

and conflicting opinion about the actual number, nature and volume of these manuscripts. Dr. Islahi seeks to set at rest the controversy about the unpublished works of Maulana Farahi and presents a comprehensive list of such manuscripts along with a brief description of their content and number of pages etc.

A Bibliography on Maulana Farahi

- Dr. Zafarul Islam Islahi

The second part of the bibliography on Maulana Farahi, the well known exegetist (mufasssir), covers his published articles, letters and poems. It also makes a comprehensive bibliographical survey of the published works (books and articles) on his life & contributions. Unpublished dissertations and theses about his life and works have been also listed in this bibliography.

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Quranic concept of the origin of History **- Maulana Sultan Ahmad Islahi.**

The modern view about the origin of man's history that before reaching the stage of civilization, the human history had passed through a long period when the quality of his life was no better than the animals, is not compatible with the Quranic teachings. Maulana Sultan Ahmad Islahi argues that according to the evidence contained in the Holy Book there has been no such moment in the entire human history when mankind was totally devoid of a certain level of civilisation and culture. Similarly, from the very beginning he was recipient of the divine message enshrining the ennobling concept of monotheism and the ideals it stands for. The Quranic statements about Adam's reaction when he fell a prey to Satan's deceit and his sewing leaves around himself, details about his *Khilafat* on earth, distinction between *halal* and *haram*, the story of Habil (Abel) and Qabil (Cain) construction of Noah's ark, determination of months and years etc. makes it abundantly clear that the Quran does not accept the modern view of the origins of history.

Unpublished Works of Maulana Farahi **- Dr. Muhammad Ajmal Islahi**

The renowned exegetist Maulana Farahi had a comprehensive plan of writing books on various aspects of Quranic sciences and related disciplines. A number of these books had been published. But many of his works could not be completed and still remain in manuscript form. Due to different reasons, these manuscripts are not yet available to the scholars at large. Consequently, there is much speculation

ABSTRACTS

Exegetical Traditions of the Holy Wives of the Prophet (S.A.W): Analytical Study

- Dr. Muhammad Yasin Mazhar Siddiqi.

Standard collections of *Hadith* contain a number of exegetical Traditions (*Tafsiri Riwayat*) narrated from the *Sahaba*. These include a good number of such Traditions from the Holy Wives of the Prophet (S.A.W.) the most outstanding contributions in this regard being that of Hadrat Aisha. This is quite understandable in the long association of Hadrat Aisha with the Prophet as also her comparatively longer span of the life after the Prophet. From other Mothers of the Muslims there are not much *ahadith* Traditions and exegetical Traditions are still fewer. These traditions are however, scattered in different collections of *ahadith* and it is rather difficult for the students and scholars of the Quranic sciences to make full use of them. Dr. Siddiqi has painstakingly gone through these collections and meticulously collected such traditions and critically analysed them. It is only natural in view of the nature and magnitude of contribution of Hazrat Aisha in this field, that her traditions have been taken first and those of other Mothers of Muslims are taken note of only after it. It is the first instalment and it covers exegetical traditions of the Holy Wives of the Prophet (S.A.W.)