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Editorial

We feel pleasure to publish our fifteenth issue of the institute journal, *Insight Islamicus*. It is devoted to studies and research in Islam and publishes scholarly articles on the diverse themes of Islamic studies in an inter-disciplinary manner.

This issue has three sections. The first section begins with an essay of Prof. G.R. Malik on Iqbal's *Javid Nameh*. The essay makes a comprehensive introduction of Iqbal's thought as depicted in his poetical works and elaborates critically in its next part the technique and key contents of *Javid Nameh*. Prof. Malik discusses this great work of Iqbal in the context of Ibn Arabi's *Futuhat-i-Makkiyyah* and Dante's *Divine Comedy* and highlights broad humanitarian vision of the poet, expressed exquisitely in this masterpiece. Next article is from Abdul Rashid Bhat on human psyche in Islam. It provides an analysis of the concept of human psyche in the Western and the Islamic traditions and touches upon the basic features of the Islamic psyche like breathing of divine spirit in man, consciousness of good and evil and human heart's (*qalb*) super sensory nature and these lead man to develop a balanced personality as well as society. We have also a paper from Dr. Abdul Majid Khan on the unity of Muslims. It discusses the significance of the unity among the Muslims in the context of the contribution of Syed Ali Naqi Naqvi, a prolific Shia scholar of modern times. By referring to various verses of the Quran on unity, Dr. Khan underscores Naqi's views on Shia-Sunni unity describing them of crucial significance, particularly in this era of crisis.

In the second section, the paper of Dr. Nazir Ahmad Zargar treats the theme of administration of justice during the period of Hazrat Uthman (RA), the fourth *Khalifah* of Islam and discusses the inconsistencies found in some allegations levelled against the *Khalifah*, in historical perspective. According to the author allegations against him (Uthman) are either more due to the biases or wrong evaluation of history. The paper is substantiated with historical sources on the subject. The other paper is from Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat that treats Arts students' attitude towards information technology vis-à-vis Islamic education. The author first introduces importance of knowledge in Islam and it is followed by the discussion on Arts students' use of online Islamic literature and the paper follows quantitative method of the study. In his results the author shows that almost 37% students in the subject access to such websites of Islam in a routine way. Dr. Bhat further suggests that their use can not only provide Islamic knowledge and education to such students but also remove misgivings about Islam. The last paper of the section is from Mr. Burhan Rashid on *Maulānā Aṣḥraf Ali Thānavī's Bayan al-Qur'an*. It discusses some important characteristics of this exegesis of the leading Islamic scholar of twentieth

century India and makes a good elaboration of *raḥt* and *naẓm* and reconciliation between *tafsīr* traditions in it.

In the last section, we have three papers on the important issues like dialogue, *maqasid al-Sharī'ah* and the Marxist economy. Mr. Mehraj-ud-Din Bhat in his article on Bediuzzaman Nursi, an influential Islamic scholar of modern Turkey, discusses his historical milieu and views on dialogue in the light of his *Risala-e-Nūr*. It is followed by Ishfaq Amin's paper on *maqasid al-Sharī'ah* and it analyses the meaning of *Sharī'ah* and *maqasid al-Sharī'ah* in the context of the definition of prominent legal Muslim scholars. The paper also makes an interesting elaboration of the typologies of the *maqasid* and its evolution as a viable Islamic legal philosophy. The present issue closes with the paper contributed jointly by Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat and Mohammad Lateef Khan on Marxist economy. The paper at the outset discusses Marxist concept of economy touching upon 'surplus value', 'end of capitalism', 'historical materialism' and other materialistic themes and in its next part provides a review of Baqir al-Sadr's critique of Marxist economy in the light of his renowned work, *Iqtisaduna* (Our Economics). This paper is likely to be concluded in the next issue of this Journal.

During this year (2015) we lost some luminaries in the field of Islamic Studies. Among them Dr. Wahaba Mustafa al-Zuhayli and Dr. Ausaf Ahmad are of special mention. Sheikh al-Zuhayli, who died on 18th August, 2015 was a Syrian Islamic scholar who contributed to Islamic Studies particularly Islamic legal philosophy extensively. He served in the college of *Shariah* at Damascus University and wrote scores of books touching the important themes of Islamic Jurisprudence. Among them include *Athar al-Harbi al-Fiqh al-Islam*, *Al-Fiqh al-Islam wa al-Adilah*, *Usul al-Fiqh Islam*, *International Relations in Islam* and *Financed Transactions in Islamic Jurisprudence*. Apart from exploring many areas of Islamic jurisprudence and Law, Prof. Zuhayli's insights into the subject removes many misunderstandings about Islam which generally are outcome of the western perceptions.

Dr. Ausaf Ahmad, who died on 22nd Jan, 2015 in Delhi was a renowned Muslim economist of India. He studied Economics at Lucknow and JNU, Delhi and then had his PhD from Northern Illinois University, Illinois, USA in 1977. He served at Aligarh Muslim University, University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia, Dehli. He also joined research institute of Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah and served there for about twenty years. Finally he joined Institute of Objective Studies, Dehli in 2005 and served in this institute till his death. During this long period of his career, Dr. Ausaf contributed distinctively to teaching, research and social activities. He wrote scores of papers and

several books on Islamic economics and finance. Among them include *Challenges Facing Islamic Banking: Structure of Deposits in Selected Islamic Banks*, *Towards Islamic Financial Market* and *Islami Ma'ashiyat aur Bankkari*. He equally wrote in Urdu and rendered many special themes of Islamic finance in this language as well. He is generally considered a luminary of that line of modern Muslim economists to which scholars like Maulana Abul Ala Maududi, Dr. Iqbal Anwar Quareshi, F. R. Faridi, Dr. Muhammad Akram Khan, Prof. Khurshid Ahmad, Umar Chapra and Dr. Muhammad Najatullah Siddiqui belong. The development of Islamic economics, research and education in the present times thus owes much to the endeavors of Dr. Ausaf, and his commitment to the pursuit will be always remembered by the future economists. We express our deep sorrow over the death of both these distinguished scholars of Islam. We pray to Allah (SWT) to bless the souls of these deceased scholars with His Mercy.

In the end we express our special thanks to the authors who contributed to this journal. In fact it is the scholarly endeavour of such scholars that always makes additions to scholarship in the field. Last but not least we are grateful to Ms. Sabiya, Research Assistant, of the institute and Mr. Burhan Rashid, Contractual Lecturer of the institute for their technical assistance in the printing of the journal.

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