optimism in hopes for a bright future.
- ◆ Created an environment conducive to innovation because a happy employee is capable of innovating methods which lead to customer satisfaction.
- ◆ Developed the government itself and the services it provides to facilitate the way people make their lives happy, created job opportunities, stimulated innovation and creativity in all domains. This has led to an overall state of convenience and happiness. An obvious aspect of this is establishing a new Police patrol concerned with happiness and assisting those involved in the programs of happiness.
- ◆ We aspire to make the Emirati people the happiest people in the world. The survey carried out by the United Nations in 2017 revealed that the UAE comes in first rank among Arab countries in terms of levels of happiness achieved and in 21st rank globally with respect to the happiest nations in the world.

In the 2015 Third Government Summit, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan said,

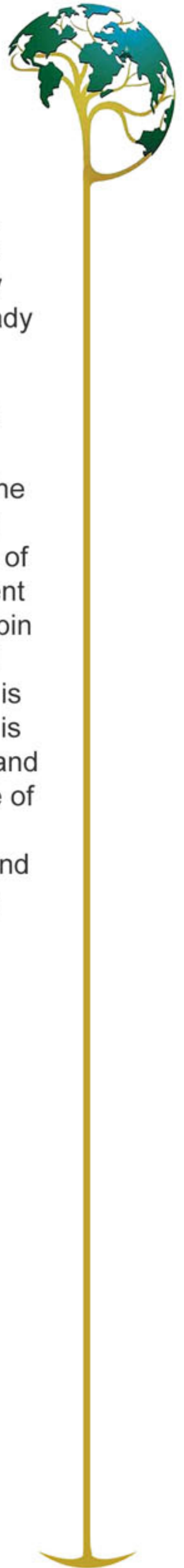
“Today we think of and plan for the benefit of generations to come after fifty years by building a diversified, strong and sustainable economy that does not rely on traditional resources and opens promising horizons to contribute to the pillars and capabilities of the state”.

His Highness adds with respect to achieving ultimate goals: “Nations are built on the shoulders of the citizens and thrive on their love, loyalty, determination and sacrifices. This is only achievable by increased education, knowledge and continuous training. All these are virtues instilled in us by the late Father Sheikh Zayed, may his soul rest in peace. We affirm the necessity of continuing to instill these virtues in the coming generations, since possessing the resolve and determination to achieve goals overcomes even the hardest obstacles”.

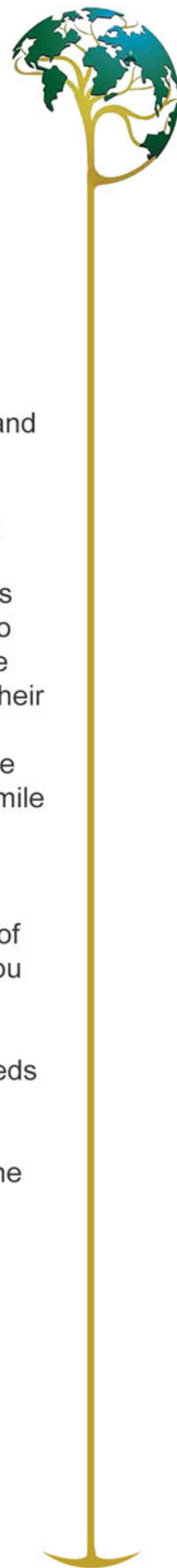


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Our wise leadership has instilled in the nation noble principles and values. This is evidenced by the fact that concern for the citizenry has risen to the degree where a ministry for happiness has been established. This ministry focuses on the concepts of love, tolerance and cooperation, and has already announced a position for a minister of state for tolerance to spearhead a policy of providing goodness and contentment to society. The task of this minister of state is establishing tolerance as a political value in the Emirati society. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum says in one of quotes: “The fastest way to happiness is by instilling happiness in the hearts of others”. ♦Our wise leadership accords attention to voluntary and charity work which is viewed as an integral part of the socio-cultural fabric of the UAE society. Voluntary and charity work constitute an important element in the history of the country whose first pillars were built by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Father who weaved the fabric of the UAE state and established happiness as a lifestyle. Sheikh Zayed said a sentence which is often quoted, “There is no future for peace and affluence as long as there is a child who sleeps on an empty stomach and a mother who is crestfallen and finds no solace”. This is the kind of speech that enters in the very essence of a human being and fills it with kindness, leniency and consolation. It is a speech which is sufficient to instill in people a feeling of great happiness and convey effectively and sincerely a message of love and happiness among people.







