

As you sow, so shall you reap

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**In the name of Allah (az) (God), Most Gracious,  
Most Merciful**

**As you sow, so shall you reap**  
**(A glimpse in to the Sacred Science of Islam)**

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## **FUNDAMENTALS OF THIS BOOK**

**1**

**Ibn Kathir, in his Urdu Tafseer of verse 67 of Surah Al Baqarah, vol.1, page 129, has said that “Allah (az) can create any of his Attributes, in anything He wants.”**

**2**

**Allah (az) is the absolute owner of everything, therefore, personal powers, merits, knowledge, rights, wealth, ownership, etc. of all and sundry are 0+0+0.**

**3**

**Allah (az) may, however, bestow some general and specific powers, merits, knowledge, rights wealth to His Attorneys for use on a variable basis.**

**and**

**4**

**All manmade models  
(Prophetic Models excluded)  
are defective, requires change and improvements.**

The above principles  
also applies to this book and this book is  
dedicated

**to**

**My Parents  
Muslim Aulias of Allah (Sufis)**

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I joined this world on August 14, 1936 (as I was told) in a village of District Hoshiarpur, now Indian Punjab. **I participated in the creation of Pakistan by enchanting slogans favouring Pakistan** along with the village fellows. One of the slogan was, **“Pakistan ka Matlab Kia, La ilaha illa Il ho, Muhammad dur Rasoolullah”** there is no god except Allah; and Muhammad is His Messenger. By the grace of Allah (az) and Blessings of our Prophet (saw) Pakistan was created but!

My parents belonged to a lower middle class. I migrated to Pakistan in 1947, along with the family members and I became orphan at the age of about 12 years (1948). Majority of the Muslims who migrated were in difficulties, but when the family losses the bread winner, it becomes very difficult to pass time. The difficulties and the hardships faced, cannot be described in words. I was helped by the other family members.

Before partition I was in sixth class and after arrival in Pakistan, I again joined the sixth class. I failed in the Matriculation Examination in 1952 and I repeated the same through a **Tariq High School Sheikhpura** and passed the same in 1953. I then moved from Sheikhpura to Lyallpur now known as Faisalabad.

I started my career as a labourer at **8 annas** a day (half a Rupee) in 1953. I got a clerical job in August 1956 with ‘sifarish’ in the Agriculture College, Faisalabad. I learnt Type writing and Shorthand and became popular among the bosses and students of the College. I started earning money through typing theses of the students after office hours. I was married in 1961 and have five (5) children.

I again started my education in 1959, in the evening programme of the **Municipal College, Faisalabad**. After completion of my Intermediate in Commerce from Faisalabad, I moved to Karachi on the advice of my English teacher, Mr. Mukhtar Rana, a labour leader. **May Allah (az) bless his Soul in eternal peace.**

I worked in Private and Public sectors, including PIA, Special Police Establishment (now known as FIA) and Pakistan Army during 1965 war. I continued my efforts to improve my education to comply with the wishes of my late father. **Thus, the entire education was acquired in the process of earning while learning and supporting the family.** I was able to earn the followings.

- Master of Business Administration (1969) from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi University.
- Fellowship: Cost and Management Accountants Pakistan.
- Fellowship: Institute of Bankers in Pakistan.
- Fellowship: Economic Development Institute of the World Bank, head quartered in Washington D.C. USA.
- Associate ship - Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP), headquartered in Manila.

O Allah (az) bless all my teachers, living and dead, starting from the Prep class with success in 'Deen' and 'Dunia'. They strengthened my base and I was able to complete my education. In particular I am grateful to Dr. Matin A. Khan, Professor of Marketing at IBA Karachi, who helped me in getting admission in MBA (evening programme). After passing the first year in the evening programme I moved to the morning programme to complete my MBA. I completed the third semester when all the educational institutions including IBA were closed because of the political disturbances in the country. The institutions were re-opened, after about four months, upon pronouncement of another Martial Law in the country.

By then I had spent all the money which I had saved for the completion of MBA degree. I went to Dr. Matin A Khan and explained to him my personal problem and requested him either to give me a scholarship or to arrange a job for me as I cannot continue my education. He directed me to meet Dr. .Sharafat Ali Hashami, also a Professor at IBA. I went and met him at his residence and told him my problem. The Professor said, "see me tomorrow". I went to see him the next morning and saw a notice, on the notice board. "Those students who want to apply for scholarship, may

apply now". Accordingly, I applied and I was lucky enough to get a scholarship of Rs.250 per month. This is how I was able to complete my MBA degree. Allah Ho-akbar (Allah (az) is great). I pray to Allah (az) to bless both the Professors with **eternal peace** and enter them into Jannat al Firdous. Ameen.

