Editorial

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, by whose grace all good deeds are completed. May peace and blessings be upon the Messenger sent as a mercy to the worlds, Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions.

Once again, the *Journal of College of Sharia and Islamic Studies* at Qatar University (*JCSIS*) emerges to continue its scholarly journey and uphold its intellectual mission. Like a flourishing tree that renews its leaves with each season and yields beneficial knowledge and profound thought, *JCSIS* remains firm in its commitment to exploring and engaging the enduring legacy of Islamic scholarship. *JCSIS* is not merely a collection of pages to be perused. Rather, it embodies an enduring intellectual vision and a renewed covenant with both knowledge and faith. The current issue presents a collection of eleven studies by distinguished scholars. Each article advances the field of Islamic studies and fortifies the continued development of Islamic scholarship in its own subfield. The eleven research articles are in both Arabic and English and cover a wide range of topics, including Islamic law, theology, and other fields.

Articles in Arabic:

1. Basheer Al-Hemyari's "The Sum of Letters in Qur'anic Chapters and its Implications for the Uthmanic Script: A Case Study of Surah al-Zalzalah and from Surah al-Qāriᶜah to Surah al-ᶜAsr" investigates the connection between the field of *"ᶜadd al-āy"* —enumerating the total sum of letters in a Qur'anic surah—and the Uthmanic script, highlighting its implications for ensuring accuracy in printed Qur'anic manuscripts.

2. "Hārūt and Mārūt in Books of Tafsir: A Comparative Study" by Abdulrahman Al Ali and Mohamed Abdellatif presents a critical examination of the Qur'anic account of Hārūt and Mārūt. It seeks to dispel misconceptions about it, establishes its divine source, and thus refutes the claims that it was drawn from the biblical scriptures.

3. "A Value-Based Approach to Qur'an Exegesis: A Study of Qur'anic Address (*nidāʾ*) in Surahs *Luqman* and *al-Ḥujurāt*" by Ridoine Lahdeb offers a rigorous applied analysis of two verses about addressing people from Surahs *Luqman* and *al-Ḥujurāt* (*The Private Apartments*). It urges the application of the value-based approach in such Qur'anic textual contexts and highlights the centrality of moral teachings in Qur'anic exegesis more broadly.

4. "The Term '*zīna'* (Adornment) in the Noble Qur'an" by Adil Elouade offers a systematic examination of the term '*zīna'* within the context of the Qur'an, exploring its conceptual framework, reflecting upon its various Qur'anic meanings and applications, and highlighting its centrality for human experience and fate.

5. "Early Personal Qur'anic Manuscripts in Light of the Sana'a Palimpsest (DAM 01-27.1): An

Analytical and Foundational Study" by Adel Abushaar takes the Sana'a Palimpsest as a case study to address the challenge of approaching personal Qur'anic manuscripts from Islam's early centuries. It rebuts the Orientalist assertion that the Uthmanic copy of the Qur'an read by Muslims today has evolved from a lost, original text.

6. "Structural Foundations of Equity (*inṣāf*) and Equilibrium (*iʿtidāl*) in Hadith Criticism: A Methodological Study" by Abdel Salam Abu Samha examines the ways and implications of the Hadith scholars' demand of fair judgement and moderation as foundations for the practice of Hadith criticism (*taḥqīq*). The demand for rigorous commitment to objectivity and impartiality led to the emergence of more rigorous epistemic tools and evaluative criteria in the domain of *taḥqīq*.

7. "Deferred Discounts in Financial Exchange Contracts: A Foundational Legal Study" by Omar Abdullah Alshehabi explores and establishes the juristic foundation of deferred discounts in contemporary and renewed financial exchange contracts. It makes a valuable contribution to the field of Islamic financial jurisprudence by addressing contemporary issues in marketing.

8. "Polysemes and Synonyms (*wujūh* and *naẓāʾir*) in Hanbali Legal Terminology: An Inductive Analysis of *Kashshāf al-Qināʿ*" by Abdulrahman Khalid Alsaadi examines the linguistic nuances of the Hanbali juristic methodology of "*wujūh* and *naẓāʾir*" —the lexical classification of polysemes and synonyms. To practically highlight the significance and implications of this legal typology, it focuses on al-Bahūtī's book, *Kashshāf al-qināʿ ʿan matn al-iqnāʿ*.

9. In "Rebuilding the Unity of the Muslim Ummah: Strategic Pathways in the Wake of the Al-Aqsa Storm operation (*Ṭufān al-Aqṣā*)," Mohamad Rafia analyzes the question of the unification of the Muslim Ummah in light of Operation *Ṭufān al-Aqṣā*, which has thrust the Palestinian cause back into the forefront of global concern. He reflects on the strategic avenues opened by this event and frames it as a historical opportunity to transcend divisions and unify ranks around the central cause to help facilitate the construction of a comprehensive unifying project that restores the Muslim Ummah's collective dignity and standing.

Articles in English:

10. "Exegetical Qur'an Translation: Theoretical and Practical Considerations" by Shoaib Saad offers a meticulous study of the theoretical and practical aspects of exegetical translation of the Qur'an (*al-tarjama al-tafsīriyya*). It addresses various difficulties facing this specialization and suggests ways that they may be overcome.

11. "Strengthening the Trust and Authority of Fatwa Institutions in the Digital Era: Lessons from Indonesia" by Soleh Hasan Wahid, Anjar Kususiyanah, and Fuady Abdullah is a rigorous study on the impact of digital platforms, particularly YouTube, on public trust in *fatwas* issued by Indonesian institutions, and offers insights into how *fatwa* institutions can reinforce credibility in the face of digital-age challenges.

We take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to the contributors for their valuable

efforts and express our sincere gratitude to the peer reviewers, editorial board members, consultants, and administrative staff for their continued dedication and commitment.

With confidence in Allah's guidance, we trust that *JCSIS* will remain a pioneering Qatari platform for Islamic scholarship, an illuminating beacon in the field, a refuge for researchers engaged in rigorous academic inquiry, and a thriving intellectual tree whose roots are firmly established and whose branches extend skyward, bearing fruit in every season by the will of its Lord.

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