

## The Failure of Arab Enlightenment

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### Abstract

Enlightenment breaks down the darkness of our world, and it's an announcement to the hidden truth behind the false masks to transfer the truth into a tool that faces the world . Therefore enlightenment always passes itself because it's a theoretical possession for reality and a matter of criticism to the mind and it always practices the mission of clearing the darkness of both reality and thinking .

Enlightenment had occupied a main position in the ideological process of enlightening that distinguished the renaissance period of the 19<sup>th</sup> century .

The lighters aimed to publish education, scientific and technical knowledge, and they thought that enlightenment was the motivation of the social progress .

Arab enlightening thought had been astonished by the image of Europe and they dreamed about ( gaining its soul )to the Arab world , and by the European way in a complex and confused method they began to liberate themselves from the Ottoman domination and to face the European occupation , then they dreamed with an active Arab nationality, so they put a series of sentences to correspond their aim, but the Arab

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reality which was full of ignorance and backwardness was against their ability in achieving their ambitions .

We should not ignore the efforts of these lighters which they made to rise up with the Arab reality with all its weak points , but it's very important to look at these efforts according to their historical background , and it's illogical to judge on the initial experience of the Arab enlightenment with failure while it wasn't clear or completed and it didn't continue because the efforts were semi- individual so the lighters didn't compose a constant current that focuses on the production of a new knowledge depends on philosophical directions .

So the shared point between most of them is the influence of the European education especially the French one then the philosophy of the European enlightenment , but they didn't contradict knowledge that leads to a deep criticism for the educational inheritance and its weak points .