I worked for City Bank, Board of Industrial Development, an outfit created to manage the Nationalized Industries. Finally, I joined the National Development Finance Corporation, an outfit of the Government of Pakistan, as Assistant Vice President. **I finally rose to the top position of Chairman.**

Managing top positions in public sector is very difficult as one has to compromise on many issues, (not allowed as part of the official decorum) to accommodate the king makers and their cronies. I retired from service with honour in September,1997. Upon retirement I was selected as Managing Director, Asian Leasing Company at Lahore.

I have addressed training sessions on Development Banking for Asian Development Bank and Islamic Development Bank, in various countries. I delivered my first lecture, out of Pakistan, in Manila (Philippines) in the seminar of ADFIAP and earned 2,000 American Dollars, plus all found. I have also been training the bankers for the Institute of Bankers in Pakistan. I have also taught the MBA classes at the University level.

I have travelled around the globe and visited 32 countries in four continents. I also saw some of the wonders of the World and was lucky enough to walk on the **China Wall** and had a ride in the most famous **River Neel in Egypt.**

Finally, I settled in Karachi, **the best city to live in Pakistan.** I have also lived in Canada for short periods (intermittently) and most of the readings needed for this book was accomplished there. I shifted from Karachi to Lahore at the age 80 years for family reasons. Changing

residence at this age is attracting problems of all kinds. The most important wealth of an old man is the company of his friends which I lost on shifting to Lahore.

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### MY MOTTO

I used to frequently utter an **Urdu** couplet from the great Muslim poet, Allama Iqbal (rta) (from Pakistan) whenever I faced a handicap. The couplet reads as:

**URDU: "Nahi Sahil tery Kismat main aa Moaz (water wave).  
Ubber kar jes taraf chai nikal jah".**

**English translation - a try:**

**O wave, as per luck, you cannot touch the seashore  
(under normal circumstances), Jump like a flood and move out of  
the seashore.**

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### MY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I am a simple Muslim and do not belong to any of the Muslim sects. I have not attended any religious school. I respect everybody. While living in Toronto Canada, during my retirement, I felt that I should improve my knowledge of 'Deen' Islam beyond its five tenants. This necessity was realised as I could not answer many questions from Muslims and Non-Muslims.

I started reading Quran followed by hadith and some other books, to understand the correct path of Islam, especially in some controversial areas. It took me **over 10 years** to gain confidence. After this confidence, I started writing this book. I have partially read and consulted the books and short papers mentioned in the **List of References**. The Saudi History was also reviewed.

My life experience has revealed that all of us will be rewarded in this world and more particularly in the hereafter, based upon the one universal principle "**As you sow, so shall you reap**". Muhammad Aslam.

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## THE BOOK

### Mission of the Book

This book will serve as a **personal invitation** from the author for human beings (Muslims) to comply with the orders of Allah (az) as contained in Surah Al Asr (103) 3, which reads as: **“recommend one another to the truth which Allah has ordained ... and recommend one another to patience.”**

### Coverage of the Book

I have partially reviewed the following books and published papers.

- The Reality of Bareilawism by Imam ul Asr, Allama Ehsan Elahi Zaheer, (rta) (**Philosopher**),
- Honourable Sajid Abdul Kayum (**author**) and
- two published papers by two Arab writers.

The details of the coverage have been mentioned in the outline available at the end of this introduction. The book is not **against any body or any sect of Islam but it has explained the topics included** in the **outline** by using Quran, Hadith and authentic history.

There are in all twelve chapters in the book. **The topics for Chapters II, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI and XII** are based on the material covered by the abovementioned authors. Chapters **I, III, IV and IX** were added to complete the full cycle of my conviction about the issues. **Each chapter of the book contains a unique piece of religious knowledge.**

The great Philosopher is not with us in this world and I pray to Allah (az) to bless his Soul with **eternal peace** and enter him into Jannat ul Firdous.

### Language of the Book

While living in Toronto, some friends suggested that if an effort has to be made to explain some important concepts, then English (International language) should be used to write the same. I have used, copy and paste, facility from Quran and Ahadith from the inter net.

