

# *Editorial*

Computer, atom, space, science and technology are the words in currency in this fast changing world of ours. Curiosity, originality, creative and independent thinking are the main driving forces behind the innovation of all these terms. These developments have given birth to materialism and commercialism which have struck the foundations of revealed religions.

Research on religious subjects through extensive and intensive probing is what can lead to Islamic resurgence.

Department of Islamic Studies used to publish a research journal under the title of *Light of Islam*, initiated by Allama Ala ud Din Siddiqui, the founder chairman of Department of Islamic Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore. Islam continued disseminating its glorious light and continued serving as a beacon-light for the unenlightened humanity but *Light of Islam* could not emerge for almost a couple of decades. Research in the department proceeded with full vigour but research journal could not be published.

Grace be to God that He enabled us to resurrect this tradition with a new zest, zeal and fervor. The very fact of the first issue of the new journal's being a tri-lilingual stands testimony to our determination that we will not let it pass into oblivion.

We always believe in improvement through mutual counselling. Therefore, all kinds of comments and suggestions will be anxiously awaited and carefully appreciated.

Chief Editor

*Ibn Mas'ud reported the prophet  
as saying,*

**On the day of resurrection  
the feet of the son of Adam  
will not move away till he  
is questioned about five  
matters:**

**on what he spent his life,  
in doing what he made his  
youth pass away,**

**whence he acquired his  
property,**

**on what he spent it,  
and what he did regarding  
what he knew."**

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