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Editorial

We are publishing the nineteenth issue of our journal *Insight Islamicus*. In this volume we have a total of fifteen research papers and articles related to various themes of Islamic knowledge, traditional as well as modern. The major themes touched over in this issue include: Quranic sciences, Contribution of some prominent scholars to the sciences of Hadith, Mysticism (*Taşawwuf*), Ethics, Social issues, Contemporary environmental problems and their solutions, Contribution of women scholars to the various fields of Islamic knowledge, Human rights, Social equality and Social justice.

All the papers included in this issue are highly valuable and profusely informative. However, some of them distinctively touch topics of crucial importance. Dr. Burhan Rashid discusses some aspects of *balāghah* of the Quranic *āyāt* (verses) as explained by two prominent commentators of the Quran; Maulānā Aşhrāf ‘Alī Thānavī and ‘Allāmah Maḥmūd Al-Ālūsī. This paper extends upto twenty four pages as it includes many citations from the Quran along with their linguistic excellences as explained by these two great scholars. The paper is very important as very less is written on this topic in English language. Dr. Nasir Nabi’s paper is much informative in which the author discusses the efforts made by Muslim scholars in developing a unique Islamic economic philosophy with answers to the contemporary economic problems in conformity with the general principles of Islamic sharī‘ah. The aim of this paper, especially, is to highlight the role of Muslim women scholars in the development of modern Islamic economic thought. He names some Muslim women scholars and highlights their efforts in the development of Islamic economics and finances in the contemporary times.

There are other papers included in this issue which discuss the Islamic perspective of economy and finance, e.g., the papers of Dr. Naveed Ahmad Lone, Dr. Yousfi Karima and Mr. M.A Mir.

One important paper included in this issue is of Dr. Zubair Zafar Khan which discusses the development in various field in the Muslim Majority Counties (MMCs). This paper is very informative and covers various aspects of the development in an analytical and critical manner along with the statistical tables and graphs. This paper is spread over twenty nine pages. Another important paper is of Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Shah which is much relevant in a time when environmental problems are reverberated and their solutions discussed all over the world. The author in it addresses the contemporary environmental issues; their major causes and effects. The author, at first, discusses the importance given by the Quran and the Sunnah to keeping the environment pure and clean. He cites texts from the Quran and Hadith to show the great emphasis laid by them on conserving the natural resources, planting more and more trees, giving currency to the greenery of the surroundings, caring well for animals and giving them just treatment, recycling the waste, etc. Then he discusses the crises the environment of the contemporary times is facing along with their solutions in the light of Islamic teachings.

Moreover, highlighting the contribution of some prominent personalities remained the constant concern of the issues of our journal. Following the same trend, three papers of this issue are specific for this topic. Dr. Meraj Ahmad Meraj discusses the contribution of ‘Allāmah Anwar Shah Kashmīrī, focusing on his services in the field of Hadith sciences. Dr. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani discusses the contribution of Badiuzzaman Said Nursi to the Curriculum Integration. Mohammad Teisir Bin Shah Goolfee discusses Abdelkader El-Djezairi’s reforms in Algeria. The last of these three papers is more technical and systematic and is spread over twenty four pages.

Towards the end, in this volume we have the 2nd part of Prof. Manzoor’s paper *Ethics of Disagreement in Islam: A Historical Perspective*. In this part the author focuses on the differences and *ikhtilāf* among the jurists of 2nd and 3rd centuries

after Hijrah, especially the *ikhtilāf* among the four Imams of schools of Jurisprudence. The author also discusses the causes of these differences under various headings, e.g., linguistic causes, differences over hadith, and differences over jurisprudential methodologies.

In the end we express our sincere gratitude to all those contributors whose papers and articles have been published in this volume. We are also thankful to those who sent their papers and articles to us but because of one or the other reasons we could not include them in this issue. We hope to adjust their papers in the forthcoming issues. We are also hopeful that this humble academic endeavour of ours will encourage the scholars, researchers and intellectuals to delve deeper into the learnings of Islamic sciences and produce valuable material for the promotion of Islamic Studies.

Editors

