

Publisher's Preface

We are pleased to present this book to its readers world-wide and solicit their comments and suggestions not only about this book but about other books by this author. The first book by this author was titled *Fast of the Month of Ramadan: Philosophy and Ahkam*. It was followed by *Allah: The Concept of God by Islam* then by *Kerbala and Beyond*. The author has also translated a good number of books some of which have already been published while others are waiting for their turn to be published. The reader is advised to surf the Internet to see an extensive list of the books, works and translations, by this author.

Often, readers are interested to know who the author is, his background, academic achievements, etc. In order to satisfy this curiosity, we are providing you here below with his bio-data:

Education: Obtained his B.A. in English on June 30, 1969 from the College of Arts, Baghdad University, and his Master's Degree in English from (then) Atlanta University (now Clark-Atlanta University), Atlanta, Georgia, on December 20, 1978. He obtained in March of 1988 a Certificate with Honors in Microprocessors and Microcomputers from N.R.I. of Washington, D.C. He also obtained three Certificates in electronics and programming, including advanced programming. He wrote more than 100 programs in dBASE.

* Taught English as a second language at high schools in Iraq, a vocational institute in Saudi Arabia, and a University in the U.S.

* 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

* Edited several newsletters and magazines, including *Middle East Business Magazine* of which he became Senior Editor. Among the books he edited are:

1. *Socio-Economic Justice with Particular Reference to Nahjul-Balagha* by Dr. S.M. Waseem,

2. *A Biography of Leaders of Islam* by Sayyid Ali Naqi Naqwi, English translation by Dr. Sayyid Nazir Hasan Zaidi,

3. *Your Kalima and the Savior* by Wajahat Hussain

* First person ever to translate works of the martyred economist Imam Ayatullah Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr such as:

- 1) *Contemporary Man and the Social Problem*,
- 2) *A General Outlook at Rituals*,
- 3) *The General Bases of Banking in the Muslim Society*, and
- 4) *What Do You Know About Islamic Economics?*

* Translated and/or published numerous titles; among them are:

- 1) *A Biography of Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr*,
 - 2) *The Form of Islamic Government and Wilayat al-Faqeeh*,
 - 3) *About the World Political Situation From a Muslim's Viewpoint*,
 - 4) *Our Faith* by Sayyid Muhammad Husain al-Jalali,
 - 5) *A Biography of Imam al-Rida* by the late Marhoom Shaikh Muhammad Jawad Fadlallah,
- in addition to a large number of political tracts, pamphlets, translations, and newsletters.

* Translated the following:

- 1) The first four volumes of the series titled *Al-Islam Risalatuna*,
- 2) *Al-Muraja'at: 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.

* Also translated the following titles originally authored in Arabic by Rachad el-Moussaoui:

- 1) *Best Month, Best Night*;
- 2) *The Book of Istikhara*;
- 3) *Weapon of the Prophets*;
- 4) *Miracles of the Holy Qur'an*; and
- 5) *The Great Names of Allah (Asmaa' Allah al-Husna)*. These titles do not carry the Translator's name, however.

* Translated 2 books by the late Grand Ayatullah Muhammad al-Shirazi:

- 1) *Canon: A Glimpse at the Islamic Law*,
- 2) *The Pathway to an Islamic Revival*

* Wrote articles for *Islamic Monitor*, bulletin of the Islamic Research & Information Center

* Wrote 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 Ramadan: Philosophy and Ahkam*,
- 3) *The Ninety-Nine Attributes of Allah*,
- 4) *Mary and Jesus in Islam*,
- 5) *Allah: The Concept of God in Islam*,
- 6) *Muhammad: The Prophet and Messenger of Allah* (this book),
- 7) *Ghadir Khumm: Where Islam was Perfected*, and
- 8) *Kerbala and Beyond*

The author 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* from January 1974 till June 1989.

New translations by al-Jibouri have recently been published. Their titles are:

- 1) *Al-Siraj: The Lantern*,
- 2) *Kashf al-Reeba an Ahkam al-Gheeba: Removal of Doubt about Rulings Relevant to Backbiting*,
- 3) *Riyaa wa Ujub: Pretension and Conceit* and
- 4) *Uswat al-Arifeen: A Role Model for Those Who Know*.

Ansariyan hopes to publish more such books.

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