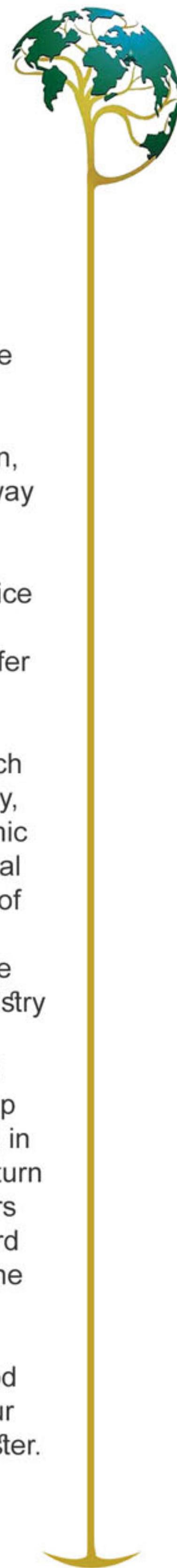
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**Second Treatise revolves round the question: Why and How do we Make the UAE Leadership Happy?**

**Prelude: why do we focus on happiness?**

- ◆ We in the UAE focus on happiness because it is a personal and psychological need for every man in order to develop self-confidence, ambition, love, gratitude and the capacity for giving.
- ◆ We focus on happiness because it is a requirement of religious, literary and intellectual accomplishment.
- Heavenly religions explained to us how to live happily and distance ourselves from the causes of divisiveness, separation and everything that runs counter to happiness.
- Thinkers and leaders have demonstrated to us how to distance ourselves from despair and face the pressure of life and causes of anxiety in order to become happier. Abraham Lincoln the 16th American President said in the mid-nineteenth century, "Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be".
- Sociologists maintain that one's ability to make others happy provides the soul with enduring quietude and provides others with more than a mere smile of the face.
- Our Arabian poetic heritage affirms the virtue of heartening others. Imam al-Shāfi'ī tells us that the best of people is one who helps others when in need.
- In one of his famous quotes, Gandhi the spiritual leader of the Republic of India says, "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony".
- ◆ We focus on happiness because it is a humanitarian and social need.
- Seeking happiness is a move towards satisfying the inner and social needs of the individual. This is usually achieved via relations with others and realizing one's self and contentment thus stirring a feeling of happiness. Needless to say, this turns seeking happiness into an essential need on the part of individuals and society alike.
- Happiness reinforces the emergence of human interrelations which, in return, form an important source of happiness. What is more, causes of happiness intersect in all aspects with the elements of effective communication between human beings.

