

## Editorial

It is 59<sup>th</sup> serial issue of the Quarterly Research Journal *Noor-e-Marfat* and its 1<sup>st</sup> paper is titled as "The Impact of Allah almighty's Love & Non-Love upon the Social and Moral Upbringing of a Muslim Society". This paper – the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of which will be published in the next issue – claims that the Holy Quran has provided the complete content for the social and moral upbringing of human society. According to the author, the love and non-love [لاُحِبُّ/حُبُّ] of *Allah Ta'ala* revolves around such human qualities that are socially and morally considered as virtues or vices.

Therefore, the life style of a real Muslim society can be drawn in the light of the verses of love and non-love. Author has analyzed in this part what impact does the love and non-love of *Allah Ta'ala* has upon society? We hope that this paper will be helpful in the reforming our social-moral attitudes.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> paper of this issue is titled as "The Foundation of Islamic Civilization in the Holy Prophet's Biography" (From the Viewpoint of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, Him Ayatollah Khamenei). This article discusses about the teachings, life and the role of the holy Prophet (PBUH) in the foundation and evolution of Islamic society. According to the author, Ayatollah Seyd Ali Khamenei (live long!) has presented the most complete statements and writings on the subject, that cover all ages of the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), from his birth to his death. According to the article, Ayatollah Seyd Ali Khamenei has indicated 3 important points of the life and character of the Holy Prophet: monotheism, ethics and the foundation of Islamic civilization. In fact, Islamic civilization is founded upon the monotheism and ethics of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). Of course, this paper will

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prove to be a beacon for the intellectuals and politicians trying to found an Utopia.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> article titled as "Iqbal and Sufism: Clearing up Some Misunderstandings", claims that the general impression assuming Allama Muhammad Iqbal as anti-sufism is not correct. Although Allama Iqbal has opposed traditional Sufism, he is not against the spirit of Sufism. Rather, some teachings of Sufis—such as completion and encouragement of the philosophy of seclusion—have been taught by Iqbal himself. Taking inspiration from Holy Prophet's seclusion in the cave of *Hira*, Iqbal, has made it necessary to abandon the splendor of gatherings to nurture the “Self”. His concept of *Jihad* (struggle) against “Self” and idea of “*Faqr*” (poverty) is also very close to some teachings of Sufis. For any mystical progress, Iqbal is also convinced of the necessity of a Perfect Man (انسان کامل) just like the "*Peer-i-Tarikat*" or "*Murshid-i-Kamil*" of Sufis.

The title of the 4<sup>th</sup> paper is "Zaydia: A Brief Introduction". According to the author, being linked to the brother of Imam Muhammad Baqir (AS) i.e Zaid, the followers of this sect are known as Zaydia. The followers of this sect still live in Yemen and some other places. This sect is closer to *Mu'tazila* in terms of some basic beliefs. The Zaydias, like the Shias, recognize Hazrat Ali (AS) as their imam and leader after holy Prophet (PBUH). Like all *Shia* and *Tafziliyah*, Zaydia consider Imam Ali (AS) to be the superior to all companions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). They consider that Imamate (the leadership of Muslim community) is dependent in the descendants of Fatimah (AS).

The 5<sup>th</sup> article of this issue under the title "Role and Responsibilities of Women in the Protection of Religion" claims

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that Islam has bestowed the women with dignity due to which a sense of pride and equality with men was created in women. That is why Muslims women always played a very important role in educational, political and social affairs and reforms. Islam has given women such greatness that the mention of Hazrat Adam (AS) is incomplete without the memory of Mother Hawa (AS). The sacrifice of Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) and Hazrat Ismail (AS) is incomplete without Hazrat Hagar (AS). The story of Hazrat Jesus (AS) is incomplete without the description of the purity and chastity of Hazrat Maryam (AS). Likewise, the story of the mission of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is incomplete while ignoring the role of *Umm al-Mu'minin* (the mother of believers) Hazrat Khadijah (AS). In the same way, the role of Hazrat Fatimah (AS) and Hazrat Zainab (AS) cannot be forgotten for the promotion and survival of Islam.

And this proves that the role of women in protecting religion is very important and she is also responsible in this regard. A religious society is nurtured in the lap of a woman. Therefore, it is important that women should have a better understanding of their role and responsibilities. Having awareness about their status and obligations, they can make the society a paradise with their positive role. To be able to bring up the children properly and play their role in the social reform movements and especially in the protection and promotion of the religion of Islam. In the present paper, the roles and responsibilities of women in the protection of religion have been highlighted in the context of *Karbala* incident. This article is a great guide for women of today.

The last paper of the current issue titled "*Al-Mahajjata Al-Bayzaa Fi Tahzeeb Al-Ahiya: A Review*" is related to the art of bibliography. This article introduces the best book of ethics, which is authored by *Mullah Mohsin Faiz Kashani*. According to the author, this book is actually a reformation and interpretation of *Imam Ghazali's* book "*Ihyaya Uloom al-Din*"

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(احياء علوم الدين). There are four parts of this book which contain the description of worship, habits, fatal and salvific deeds. Surely, the study of this book - inspired by the study of this paper - will also prove to be very helpful for us in the completion of *Makaram-e Akhlaq* (moral values).

We expect that the 59th serial issue of the Quarterly Research Journal *Noor-e- Marfat*, consisting of 6 scholarly, research articles, will also make our readers quench their thirst for knowledge and lead them on the path of goodness. We pray Allah almighty to bestow the best reward to the authors and journal's team for this presentation and adorns our readers with the jewel of knowledge and insight. (أمين)!

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