However, about 5% Ahadith were picked up from Urdu versions of the books and translated the same into English. The translation may contain errors and omissions and the same are regretted in advance. The **target audience for the Book** is English speaking people including University Professors from Pakistan, abroad and others who use Libraries.

### **Presentation in the Book**

The book has used Font 12 Calibri (Body). The paper size of the **Book** is 16 cm x 23 cm. The margins: on the left and right sides are 2 cm each. The top Margin is 2 cm while the bottom margin is 1 cm. In order to balance a particular page at the bottom some material on that particular page, was changed with Font 11. Similarly, some paragraphs were joined using the mark ##. Please enjoy a hadith quoted below.

### **Hadith**

**Abu Huraira reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Verily, Allah is numerically odd and He loves what is odd in number."** <https://www.abuaminaelias.com/dailyhadithonline/tag/irtue-al-fadail/>

(1). Accordingly, each chapter of the book starts with an odd page number and where the chapter discussion ended with an odd page number, the next even page was used for some important verses from our Quran and Ahadith from Sahih Al Bukhari and it has been given the name – "**Bonus**". (2) I have used the word "vignette" in this book which means a "short description". (3) "**Without Comments**" include material picked up from our Quran, Hadith books or other published sources. This material has important connection with the chapter title or the discussion in the same. (4) Some Ahadith have been **bordered** because the material covered is important for Muslims and other readers.

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### **ALARMS**

#### **Respect for each other**

What has been written in this book do not represent any of the sects

of Islam. The search for the right path has revealed that some groups curse each other. Some even label the others as infidel. A verse from our Quran along with a hadith are quoted below for the guidance and benefit of the readers.

Surah Al An'am (6): 108. **And insult not those whom they (disbelievers) worship besides Allah**, lest they insult Allah wrongfully without knowledge. **(This concept has also to be used by Muslims insulting others).**

*Volume 8, Book 73, Number 71:* Narrated Abu Dhar: That he heard the Prophet saying, "If somebody accuses another of Fusuq (by calling him 'Fasiq' i.e. a wicked person) or accuses him of Kufr, such an accusation will revert to him (i.e. the accuser) if his companion (the accused) is innocent." (Bukhari) (Fusuq=disobedient to God).

### **Knowledge Gap**

Allah (az) has created knowledge gap. Please enjoy Quran. **"Allah will exalt in degree those of you who believe and those who have been granted knowledge.** And Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do". (58:11)

### **Main Reasons for Differences**

My personal observations are that there are many reasons for the differences among Muslims but four (4) are the most important and the same are quoted below.

1. Allah (az) has distributed knowledge on a variable basis.
2. Personal prejudices and greediness to remain in lime light among educated Muslims.
3. Foreign influence permeated through corruption into Muslim Society.
4. **Shay tan is also alive.**

Surah Ale Imran (3) 105. And be not as those who divided and differed among themselves after the clear proofs had come to them. It is they for whom there is an awful torment.

### **Status of Liars - Quran**

Surah Al Baqarah (2):10. In their hearts is a disease (of doubt and hypocrisy) and Allah has increased their disease. **A painful torment is theirs because they used to tell lies.**

### **Hadith (part)**

*Volume 8, Book 73, Number 118:* Narrated Samura bin Jundub: The Prophet said, "I saw (in a dream), two men came to me." Then the Prophet narrated the story (saying), "They said, 'The person, the **one whose cheek you saw being torn away (from the mouth to the ear) was a liar** and used to tell lies and the people would report those lies on his authority till they spread all over the world. So, he will be punished like that till the Day of Resurrection.'" (Bukhari)

### **Hadith on Future of Islam**

*Book 1, Number 0271:* It is narrated on the authority of Ibn 'Umar ('Abdullah b. 'Umar) that the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) observed: Verily Islam started as something strange and it would again revert (to its old position) of being strange just as it started, and it would recede between the two mosques just as the serpent crawls back into its hole. (Muslim)

**Historical Notes: The Centre of Islam** "moved from Madina (Saudi Arabia) to Damascus to Baghdad and to Cairo. Out of the Desert had come the faith and the driving force, **but Arabia having given birth to these, sank back into its old state. Once more it became a land of ignorance and violence**, shut off from the outside world." (Lord of Arabia, page 13).

A passage from the Saudi History written by the American Ambassador to Saudi Arabia is being quoted for the benefit of the readers. "**Millions of Muslims, including many Saudis, see the seventh century, when Islam grew so rapidly as a golden age when saints ruled the world, a utopia that they want to restore.**" (Prophets and Princes, page 9).