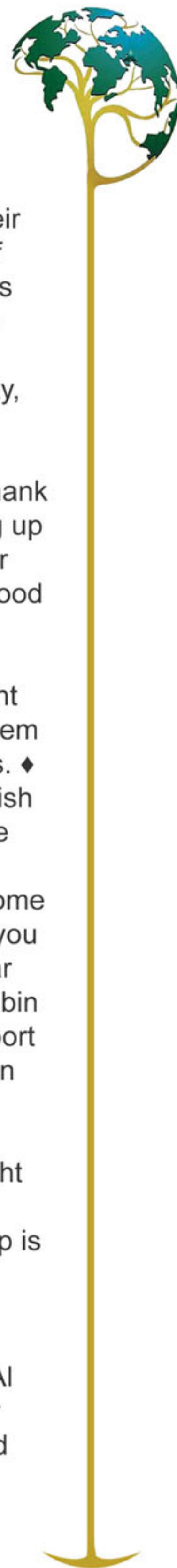




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- Happiness is the ideal, most ultimate goal of social inclinations.
- Happiness breeds positive emotions in the individual. It does so by improving the individual's capacity for excitement in terms of feeling joy, pleasure, tranquility, psychological stability and eventually it improves the individual's health, increases his productivity at work, and encourages love for sport and communicating with society.
- ♦ We focus on happiness because it is a linguistic and literary need:
  - Language is in essence a matter of taste, passion and feeling inside man, in man's heart and conscience. We cannot define language in the same way we define one of the hard sciences. This truth applies to happiness in the same way; happiness cannot be mapped by limits and definitions as exemplified by the following:
    - In Arabic poetry happiness is making sacrifice in quest for a great dream. Aboul-Qacem Echebbi tells us: "Worldly happiness is merely a dream, a faraway dream for whose sake nations offer sacrifices". In the same vein, Hani Al Sulaiman says: "Sacrifice is the essence of chivalry; it creates happiness among mankind".
  - ♦ We focus on happiness because it is strongly linked to all aspects of life. This is so much so that it has become a major indicator of success in the fields of economy, health, security and social relations. Therefore, psychologists and economic experts have linked happiness indicators to social issues and problematical tasks such as marriage and rearing children. (1) Here we have a number of questions to be answered. First: Why do we have to make the UAE leadership happy? ♦ A simple and direct answer to this is 'we have to make the UAE leadership happy because this leadership has established a ministry to make us happy. In view of gracious morals and expressing feelings of happiness, it has become imperative to the ambassadors of gratitude and happiness to compile 'happiness registers' in order to imbue the leadership with happiness and make it the happiest leadership in the Arab World and in the world at large. ♦ We have to make the leadership happy in order to return its favors because:
    - It is in the nature of good souls to acknowledge favors and seek to reward do-gooders in a greater measure: "Is there any Reward for Good - other than Good?" (The Holy Qur'an: Chapter 55, verse 60). The Arab poet Abu at-Tayyib al-Mutanabbi tells us that "everyone who gives favors to others is loveable and any place where one finds dignity is a blessed place". In his book The Unique Necklace (al-'Iqd al-Farīd), Ibn Abd Rabbih says: "If a Sultan gives you bounteously, you have to increase your respect to him. If he treats you like a son, you have to treat him like a master. If he treats you like a brother, you have to treat him like a father".<sup>2</sup>





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We have to make the leadership happy to reap the fruits of performing their duty. As a matter of fact, we will be the first beneficiaries of this process of heartening our wise leadership. This is so because in addition to feeling as though we are performing our duty towards our leadership, we will realize that we are at the same time reaping the fruits of our actions which are reflected in an engulfing hearty happiness: "When a man performs his duty, he feels happy and heart-free"

Second: How do we make the UAE leadership happy? ♦We make the leadership happy by being thankful and appreciative: "He who does not thank people does not thank Allah". ♦We make the leadership happy by bringing up our children in a manner that teaches them to return favors. If we want our children to learn to acknowledge and return favors since their early childhood and repay benevolence in kind, we must behave in a similar manner with others. A child observes every word we utter and everything we do and, therefore, we have to express our thanks to those who do us favors in front of them and talk of those who have treated us kindly in order to instill in them gratitude and accustom them to responding to good deeds by good deeds. ♦ We make our leadership happy by expressing our love to them and our wish to make it the happiest leadership in the world because it has made us the happiest nation- 'rewards depend on the kind of deed'. ♦We make the leadership happy by supplication, sincere advice and wishing it good. • Some scholars say, "If you hear a man expressing an invocation for the Sultan, you have to know that he will perpetuate a norm if God wills". • Another scholar said, "If my call will be answered, I will call for the Sultan". • Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal said, "By day and night I call for the success, pertinence and support of the Sultan because this is my duty". • Among the benefits of supplication for the guardian is that it constitutes an approval of the principle of compliance and obedience. If the ruler knows that his subjects offer supplication to him, he will be pleased and show his love to them and might supplicate for them in response.

