

Editorial

Almighty God says: “And say (O Muhammed), My lord! Increase me in knowledge.” (Taha:114)

Science and scientific research are the basis of cognitive and civilizational progress. By science, God elevates the standing of scholars. God, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur’an, “God will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees.” There is no way that our nation will revive except by taking the lead in education and by combining the study of Sharia and worldly sciences. By combining both of these, the true light of knowledge will emanate; failing which, intolerance and a growing distance from the path of righteousness will result. Useful knowledge leads to the wellbeing of humans by leading them out from darkness into light.

The Journal of the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies makes every effort to present this type of useful knowledge by releasing this issue, which includes important scientific research by a group of researchers and scientists from various countries: Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait, New Zealand, UK and Turkey. The issue includes the following titles:

1. Examining the Term Al-Israeliyyat.
2. Separation between spouses due to incompatibility and its application in the Jordanian Sharia courts.
3. Errors in Citing Scholars’ Sayings. Examples from books of the Hadith sciences.
4. Reasons for the disagreements in the Maliki school of thought using *‘Aqd al-Jawāhir al-Thamīna* for Ibn Shas.
5. The Prophetic Approach to Dealing with Youth and their Issues - An Analytical Study.
6. Islam in New Zealand – A Mixed Reception: Historical Overview and Contemporary Challenges
7. Courting Islam: The Evolution of Perceptions of Islam within the British and American governments from the European Colonial period to the War on Terror.
8. The Role of Apocalyptic Prophecies in ISIS Terrorism.

This issue – the first in volume 39 – comes as we celebrate Doha’s coronation as the capital of Islamic Culture for 2021, underscoring Qatar’s civilized role among world nations.

In conclusion, and in celebration of our journal joining the most important international platform, Web of Science, we thank all members of the official editorial board and the international advisory board who contributed to this achievement. We also commend the contributions of the researchers and referees. Moreover, we hope that the journal will join even more important international platforms such as Scopus, and we urge all researchers to cite our journal’s articles published in international scientific journals, especially those included in Scopus.

A 1,000-mile journey begins with a single step! Praise be to God, we have begun, and paved the way for future generations. The road to the top is not easy, but it is not impossible. With God’s help and through collective action, we will reach the ultimate goal of pleasing God Almighty and providing useful, moderate and universal knowledge to the whole world.

Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds

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