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Editorial Review

Review

Al-Qur'an is an excellent translation. I wish we had it 10 years ago and I could benefit from it during my school years. I teach in an Islamic School in my spare time, where I have prescribed this Translation as a Text Book to the adult class. Class is given an assignment of a few paragraphs based on theme of various topics. Students prepare a summary, point out the topics relating to our daily life. In the class we discuss those topics and the Guidance provided in them relating to our daily lives to learn the Qur'an in context. Each student is graded based on how good he/she prepared and explained. -- *Hassan K. Ingram, President, Cedar Graphics*

I commend your efforts to build a bridge between the Muslim and non-Muslim community. As translated Al-Qur'an has already become very popular reading among my staff, I would like to request three additional copies. -- *Rodney Ellis, Texas State Senator, 'Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee'*

I have read Al-Qur'an, The Guidance for mankind, from cover to cover. We, at our center, have compared your Translation with Allama Yusuf Ali, Dr. Asad and Dr. Muhsin and have concluded that your translation is the best Da'wah tool available to us in the United States. -- *Dr. Aslam Abdullah, Editor-in-Chief, The Minaret*

I have read your translation of Al-Qur'an and it gives me a great pleasure to mention that you have indeed accomplished a wonderful job. Furthermore, it is with great pleasure and honor to certify that I have proofread the revised edition of Al-Qur'an for more than once and Insha Allah to the best of my knowledge there is no error in this final manuscript. -- *G. A. Khan, Reviewer of Abdullah Yusuf Ali Translation*

I pray this letter finds you in the best of health and high Islamic spirits. We are very much interested to obtain a copy of Al-Qur'an: The Guidance for mankind, the new English Translation for our research library. Also with your permission and gratis support we can distribute copies to Masjid, Correction Institutions in the Louisville area, where there are many Muslim inmates who are craving for the Qur'ans. Also in the State of Kentucky there are quite a number of Muslim inmates in various other Correction Institutions looking for a copy of Al-Qur'an. -- *Ibrahim B. Syed Ph.D., Islamic Research Foundation*

My mother is visiting me here in South Africa. She lives in Canada and had the opportunity to attend ISNA's annual conference in Chicago. There she got "Al-Qur'an, The Guidance for mankind." I read Surah Ya-Sin as soon as I saw it. Alhumdulillah, what a beautiful translation. We have a small sisters halqa that meets weekly and your Translation is ideal for us. At present we are using Yusuf Ali, Maududis and Dayabadi's (May Allah bless them and grant them jannah for their work) but your summaries and notes are exactly what we are looking for. -- *Fatima Bhyat, South Africa*

We are brought up in an environment that we used to have the Translation, Commentary and Tafaseer for the Muslims only but here in America we not only need translation for Muslims but need in much larger number for Non-Muslims. Even for our Prison-Al-Dawah programs we have a demand in large number. Demand for the copies of the translation of the Qur'an is in millions and millions are ready to read and benefit from Al-Qur'an. There are libraries and schools who are looking to get the copies of the translation of the Qur'an. Al-Qur'an is an excellent translation in local American language. Our Houston Muslim Community is blessed by Allah (SW! T) to take this initiative and other Communities in the United States and Canada will

participate and promote this Dawah activity, Insha Allah. -- *Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed, Secretary General of ISNA*

Language Notes

Text: English (translation)

Original Language: Arabic

About the Author

Muhammad Farooq-i-Azam Malik is the Chairman of Board of Trustees and Dean of The Institute of Islamic Knowledge -

Education:

B.A. Honors - Islamiyat and Arabic Language - 1963.

LL.B. - Islamic Law (Shari'ah) -1965.

M.A. - Economics - 1966.

M.B.A. - Accounting/Auditing - 1975. -

Worked as a Lecturer for 3 years, as an Attorney for 5 years and Audit Management for 18 years in a major U.S. Corporation. Now he has dedicated his life for conveying the Message of Allah. -

During his residence in Pakistan he started an organization called Anjaman-e-Islh-e-Mushra (Social Welfare Society - 1959) to reform Aqeedah and fight against the un-Islamic local customs. This organization worked in all the surrounding villages and was successful in achieving most of its objectives. He also started Tarjama-tul-Qur'an (Translation of the Holy Qur'an- 1963) sessions at various Masjid.

During his residence in New York he started Dars-e-Qur'an (Qur'anic Study Sessions - 1970) at Bronx and Manhattan. Al-Hamdulillah, most of his Dars-e-Qur'an participants are the founding members of different Islamic Centers. He is among the pioneers of Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA).

After moving to Houston in 1975 he was elected three times as a Treasurer of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH). As treasurer, he organized Accounting and Check-o-Matic systems. He was then elected twice as the Director of Religious Affairs and one time as the Director of Education. In these positions he organized the Zonal system of ISGH for children's Islamic Education and Qur'anic Tajweed. Then he was elected as the President of ISGH. In that position he lead the community in buying the Zonal facilities at the North, Southwest, Southeast, Northwest and Bear Creek areas and putting these facilities in Owqf (Trust) with North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). He also accomplished the amendments to the ISGH Constitution and Bylaws for the future unlimited growth of the Muslim Community in Greater Houston area. He also served as Chairman of the Planning and Administration Committee and developed short term and long term plans for the ISGH. He is a founding member of the Islamic Education Institute of Texas (IEIT) and the Institute of Islamic Knowledge (IIK).

At the National Level he has worked as Vice Chairman of the Islamic Coordinating Committee (ICC) and has been a member of Board of Advisers to the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT).

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