♦ We make the leadership happy by honoring the leaders. If the leadership is honored, this will increase its concern with taking care of the people and being generous to them.

♦We make the leadership happy by meeting great challenges with determination and resolve. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum says in one of his quotes: "An easy life does not make men, nor does it build nations. Challenges make men, and it is these men who build nations."





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His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan said in the 2015 Third Government Summit, "The new generation should be aware of the suffering of their ancestors. This awareness will provide them with drive, firmness and solidity in order to complete the epic task of construction and development initiated by our fathers and ancestors." This is an express call to meet challenges and difficulties with determination, patience and sincerity in order to live a dignified, happy life whose foundations have been laid down by our Emirati leadership. It is imperative to equal the good will showed by the leadership and to preserve these monumental constructive efforts in order to perpetuate our happiness. ♦We make the leadership happy by overcoming the obstacles standing in the face of action and ambition. In this respect His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum says, "The largest prison a man can lock himself up in is the prison that stops him from movement, practicing life and making great achievements".

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan said in the 2015 Third Government Summit, "A distinguished government treats its citizens as a national asset. State-building doesn't only depend on governments, but also on every citizen and resident in this blessed land". The participation of citizens and residents is embodied in life practices, in exerting efforts in the achievements being made and in preserving these achievements. This participation is rooted in a very telling fact- taking the citizen to be human capital invested by the leadership and that the profit to be earned from investing in this human capital will come in the form of contribution to, and effective participation in, the national enterprise. All these taken together will contribute to making the leadership feel happy, proud and prestigious.

♦We make the leadership happy by the preservation of our environment. ♦We make the leadership happy by becoming an example to be emulated in achievements, actions and selfless giving. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum says in one of his quotes, "If you want to realize achievements make use of every minute of your life, continue to work, think, innovate and enjoy every minute and you will actualize achievements on the plane of reality". ♦We make the leadership happy by continuing the march of development without stopping or resting, by progressing from one success to another. ♦We make the leadership happy by confirming the fruits yielded by the happiness





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conferred on us by this very leadership. When one sees that the fruits of his work have realized one's goals, this in itself is a source of happiness. In this regard a thinker says, "One of the most important things that brings deep satisfaction and pure joy is to do something gracious to some people and make them happy by doing this".<sup>4</sup> The UAE leadership acts in the same way; it has performed gracious things for its citizens and residents and made them happy. Therefore, it deservedly feels deep satisfaction and pure joy. This is utmost happiness as it borders on both the happiness of the source and the happiness of the target audience, reciprocal happiness. It is only right to make this leadership feel this by expressing it.

◆We make the leadership happy by being keen on its interest and those of the homeland and by not allowing others to undermine its designs and taking its enemies to be our enemies.

◆We make the leadership happy by being devoted to, and sincere in, our actions and worthy of the good will it harbors for us.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan said, "We call on citizens to devote themselves to serving this country, shoulder complete responsibility and exert double effort for the good of the homeland and its people". Nikos Kazantzakis tells us, "Happiness is doing your duty, and the harder the duty the greater the happiness". ◆We make the leadership happy by our unity, cooperation and affinity, by strengthening our solidarity and standing up against its enemies. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan said in the 2015 Third Government Summit, "The solidarity of our society is our real wealth and our means of continuing the march of prosperity".

The poet Jamil Siddiqi Zahawi maintains that happiness consists in getting what we desire and distancing ourselves from those who want to harm us.

◆We make the leadership happy by loving good for our country and facing against those who harbor ill intentions and aberrant inclinations and want to harm it, whether they be inside and outside the state

◆We make the leadership happy by maintaining respect of law and constantly seeing to ensure that regulations and bylaws are applied





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◆We make the leadership happy by being diligent with regards to developing our experiences, capabilities and maintaining devotion in the tasks set before us, the jobs we do and continuing to succeed. By doing this we will always achieve excellence and this will make the leadership happy. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan said, “Our fathers have contributed to building this homeland and it is our duty to continue building for the coming generations so that the march of our ancestors continues. We have to benefit from all expertise and experiences and borrow from them what benefits us, what we need in conformance to our tradition and Arabian ideals”.

