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## Editorial

We feel pleasure to publish the tenth issue of our journal, *Insight Islamicus*. We started this academic journey 10 years back and since then it attracted a variety of scholars and academia for including their contributions in it. It covers a wide range of themes relating to Islam and Muslims viz. history, philosophy, mysticism, religious sciences, jurisprudence, social sciences, contemporary trends/issues and area studies (Central, South and West Asia). Ours is the attempt to improve the academic as well as printing quality of the journal and provide a forum to the scholars across the country and abroad, in the discipline, for disseminating their knowledge and insights about the issues of vital academic and social significance.

The present issue begins with the article of Prof. G. R. Malik on the Qur'anic vision of Mawlana Azad. It introduces the Mawlana's concern with reformist activity and the Qur'anic studies and explains his emphasis on simple and pure interpretation of the Qur'anic verses without overshadowing it by unnecessary philosophies. The essay, in its last part, highlights the universal teachings of the Qur'an as viewed by Azad in a cogent and eloquent way. The article of Prof. Naseem Ahmad Shah deals with the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century Turkmen literature. Its first part treats the evolution of Turkmen language in an historical perspective and makes an analytical survey of some prominent *Mathnawi* poets of this period, highlighting their literary features. In this section we have another article from Prof. Hamid Naseem Rafiabadi on Khwaja Mu'in-ud-

Din Chisti. It provides an interesting description of the Khwaja's mystic journey and mission and discusses at length the teachings and impact of this sufi-saint of the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

In the next part of the journal we have three papers. The first is from Dr. Abdul Rashid Bhat that treats Islamic resurgence. While explaining Islamic resurgence as 'the active return and growth of Islam in the changing times', Dr. Bhat discusses critically its contemporary challenges and prospects. It is followed by the article of Davut Orazsahedov which provides a descriptive survey of Muhammad Avfi's works written in India. The last article of the section on mystic thought of Shaikh Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani, is authored by Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat. While introducing the nature of the speeches of the Shaikh, Dr. Bhat discusses analytically the important themes of his mystic thought touching upon *Tawhid*, love of humanity, spiritual struggle, worldliness and love of Allah in it.

The last part of the journal includes the articles of Dr. Naseem Gul Dar, Dr. Mehboobah Akhter and the one jointly authored by Prof. Imamul Haque and Fayaz Ahmad Lone. Dr. Dar touches upon faith-based dialogue in Islam and discusses its basic principles, substantiating his views through the Qur'an and Islamic history. Dr. Mehboobah's article is on nationalism and Allama Iqbal. It treats the description of nationalism in its western context, its emergence as a powerful political ideology and discusses its refutation by Allama Iqbal. The last article of this section deals with a vital issue of our country's banking system that has not yet introduced Islamic banking products in it as compared to the banks of other South Asian countries. The authors make a descriptive

survey of the various Islamic banks of these countries and explore the viability of its operation of the system in the country.

The issue closes with Prof. N.A. Baba's brief yet insightful essay on global challenges to international peace and reconciliation. It describes the occurrence of conflicts as a natural phenomenon in the development of societies and civilizations and emphasizes that finding their objective causes is a must for mutual understanding and reconciliation. In the context of the present 'violence' and 'resistance' in Muslim countries as well as in other quarters of the world, the author highlights the relevance of Islamic traditions of tolerance and love which, in their true spirit, can build durable peace and reconciliation.

We express our deep sorrow over the death of Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Ghazi who passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at the age of sixty. Dr. Ghazi was a renowned Islamic scholar of contemporary times. He served as a Reader in Islamic Research Institute, Pakistan and then Director General, Dawah Academy, Islamabad and finally as President of International Islamic University, Islamabad. He has made an outstanding contribution to Islamic Studies particularly in the Shari'ah sciences. His series of *mahadrat* (lectures), now in published form, serve as basic treatise on Islamic sciences. In his death the world of Islamic scholarship suffers a great loss. May Allah (SWT) shower His Mercy upon the departed soul.

We consider it our special duty to thank Vice Chancellor Prof. Riyaz Punjabi and Prof. S. Fayaz Ahmad, the Registrar of the University for providing us with publication grant and encouraging us in bringing out this journal successfully.



We also express our deep gratitude to the contributors whose articles are included in this issue of the journal. We also look forward for contributions and feedback from scholars, intellectuals and researchers in the discipline and allied subjects, across the country and abroad.

Last but not the least, much credit goes to our faculty members particularly our Research Fellows, Mr. Waseem Yousuf Khan and Mr. Irshad Ahmad who took pains in composing the early draft of the journal and also extended their assistance in many other ways to expedite its publication.

*Editors*