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Publisher's Preface

In The Name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

Ansariyan Publications, publishers of quality Islamic literature in various languages, is pleased to present this book to you which is one of the translated works of our brother, Yasin T. al-Jibouri. We have already published a number of books written or translated by al-Jibouri and are pleased to add this one, too, to the list. The first book written by al-Jibouri which Ansariyan published in 1421 A.H./2000 A.D. was *Fast of the Month of Ramadan: Philosophy and Ahkam* followed by *Allah: The Concept of God in Islam* and *Kerbala and Beyond*. This book is one of his numerous translations.

Our readers often ask us to introduce the authors or translators to them; therefore, instead of repeating ourselves, we would like to refer them to our Publisher's Preface in Uswat al-Arifeen if they wish to read full details about the translator. Here, we would like to give you just a brief idea about him:

Al-Jibouri was born in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1946 and lived most of his life in holy al-Kadhimiyya city. He obtained his B.A. in English on June 30, 1969 from the College of Arts, Baghdad University, and his M.A. in English from (then) Atlanta University (now Clark-Atlanta University), Atlanta, Georgia, on December 20, 1978, and in March of 1988 a Certificate with Honors in Microprocessors and Microcomputers from N.R.I. of Washington, D.C. in addition to three certificates in electronics and programming, including advanced programming, writing more than 100 programs.

He taught English as a second language at high schools in Iraq, a vocational institute in Saudi Arabia, and a University in the U.S. He edited and revised three English translations of the Holy Qur'an: 1) by S.V. Mir Ahmed Ali, 2) by A. Yusuf Ali, and 3) by M.H. Shakir. He also edited several newsletters and magazines, including *Middle East Business Magazine*, a high quality business magazine headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A., of which he became Senior Editor. Among the books he edited are: *Socio-Economic Justice with Particular Reference to Nahjul-Balagha, A Biography of Leaders of Islam* and *Your Kalima and the Savior.*

He is the first person ever to translate works of the martyred economist Imam Ayatullah Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr such as: *Contemporary Man and the Social Problem, A General Outlook at Rituals, The General Bases of Banking in the Muslim Society,* and *What Do You Know About Islamic Economics?*

The second title only is available with the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. He also translated and/or published numerous titles; among them are:

A Biography of Muhammad Bqir al-Sadr, The Form of Islamic Government and Wilyat al-Faqeeh, About the World Political Situation From a Muslim's Viewpoint, Our Faith and *A Biography of Imam al-Rida* by the late Shaikh Muhammad Jawad Fadlallah, in addition to a large number of political tracts, pamphlets, translations, and newsletters.

His translated works include the following:

1) The first four volumes of the series titled *Al-Islam Rislatuna,*
2) *Al-Muraja`t: A Shi`i-Sunni Dialogue*, the first authentic English translation of *Al-Muraja'at* by Imam Sayyid Sharafuddeen Sadrud-Deen al-Musawi,
3) *Al-Shi`a hum Ahl al-Sunnah* by Dr. Muhammad al-Tijani al-Samawi,
4) *Al-Maqtal* (the martyrdom epic of Imam Husain) by Abd al-Razzaq al-Muqarram's book.

He also translated the following titles originally authored in Arabic by Rachad el-Moussaoui: *Best Month, Best Night; The Book of Istikhra; Weapon of the Prophets; Miracles of the Holy Qur'n;* and *The Great Names of Allh* (*Asm' Allh al-Husna*). These titles do not carry the Translator's name, however.

He translated 2 books by the late Grand Ayatullh Muhammed al-Shirazi: 1) *Canon: A Glimpse at the Islamic Law* and 2) *The Pathway to an Islamic Revival*.

He wrote several articles for *Islamic Monitor*, bulletin of the Islamic Research & Information Center.

He has written eight books:

1) Volume One of his autobiography titled *Memoirs of a Shi`a Missionary in America: Two Decades of Da`wah,*
2) *Fast of the Month of Ramadn: Philosophy and Ahkm,*
3) *The Ninety-Nine Attributes of Allh,*
4) *Mary and Jesus in Islam,*
5) *Allh: The Concept of God in* Islam,
6) *Muhammed: The Prophet and Messenger of Allh*,
7) *Ghadir Khumm: Where Islam was Perfected*, and
8) *Kerbala and Beyond*

He was quite active in Islamic Da'wa work in the United States. He founded the Islamic Society of Georgia, Inc. (Atlanta, Georgia) in 1973, the Islamic Revival Movement in 1980, the International Islamic Society of Virginia, Inc. in 1982, and the *Iraq News Monitor* in 1992. Edited *Islamic Affairs* newsletter from January 1974 – June 1989.

On September 3, 2003, he returned to his homeland and resumed living in al-Kadhimiyya where he has

so far translated five books one of which is this title in addition to *Kashf al-Reeba an Ahkam al-Gheeba* by Sheikh Taqi ad-D□n Ibraim son of Ali al-`□mili, *Al-Sir□j: The Lantern* (towards the Path of All□h) by Sheikh Hussain bin Ali bin Sadiq al-Bahr□ni and *The Truth about the Shi'ah Ithna-Asheri Faith* by As'ad Wahid al-Qasim. All these books are available with Ansariyan.

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