◆We make the leadership happy by disclosing to it that we are proud of it and thus make it smile. The thinker Randal says, “Put a smile on your face and you will reap happiness in the hearts of people”.

◆We make the leadership happy by writing to it of our love, our admiration of its efforts and of our duty to return its favor without seeking any gains. This is best expressed by signing the register of happiness which is compiled to make the leadership feel happy.

◆We make the leadership happy by continuing the programs of happiness and promoting a culture of happiness through ‘Majalis: the Schools of the Wise Man of the Arabs’, ‘the happiest nation and the sweetest smile’ program, signing the register of ‘happiness to make the leadership happy’, giving presents and authoring books on making leaders and nations happy as this book- ‘The Vision of Al Tawasol International Initiator: Making leaderships and Nations Happy’- attempts to do. ◆We make the leadership happy by setting all media channels the task of posing the issue of making leaderships and nations happy to discussion and promoting the culture associated with this issue inside and outside the state.





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### **Chapter Two: How to Imbue Unhappy Leaders and Nations with Happiness?**

#### **First Treatise:**

#### **Leaders Who Have Made Their Nations Happy and Have Been Repaid by Ingratitude**

The World Happiness Report 2017 was released by the Earth Institute, Columbia University under the supervision of the United Nations. This coincided with the world celebration of the International Day of Happiness. The top ten places were occupied by Norway, Denmark (one rank down), Iceland, Switzerland, Finland, Holland, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Sweden.

In ranking the happiest countries in the world, the report on happiness relies on the findings reached by the global survey conducted by Gallup Institute, which focuses on one question put to the respondents. The question is on how the respondents rate their quality of life on a scale of 0-10. Zero expresses dissatisfaction with the standard of living whereas ten expresses utter contentment with the standard of living.

If the countries mentioned above have occupied the top ranks as regards making their people happy among 155 states surveyed by the World Happiness Report, the leaderships of these countries should feel enraptured for performing their tasks and enjoy psycho-emotional stability. However, there is something missing and deserved by these leaderships here- the returning of favors by the people of these leaderships. The leaderships of these people should find appreciation, gratitude and evaluation of the efforts they have exerted in making their citizens happy. This act of gratitude takes the form of returning favors by people possessed of sound souls; it gives the leaderships moral support and points to the importance of the role they have played and that the efforts they have exerted have had repercussions within citizens who love their homelands and leaders. Moreover, this act promotes a culture of happiness and stirs a spirit of enduring enthusiasm in the people and the leaders alike. All this will result in the promotion of happiness and will be met by a reaction pregnant with numerous benefits to be reaped by the leaderships and their people





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These benefits comprise a secure, stable life in which a spirit of understanding, love, sincerity and cooperation prevail.

Perhaps the fact that most nations do not accord attention to making their leaderships happy in return to the favors done by these leaderships derives from a number of truths.

A flaw in the curricula of national education or what is called 'Civics' in the jargon of pedagogy. If young people are not taught since early childhood lessons pertinent to goals, objectives, mission, vision, gratitude, sense of belonging and a culture of returning favors and adhering to tolerance, they will grow up without a positive legacy to fall back on. The lack of such a legacy will breed certain convictions and customs whose hallmark is that what the fathers, teachers, educational institutions in general and the leaderships do in pursuit of making them happy is a right which they are not obliged to meet with gratitude. When this becomes reality, the only remedy to this phenomenon is to rehabilitate nations, individuals and groups in order to integrate them in a culture of happiness and tolerance in conformance to the requirements of a fair position predicated on the acts of giving and taking, integration and gratitude. This will be addressed below.

