

Translator's Foreword

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, and benedictions upon the Messenger of Allah and his Purified Progeny (as). By the Grace of the Almighty, the English translation of *Itmaam-i-Hujjat* is completed on the 18th of Zilhajj (Eid-e-Ghadeer), 1426 A.H.

What could be a better occasion to refute the allegations of the enemies of the followers of Ahlul Bayt (as)!

The author, late Allamah Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi (q.s.) was one of the most competent researchers in the field of religion and polemics. In this book he has applied his dexterity to reply to the baseless but horrifying objections against the Shia religion.

This book covers almost all the major objections that scholars of Ahlul Sunnat and other opponents of Shias aim against Shia beliefs and customs.

Allamah Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi (q.s.) has refuted them in his typical style and quoted extensively from their own books to support his arguments.

I had to exercise great care in translating this book, as the Urdu language is well known for idiomatic subtleties and ironic style. This sometimes makes it almost impossible to render perfectly all the meanings in a different language, but I have tried my best not to stray way from the actual meaning and at the same time to make the book readable to the English reader.

Readers would have to get used to read the words "Rizwan Editor" again and again as the book is addressed to him and in reply to his objections.

Since the English equivalents of Islamic terminology do not convey the exact meaning, I have sometimes used the original Arabic terms with the English meaning in parentheses. However those who are not conversant with Arabic words may refer to the "Glossary of Islamic Terms" at the end of the book.

Lastly I thank my son, Sayed Maqsood for assisting in the translation of this book and typing of the

manuscript. May the Almighty Allah reward him and make his love for languages to serve the cause of the True Religion.

Wassalaam

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