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## Editorial Foreword

Heading towards the end of its fifth anniversary, Tajseer is witnessing a remarkable expansion in volume, originality of subjects, in-depth analysis—as well as a noticeable diversity in terms of the authors. With respect to Volume, the number of published papers (in both Arabic and English) rose to eight; in addition to two other translated papers and two book reviews.

Authors who contributed to this issue come from various regions, namely Morocco, Iran, Oman, Algiers, Egypt, Qatar, and Turkey. Likewise, their areas of specialties vary from sociology and economics, to environmental sciences and architecture, and from neurology and linguistics to Qur'anic studies and theoretical physics. However, what has mainly encouraged us to bring these types of papers together is their “interdisciplinary approach.” There is not a single author in this group who has not explored the works of others; to see their findings or methods of inquiry. Each one of them has shown willingness to go beyond his or her narrow area of research and cross over into neighboring disciplines.

In this regard, we can readily refer to a paper on the theory of Green Sociology, where the author led us to the tackled but perennial question often discussed among sociologists: How is it possible for the modern social theory to contribute in solving immanent environmental challenges? Responding to this question he attempted in this paper to present an evaluation of what has come to be known as the “green social theory”, which is defined as an alternative set of concepts aiming to produce relevant explanations of the interaction between people and their natural domain.

We may also refer to the works of some neurologists who seek to connect the brain's neurotic pathways with children's language learning. Addressing this issue, the author draws our attention to the research conducted by some specialists on neurological studies in order to explain the factors that impede children's abilities to read. The initial focus of those researchers was to follow, during the process of reading, the active neural pathways in certain areas in the brain. However, this method proved to be reductionist and useless. It excludes the role played by the interconnected neural networks and other factors that contribute to the reading process. Relying on such findings, they began to look for an alternative approach until they finally adopted an integrative perspective known as the Integrative Cognitive Neuroscience, which the author managed to elaborate in his paper.

In the same path, two other authors have concluded in their paper that architecture is not isolated from sociology. Recent studies show that sociological preferences and interventions have an impact on 90% of building information modeling (BIM). Hence, the aim of the two authors is to design a preliminary framework that might provide technical solutions for social problems. Similarly, a paper that looks for possible connections

between Qur'anic studies and natural sciences is included. Surveying interdisciplinary research in this area, the author attempts to show the role that the interdisciplinary approach might play in producing some deep knowledge; either in terms of borrowing concepts or developing theories. In all cases, such efforts can presumably enrich the literature of Tafsir (Qur'anic commentaries) and pave the way for the emergence of new perspectives in natural sciences.

Finally, it might be interesting to note that the basic epistemological problems, that is to say, language and linguistic theory, have received enormous attention in this issue. A separate paper focuses on the usage of Metaphor, whereas the second one focuses on the symbols employed in interdisciplinary studies. With respect to politics and economy, a paper on Qatar food security during the boycott of 2017 is included. The two constant sections: Book Reviews and Reports on Ibn Khaldon's Events are safely in place. Undoubtedly, this issue contains numerous papers and a variety of subjects. An attempt to summarize, or to inject incomplete quotations might only disrupt the pleasure of reading.

### **Note to the Readers**

In our endeavors to make this journal a live forum wherein authors and readers interact, and as the published material merely reflects the perspective of their own authors, it seems appropriate to initiate a free outlet for reader's revisions, criticism, and comments. Accordingly, we decided to add starting the next issue of *Tajseer*- a free space for our reader's responses. We will publish samples of their comments on papers published in the previous issue. We hope such a space could serve as a gathering point and a medium for constructive exchange.

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