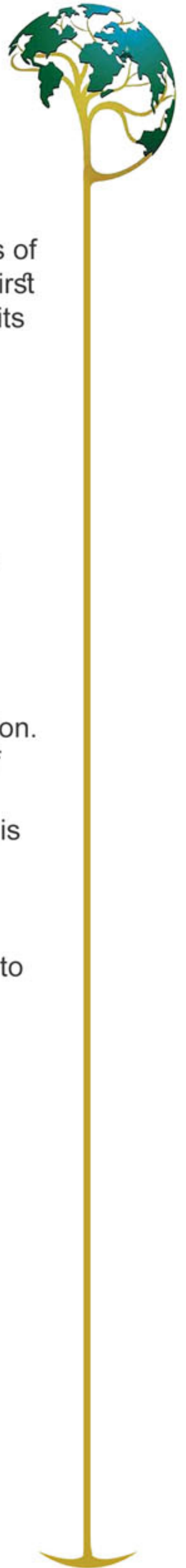
The lack of enlightening, educative programs, debates, and conferences which combine theorization, practice and application to make nations aware of the role played by their leaderships.

The fact that this phenomenon has become a tangible reality and the fact that nations made happy by their leaders continue to disregard returning favors to the leaderships that have made them happy prompt one to present clear-cut solutions, mechanisms and means. This derives from our concern with communication and our specialization in programs devoted to making leaderships and people happy. We at 'Al Tawasol International Tent' are prepared to apply these programs to any nation in collaboration with its leadership if it so wishes and facilitate our work in dealing with the people. This kind of work involves reformulating the way people view happiness in order to make them adopt a new, positive dual view bringing together a leadership that has made its people happy and a nation aspiring to imbue its leadership with happiness.

This task requires a number of predisposing factors which must be taken into consideration as detailed below.



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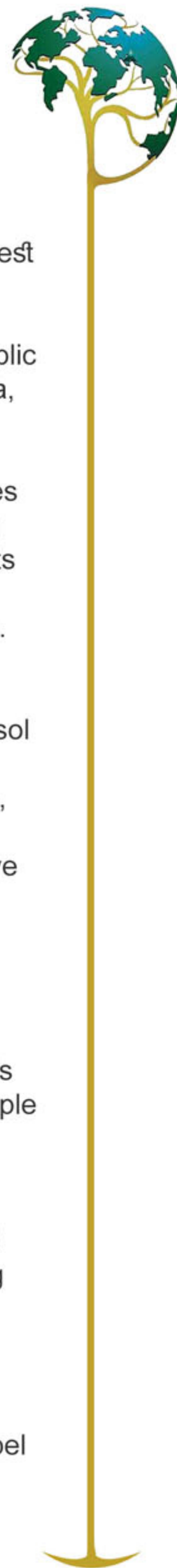


According attention to rearing up the young from the very beginning according to awareness-oriented directives, instilling in them the principles of happiness and imbuing others with happiness. This begins from the very first reaction of a suckling child to the way its mother holds it to her bosom, or its father playing with it as an experience in a culture of happiness. These preliminary lessons progress gradually to complex experiences from the tangible to the intangible. The best educator in this progress is a good example.

Organizing lectures, debates, conferences, training and consultation sessions to enlighten people as to the way they should make their leaderships happy in return for the happiness conferred on them by these leaderships. This involves informing and convincing these people of the fact that their happiness will never be complete unless they return the favors of their leaderships, because the connection between the people and their leaderships is a symbol of nationalism and the secret of personal happiness, solidarity and cooperation. The best way of making people aware and convinced of the importance of making their leaderships happy is to speak to them about real happiness programs whose effects form part of their surrounding reality and lives. This negates the practice of speaking of future programs or weak initiatives launched by the leaderships.

Actions predicated on 1-3 above are sufficient in themselves to enlighten nations as to making their leaderships happy in return for the favors done to them by these leaderships. Viewed from the perspective of 'Al Tawasol International Tent', such actions rely on a program whose motto is "the happiness of a nation derives from making the leadership happy".





