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## **Abstract of the Articles**

### **Muslim Ulama - Inheritors of Prophets**

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Maulana Syed Jalaluddin Umari paid a visit to Trivandrum, Kerala, in the first week of May 2018. Besides participating in the various programmes of Jamaat over there, he participated in the Ulama Conference held in Kollam on May 6. Hundreds of Ulama belonging to different schools of thought participated therein. The views expressed by the Maulana in that programme have been presented here in this article.

The Maulana said that Allah the Exalted sent Prophets and revealed Books for the guidance of mankind. The Prophets performed the obligation of Dawat-e-Haque. Later their inheritors carried on this obligation. The Ulama of Muslim Ummah are also Inheritors of Prophets. They too have to do the obligation of leading the world. One of the responsibilities of Prophets was to explain and elucidate the Book of Allah. The Ulama too have to perform this very obligation. Today objections are being raised on the various aspects of Islam. To explain and elucidate Islamic viewpoints on these objections is the responsibility of Ulama. Jamaat-e-Islami Hind has prepared considerable literature on modern subjects; people may be benefited from it.

## **Islamic Commandments vis-à-vis Sacrifice of Animals**

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Food and drink affect our health, growth and state of mind. Islam has given regulations on food and drink. It aims at establishing a healthy moral society. It allows all wholesome and pure things to be taken as food and drink. Islam also teaches respect and consideration for the life and welfare of animals. It is one of the many favours of Allah that He has created animals for mankind. He permits us to slaughter permitted animals provided we slaughter them in the way He has commanded. Islamic law requires an animal to be slaughtered with a sharp knife penetrating the inner part of animal's neck, ensuring it dies quickly and allowing the maximum drainage of blood. The name of Allah must be mentioned at the time of the slaughter. This article explains in depth Islamic commandments vis-a-vis sacrifice of animals as well as other regulations on Food and Drink.

### **Islam and Protection of Environment**

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Allah the Exalted has established fairness and balance in the entire universe and has enjoined man to maintain it and

not to create chaos on earth. One of the bounties of Allah is water. This is one of the fundamental necessities of man. This is why man is enjoined to protect water reservoirs, and prohibited from its wastage and contamination. Likewise, air is also one of the bounties of Allah the Exalted. But for it the concept of life cannot be imagined. Therefore, such activities which can cause air pollution and make life difficult have been prohibited. For example, it is enjoined that if a man fires a forge or furnace, he should not cause any harm to others with its smoke.

This article makes it clear that Islam has laid much emphasis on protection of environment and declared all such activities as can pollute environment. This issue of Tahqeeqat-e-Islami carries only the first part of the article.

## **Women's Contribution to Islamic Disciplines**

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There is a common misconception about Islam that it does not allow women to perform academic and practical activities. While the fact remains that Islam has granted them a place of honour and dignity, established their rights and duties and granted them freedom to receive knowledge and disseminate it. A study of Islamic history reveals that women have patronised knowledge and learning. In the earlier Hijri centuries, Sahabiyat and Tabaiyat played a very important role in the narration of Prophet's traditions. Women used to hold their circles in mosques, where they delivered Dars. Great Muhaddithin and Fuqaha have received education from women of their times. There are many examples in Islamic

history which go on to prove that the role of women in understanding the Qur'an and Sunnah and disseminating Islamic knowledge has been greater than that of men. Women have also rendered their services in producing works on the various branches of Islamic knowledge. In the present age too, women are rendering important academic services to Qur'anic exegesis, Hadith literature, Islamic jurisprudence, Seerah and other fields. Modern universities have also played an important role in their academic advancement. There is however need for the introduction of their academic works, undertaking research thereon and highlighting them.

This article introduces the services women have rendered to the various branches of Islamic knowledge, and mentioned the women who have achieved distinguished positions therein.

## **Maulana Maududi and Islamisation of Knowledge**

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Maulana Syed Abul A'la Maududi (1903-1979) was a great Islamic thinker of the 20th century. He presented the Islamic thought in Islamic perspective and reckoned Islam practicable in all spheres of life. He deemed it pretty necessary to analyse modern branches of knowledge and learning, especially social branches, in Islamic perspective, sifting them from false ideologies and Islamising them. He critically examined the prevalent system of education and pointed out its demerits. He declared the syllabi in vogue in modern colleges and Islamic seminaries as erroneous and

meaningless and opined that they lack the potentiality to prepare the new Muslim generation for leadership of the world. He said that it is not correct to adopt verbatim western arts and branches of knowledge and learning, but rather to review them so that their useful parts are adopted and useless ones kept out. He underlined the need for breaking the sway of western thought and philosophy, compiling them afresh and putting the sifted material into textbooks. He also presented an action plan for new education system. Universities have been established on this action plan of the Maulana in different countries. Maulana Maududi opposed the differentiation of education between Islamic and modern and divided education into its being beneficial and detrimental. He said that in the modern age the purpose of education is said to be service to wealth while it should be establishment of a healthy God-conscious society.

This article throws ample light on these aspects of Maulana Maududi's works and discusses his views on Islamisation of knowledge.

## **Shaikh Muhammad Ali Sabuni and His Exegesis Safwat al-Tafaseer**

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The Qur'an is the last Book of Allah the Almighty given to mankind. It guides us to the right and straight path leading to the Paradise. To explore the intent and meaning of the ayahs several exegeses have been written till date. One of them is Safwat al-Tafaseer. The author, Muhammad Ali Shah Sabuni is still alive.

In this exegesis we find easy description with background in brief of the revelations and miracles of the

Qur'an. This exegesis is also marked by eloquence of expression. These features have given the exegesis wide publicity among the scholars. However there is no dearth of his critics.

This article analyses this exegesis and critically examines the objections raised thereto.

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