

Introduction

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مَنْ حَفِظَ عَلَى أُمَّتِي أَرْبَعِينَ حَدِيثًا يَنْتَفِعُونَ بِهَا بَعَثَهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَقِيهًا عَالِمًا

The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) has said:

Those people from amongst my ummah, who memorise forty traditions pertaining to those issues of religion, which they are in need of, Allah shall resurrect them on the Day of Judgment as jurists and scholars. (Bihar al-Anwar, vol.2, p. 156; Al-Ikhtasaas, p.2)

In following the above hadith, The Islamic Education Board of The World Federation of KSIMC (IEB – WF) has decided to publish a series of booklets of 40 ahadith on different subjects. The ahadith, which have been selected from various sources, are short and simple and therefore easy to understand and memorise. It is envisaged that the booklets will not only be useful for zakireen, madrasah teachers and students, but will be of benefit to the ummah at large.

For this first booklet of the series, the main source of reference was a collection of forty traditions on A'zadari by Agha Jawad Muhaddathi. More ahadith were added to the collection from which the final 40 were selected for publication. The collection of the ahadith, together with their translation in English, was carried out by Shaykh Shahnawaz Mahdavi. IEB – WF would like to thank Agha Muhaddathi and Shaykh Mahdavi for their efforts.

May Allah s.w.t. accept this work as a further attempt by IEB – WF to propagate Islam.