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### **Second Treatise: Leaders and Nations That Need Happiness**

The World Happiness Report 2017 revealed ten countries to be the happiest nations in the world amongst the 155 countries surveyed. The report also revealed the ten least happy nations in the world. These least happy countries came in the following sequence in descending order: The Republic of Central Africa, Burundi, Tanzania, Syria, Rwanda, Togo, Guinea, Liberia, South Sudan and Yemen.

A quick look at this list will show the international causes that made these countries drop to the lowest ranks of world happiness levels. These causes comprise poverty, wide-spread corruption in several sectors, conflicts and wars. It is worth mentioning here that the World Happiness report based its ranking on six factors – levels of GDP, life expectancy, generosity, social support, freedom, and corruption in the government and business sectors.

As the people of these countries do not live up to an appropriate level of happiness, it is beside the point to talk of these people making happy.

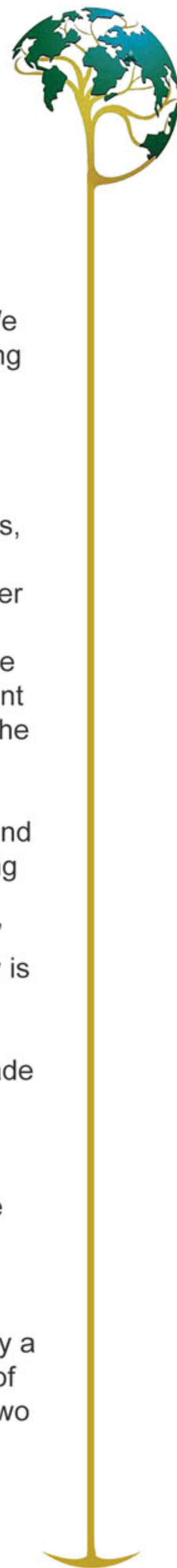
In summation I would like to mention the precepts of our work at 'Al Tawasol International Tent'. It goes without saying that we are deeply interested in communicating with leaderships and nations irrespective of race, tradition, religion or country. We communicate nations via 'Al Tawasol' centers and ambassadors of gratitude and happiness. By virtue of the fact that we have a message to deliver through positive international communication and a culture of happiness and of promoting tolerance and gratitude, we have a mission, vision, goals, mechanisms and relationships that enable us to contribute to the process of making leaderships and nations happy. This applies both ways- to leaderships that have made their people happy but are met by a non-reciprocal, lacking culture that does not seek to imbue its leadership with happiness, or to leaderships that have not made their people happy and nations that have never had a taste of happiness. Our mechanisms and methods in this quest include:

A team of experts, who conduct training and consultation sessions, give lectures and hold debates and conferences in several fields including, but not limited to, crisis management, strategic planning and the art of dealing with others.

A group of ambassadors of gratitude and happiness ready to spread and promote a culture of happiness in countries which demand disseminating this culture.

A large network of relations with businessmen and investors ready to propel the wheel of happiness programs in countries that require this in conformance with the priorities and preparedness of each country.





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We open the door to select experts, businessmen and ambassadors of gratitude and happiness from every country to function as local teams bringing together leaderships and nations and preserving, disseminating and continuing the programs of happiness in their respective countries. We combine our efforts with those of local teams which we consider as building blocks of 'Al Tawasol Tents' and its representatives.

### Book Summary

This book tackles the vision of 'Al Tawasol International' initiator as to making 'leaderships and nations happy'. The book consists of two sections, four chapters and four treatises.

The first section is titled 'Chronicles of Al Tawasol Phases'. The first chapter of this section deals with 'Pre Al Tawasol-International Tent' and it functionally defines the ideas of 'Al Tawasol International Tent' initiator. The second chapter deals with 'Post Foundation of Al Tawasol International Tent Until the end of 2017' and it realistically portrays the idea of 'Al Tawasol', the dreams attached to this idea and the efforts exerted by tawasol initiator in the previous phases. The idea first established itself in the UAE; then it spread its roots in many countries. It is now spreading all over the world and bringing with it programs of positive communication to make both the ruling and the ruled feel happy.

