

my friend, but I am pleased to be associated with someone so fluent in Arabic and keen to learn its vocabulary as much as they study English. I feel sorry for this generation who have begun to lose interest in our language and its vocabulary and have stopped learning it. Even some Arabs find it difficult to read and write Arabic because they studied in foreign schools, or more unfortunately, in government schools with poor curriculum. I pity them when I remember the schools and curriculum of our day. Where is *The Story of Ibn Zaydun and Wallada* and *Telephone from Andalusia* by the author Ali Al Jaram? Where is the *Genius of Omar* and *Genius of Khaled* by the writer Abbas Al Aqqad? Where are all the many other beautiful novels which were in our intermediate and secondary curricula? I ask the Ministry of Education, why are our current education standards so low? Do you believe you will raise from this generation someone like the poet Abdullah Al Faraj, Fahad Al Askar, or my friend Muthanna Al Hamad? You do not need to answer this. As they say, "What's bred in the bone will be borne out in the flesh." This generation has lost its way because of your decisions.

I conclude my article with a kind request to my banker friend. Your society should have the privilege to learn from your knowledge. You have to write about your scientific, literary and banking experience. I always learn something new from you, but I promise you, someday I will find a piece of language or history that you are not familiar with.

Just be patient.