

## EDITORIAL

Contemporary world has a number of challenges for Muslim Ummah. Foes of Muslims know very well that Islam gives the best way of life and gives the best code of conduct for human beings. They are aware of the fact that the will of the Muslims for transforming their lives as per teachings of Islam, would lead to their renaissance. Therefore, they try to deviate Muslims from the right path and perplex them in unnecessary debates, and fascinate them in unethical practices. They endeavour to prove Islam as a religion that teaches atrocity, heinousness and cruelty. On the other hand they try to detach them from the principal and basic source of knowledge and perfect code of life, The Holy Qur'ān.

This issue of the *Hamdard Islamicus* makes a beautiful and meaningful collage of articles replying forcefully to some of the said challenges by reasonable logics. It suggests executable ways for removing human evils from Muslims and create a helpful atmosphere for building and improving Islamic Society.

The first article “Islam’s Raḥmah (Compassion) As Applied by Prophet Ḥaḍrat Muhammad Rasūlullah Khātam un Nabiyyīn Ṣallallahu ‘alaihi wa ‘alā Ālihi wa Aṣḥābihi wa Ṣallam” rejects the assertion of Islam’s opponents that Islam is a religion of terrorism and violence. It proves in detail that Islam is the comprehensive religion that exhorts on compassion to take care of all the creatures in the world including animals. Therefore, the allegation that Islam encourages terrorism is absurd.

The second article “Religious Value Practices and Micro Enterprises’ Performance in Microcredit Program” throws light on the practices of religious values and the enterprises’ performance in microcredit program. The findings of the study show that factors of religious values such as virtue, observance and persistence have a significant positive relationship with micro enterprises’ performance. This study foregrounds the blessings of Islam appearing as the result of complying religious practice in trade activities as well.

A distinct manifestation of the compassion exhorted by Islam

are parents of anyone. Allah Almighty himself the Most Merciful and Beneficent has bestowed a great mercy and compassion in the parents creatures especially human beings. Above it, Islam gives a complete design of parent-child relationship. Discussing this distinct feature, the third article of this issue “Parenting is Counseling: The Relationship of the Parent-Child in Islam” asserts that every child has its own personality, feelings and emotions, therefore the parent and child relationship needs to be revamped as per Islamic guidance according to the individuality of each child. It is necessary to nurture the new generation in correct dimension and to develop it for being an asset for the entire nation.

Among other challenges faced by Islam there is an alerting question for insurance. As Islam discourages the conventional insurance, it was needed to modify conventional insurance to make it acceptable by Islam. Takaful insurance has been developed keeping this need in mind. In the fourth article of this issue “The Determinants of Family Takaful Demand in Pakistan”, the authors have tried to analyse the relationship among the factors and family Takaful demand in Pakistan.

The last article of this issue “Rhetorical Devices in the Qur’ān: Grammatical Shift and Communicated Subject Matters in Surah Al-Baqarah” presents the great rhetoric of The Holy Qur’ān in very own words of Allah almighty. The Holy Qur’ānic communication is abundant in rhetorical devices. Grammatical shift or *iltifāt* in Arabic, as a rhetorical device, is considered a linguistic ornament that is used widespread in The Holy Qur’ān.

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