The second section of the book deals with 'The Philosophy of 'Al Tawasol' initiator as regards the happiness of leaders and nations'. This philosophy is divided into three parts:

Leaderships that have made their people happy

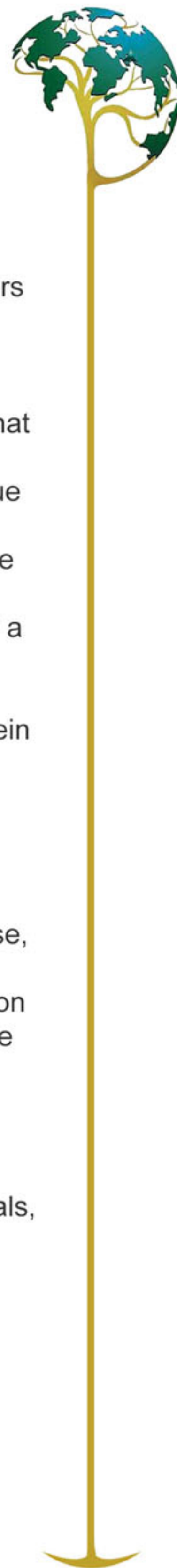
Leaderships that have made their people happy and people who have made their leaderships happy

Leaderships and nations that have not had a taste of happiness

The first part consists of the happiest countries in the world including the UAE; the second part consists of and is restricted to the UAE whereas the third part consists of the least happy countries in the world.

This tri-partition is discussed in two chapters and four treatises. The first chapter deals with 'The Happiness of Leaders Who Have Achieved the Happiness of their Nations' (The UAE as an example) and is introduced by a prelude which finds justification for beginning with making the leadership of the UAE happy to the exclusion of other leaderships. This is followed by two detailed treatises. The first of which deals with 'How the UAE Leadership Has Made the Nation Happy?' whereas





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the second deals with 'Why and How do we Make the UAE Leadership Happy?'

The final chapter in this section deals with 'How to Imbue Unhappy Leaders and Nations with Happiness?' The first treatise in this chapter deals with 'Leaders who have made their nations happy and have been repaid by ingratitude'. These nations include the top ten countries in the World Happiness Report. The second treatise deals with 'Leaders and nations that need happiness'.

It is hoped that in its limited scheme this book has seriously posed an issue worthy of discussion and expressed an explicit invitation to promote a culture of imbuing leaderships and nations with happiness. The book is the product of extensive communication with an elite group of thinkers, innovators, authors and writers. It is due to be followed up in the future by a book on 'the model of the way Emirati people imbue their leadership with happiness'.

It is hoped that this book will motivate thinkers, writers and authors to unrein their ideas, writings and publications to tackle a number of issues associated with the subject of this book such as 'The best methods of disseminating the culture of making leaderships and nations happy' and 'making nations happy to lay the foundations of making the leaderships happy'. To my thinking, we cannot conceive of a renaissance without a leadership and a nation that reciprocally make each other happy. Of course, there are other issues that invite ideas, minds and books to compete and add to the invaluable literature of intellectual circles that attract the attention of the present generations and leave behind a legacy to be followed by the coming generations.

'Al Tawasol International Tent' presents us with a positive precedent as it functions in the capacity of a point of departure, a coordinator, a frame of reference and a platform for all issues and proposals with respect to the culture of happiness without recourse to the differences between individuals, groups or milieus as long as they all serve beneficial communication.





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**Notes:** 1. 'The Surprising Science of Happiness', a lecture by Professor Daniel Gilbert, Professor of Psychology at Harvard University. 2. Ibn Abd Rabbih, al-'Iqd al-Farīd (The Unique Necklace), Vol. 1, p. 147. 3. See, James Allen, Foundation Stones to Happiness and Success, p. 147 (Arabic translation). 4. Dale Carnegie, How to Win Friends and Influence People, p. 147 (Arabic translation)

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