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Editorial

We are honored to present the 24th edition of our annual journal, *Insight Islamicus*, dedicated to rigorous studies and research in Islamic Studies. The journal serves as a platform for publishing scholarly research papers, review articles, and book reviews, encompassing diverse interdisciplinary themes within the field. The current issue features five papers authored by scholars specializing in Islamic Studies and other branches of Social Sciences. These contributions delve into pivotal themes of theological, economic, social, and historical significance, reflecting the journal's commitment to fostering in-depth exploration and understanding of multifaceted aspects within the realm of Islamic scholarship.

The volume commences with the article *Price Analysis of Haj Pilgrimage: Expenditure, Subsidies, Inflation, Global Economic Uncertainties and Social Factors Influencing Inclination towards Hajj in India* wherein Quraishi discusses the different factors responsible for Hajj in India. He has comprehensively highlighted all the factors influencing the rise or decline in Hajj applications from 2013 to the present. In the next paper *A Critical Analysis of Tariq Ramadan's Concept of European Muslims* Haider explores the views of Tariq Ramzan regarding the Muslims present in Europe. He has come out with the advices of Ramzan that how the Muslims in Europe shall remain faithful to the teachings of Islam and at the same time integrating in to the Western society. In subsequent paper, *Islamic Studies in Indian Institutes: Nature and future*, Sofi provides an overview of Islamic Studies in Indian Institutes. Sofi has taken some prominent universities of India—from Jammu & Kashmir to Kerala—which offer UG/ PG in Islamic Studies. He has advocates for the growth and development of the subject of Islamic studies and has provided certain suggestions in this regard.

In the next article, *Religion and Modern Mindset*, Akhatar explores the complex relationship between religion and science in contemporary society, emphasizing that the two operate in distinct domains and do not conflict inherently. It critiques the misconception of modernity as exclusively “scientific” and argues that both religion and science have been integral to human development throughout history. In the following article, *The History of Islam in Kashmir: A Special Focus on Sufi Saint Shaikh-ul-Ālam’s Socio-religious Impact on the Kashmir Valley*, Lone and Yasmeenadelves into the rich history of Islam in the Kashmir Valley, focusing on the profound socio-religious impact of the revered Sufi saint Shaikh-ul-Ālam. It traces the early Islamic presence in Kashmir, shaped by figures like Hazrat Bulbul Shah and Hazrat Shah-i-Hamdaan, and explores the unique integration of Islam in the region, distinct from other South Asian experiences often marked by conquest and trade.

In the next paper *Islamic Concept of Religion*, Ashraf Amin discusses the concept and meaning of religion in Islam with references drawn majorly from the Qur’an, the final Word of Allah revealed to Prophet Muḥammad (SAAS). In the concluding paper, *Religious Education between stagnation and dynamism: Case of Job Opportunities for Graduates (Fudhala) of Religious Seminaries (Madaris al Diniyah)*, Azad Hussain analyses the root causes of the problems faced by the graduates of religious seminaries and also recommends appropriate measures in this regard, that will ultimately help the graduates and religious educational tradition to reclaim the lost glory and proper place in modern society.

In summary, the current edition of *Insight Islamicus* delivers a thorough and varied exploration of diverse facets within Islam. The articles offer distinctive insights into contemporary challenges confronting the Muslim world, enriching the wider conversation on Islamic thought and application. We anticipate that these scholarly contributions will be pivotal in perpetuating ongoing dialogues and

inspiring further research in these vital domains. Lastly, we extend our sincere appreciation to all the authors who selected *Insight Islamicus* as the platform for their scholarly endeavors. The constructive feedback from our readers is highly valued, and we eagerly look forward to scholarly contributions for in-depth inquiries into crucial themes within the expansive field of Islamic Studies.

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