
Editorial

The 65th issue of “*Noor-e-Ma'rfat*”, a quarterly research Journal, is here. The 1st article of which is decorated with the title of "A Research Review of the Scholarly and Moral Excellences of Hazrat Imam Muhammad Taqi (a.s.)". In this paper, first of all, the problem is explained that there is no restriction of any particular age to hold a divine responsibility like Imamate. It is also proved that *Hazrat Imam Muhammad Taqi (a.s)* were possessed of moral virtues and excellences required for *Imamat*. At the end of this article, it has been emphasized to make his life and character a beacon.

The 2nd article in this issue is titled: "Sodomy and its Punishment According to the Both Parties (Shia'-Sunni)". In this article, first of all, it is clarified that Sodomy (*Liwa't*) is among the open forbids and Sins. This is an evil which has disastrous social and moral consequences. As far as its Islamic punishment is concerned, there are different jurisprudential opinions of both the Shiites and the Sunnis. These views have been examined in details in the paper. In addition, in this paper, the involvement in sodomy or not of certain personalities - who are considered to have a specific religious identity - has been also examined. At the end of this article, it has been reminded that to prove one's religious superiority, to establish unfair relations towards the followers of the some other religion, is itself a moral degradation, intellectual ignorance and false method.

Under the title "Study of a few Pages from: “The Principles of Philosophy and the Methodology of Realism(4)”" the 3rd paper is, in fact, continuation of a discussion in the previous issues. The main question answered in this paper is whether philosophical claims can be proven true or false in the light of scientific arguments? Also, here the assumption about the discipline of philosophy that philosophy is an outdated knowledge is proved wrong. Also, the present paper provides a

brief but comprehensive introduction to philosophy, sophistry and materialism, as well as dialectical materialism.

In the 4th article, "Characteristics of Islamic Education and Upbrining System" has been examined in the light of the Qur'anic meditations of *Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Hussaini Khamenei*, a great figure of the Islamic world. The contention of this paper is that the religion of Islam has given a lot of importance to the education and upbrining of man. Also, the formation of Islamic civilization in any society is impossible until the righteous people who are trained in the Islamic education system are entrusted to the society.

In this paper, the theoretical foundations, goals, principles and methods of the Islamic education and upbrining system have been described in the light of the Qur'anic meditations of *Hazrat Ayatollah Syed Ali Hussaini Khamenei* under a descriptive, applied and analytical approach.

In the 5th paper, the meanings of "rationality" and its importance have been compared from the viewpoint of European thinkers and Muslim thinkers. Entitled "Reconsidering the Meaning and Status of Rationality: from Viewpoint of Western Philosophy and the Holy Quran" this paper argues that the conflict between Western and Islamic civilizations actually stems from their divergent epistemological views. And the only way to prevent this clash of civilizations of the West and the East is to do a comparative analysis of the ruling apism of Western philosophy and the Qur'anic apism of Eastern researchers and as a result reach a balanced and comprehensive apism on its basis. A solution to the clash of civilizations should be presented.

In this paper, after reviewing the various periods and versions of rationalism ruling the minds of Western intellectuals in full detail, its comparison with the Qur'anic epistemology is presented. So, at the end of this comparative study, the distinguished essayist claims that mankind is once again in dire need of studying the universal wisdom and rationality of the

Holy Qur'an, as a result of which it will be able to develop the ability to solve the intellectual confusion of the people and solve and find the ways of reconciliation in cultural conflict.

The last article of this issue is titled "Evolving the Dynamics of Violent *Takfir* in Pakistan (1980-2024)". In this article, the various factors that led to the emergence of the trend of *takfir* among Muslim sects and followers of some other divine religions in the God-given state of Pakistan from 1980 to 2024 have been examined in details. Here it has been proven that the trend of *takfir* among the believers is, in fact, not only a disturbing attitude for the countrymen living in the God-given state of Pakistan; rather, this trend is also a painful challenge for the peace and stability of this state and its integrity and survival, which is the need of the hour to deal with effectively.

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We hope that as always, this issue of Quarterly research journal *Noor-e-Ma'rfat* will serve as a sweet treat in quenching the knowledge thirst of the readers and will prove to be helpful in solving the intellectual and practical problems of their daily life. God willing!

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