

## The Publisher's Foreword

Allah, the Almighty, has enjoined:

***“Why should not then a company from every party from among them go forth that they may apply themselves to obtain understanding in religion, and that they may warn their people when they come back to them that they may be cautious”. (9: 122)***

The essence of "Obtaining understanding" *Tafaquh* comprises a process of learning and knowledge in religious belief, thought, and Divine legislation.

But if the term "*Fiqh*", Islamic jurisprudence, is restricted to a particular definition not covering the above-mentioned general and expanded meaning, "*Fiqhi*" will be defined appropriately as absolute Islamic jurisprudent and the Divine laws such as: precepts of prayer, marriage, divorce, business, partnership, hiring, inheritance and so forth.

For purpose of organizing the social and devotional life of human beings, Islam calls upon man to the acquiring of understanding and learning of religious and legal precepts to such an extent that he would be able to perform his obligatory duties and protect himself from getting involved in illicit actions.

Thus, education in Islamic jurisprudence became an essential study at schools, colleges, and universities in order to make students comprehend the precepts and laws of Islam so that they would follow accordingly, call the people to carry them out, and teach them properly and wisely.

In response to the practical needs of intermediate and secondary schools, the Department of Translation and Publication undertook the compiling and publication of (*Manhajul Fiqhil Islami*), a text book for teaching at schools. It is in two volumes: the present book concerns the precepts of prayer, a brief discussion on Islamic jurisprudence including references, "*Ijtihad*", independent judgment, "*Taqlid*", following, and the different Islamic schools of thought.

The second volume deals with Islamic rules of transactions and social and civil laws in order to acquaint the students with the fundamental precepts necessary in their daily life. The present book also explains the different viewpoints of Islamic laws existing among the Islamic schools of thought, included in the

foot notes the details not essential for the students to learn but only as additional information.

Material included in this book has been based on authentic Islamic jurisprudence references. We appeal to the Almighty Allah to accept this humble endeavour. We hope that the teachers, professors and learned scholars on this subject who become acquainted with this book make their Valuable observations and viewpoints known to us. And finally all praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

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