### **Deterioration of Practices**

Some **ahadith** mention that deterioration had started immediately after the purported death of our Prophet (saw). Please enjoy two ahadith:

*Volume 1, Book 10, Number 507:* Narrated Ghailan: Anas said, "I do not find (now-a-days) things as they were (practiced) at the time of the Prophet." ... Narrated Az-Zuhri that he visited Anas bin Malik at Damascus and found him weeping and asked him why he was weeping. He replied, "**I do not know anything which I used to know during the life-time of Allah's Apostle except this prayer which is being lost (not offered as it should be).**" (Bukhari)

*Volume 1, Book 11, Number 622:* Narrated Salim: I heard Um Ad-Darda' saying, "Abu Ad-Darda' entered the house in an angry mood. I said to him. 'What makes you angry?' He replied, 'By Allah! I do not find the followers of Muhammad doing those good things (which they used to do before) except the offering of congregational prayer." (This happened in the last days of Abu Ad-Darada' during the rule of 'Uthman) (Bukhari).

### **Conferences on Islam**

I have attended four (4) International Conferences on Islam while stationed in Toronto Canada. These conferences were addressed by scholars from all over the world including India (Dr. Zakir Naik) but **there was none from Pakistan.**

In one of the conferences 'Urs' on commemoration of Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti Ajmari (rta) from India, the main speaker on **Sufism** was from Tunisia. Pakistani Mufti however recited 'Naats', praise of our Prophet (saw)

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### **NICE TO KNOW**

#### **My Belief and my Wish**

My research placed in this book and the lecture of the Tunisian Speaker, heard in Toronto Canada, have influenced me a lot and I now firmly believe that **Sufism** is the true 'Deen' Islam. It is not a sect of

Islam, but correct Islam. It may be mentioned here that the first man and the first Messenger of Allah (az), first husband, first father, first father in law and first teacher [Hazrat Adam (as)] was also a Sufi.

### **Sikhism and Sufism**

Sikh is a nation which originated from India. They respect Sufism. A story from internet is placed below for the benefit of the readers.

It has been reported that a Sikh family of Guru deb Singh has reconstructed / renovated the tomb of **Hazrat Noor Shah Jamal**, a Muslim Sufi, in District Hoshiarpur (India) and he is looking after the annual fairs and other activities related to the Sufi saint. <http://www.hoshiarpuronline.in/city-guide/tomb-of-shah-noor-jamal>

### **About Sects in Islam**

Our Prophet (saw) had said that there will be seventy-three (73) sects in Islam but one of them will be on the right path. Therefore, the seventy-two (72) sects, have **corrupted Deen - i - Islam**.

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**O Allah (az) guide me and all Muslims to the right path of Islam and admit me among the righteous.**

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I spent about 22 years in service with National Development Finance Corporation, starting from AVP to Chairmanship. The two Chairmen, (1) Mr. Ameen Ullah (first) and (2) Mr. Zafar Iqbal trained me in my professional work and professional attitude. I enjoyed working with all the staff and colleagues and pray for their prosperity. In particular I am grateful to Mr. Naeem Farooqui, Mr. Saeedullah Khan and Mr. Etrat H Rizvi, ex colleagues, highly competent professionals and humble, who helped me even after my retirement. I wish, I were like them. I pray to Allah to bless all my official companions, dead and alive, with success in 'Deen' and Dunia. Ameen.

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Lastly, I would like to record that all the family members, who, despite the fact that my wife was suffering from paralyses and confined to bed, spared me from all possible family shores. My daughter Naveed Aslam, arranged my immigration to Canada and daughter Naheed Aslam looked after me as also the ailing mother, besides managing the family shores.

My grandson Mr. Waqar ul Hassan has also been very kind to me. He has created a Web Site for this book known as **voiceofmuslims.net** on the internet.

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### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Legend	Stands for:
(SAW)	Sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam
(ra)	Raziallah Tallah Anho (for male)
(raa)	Raziallah Tallah Anha (for femal)
(rta)	Rahmatullah Elahe
##	Sign of new paragraph.

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Lastly, I may mention that Allah (az) and our Prophet (saw) have always been very kind, especially in building up my carrier and life. The blessings of my **parents** and most **Sufis** have also been a great source for my success in life.

**Allah Hoakbar**

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