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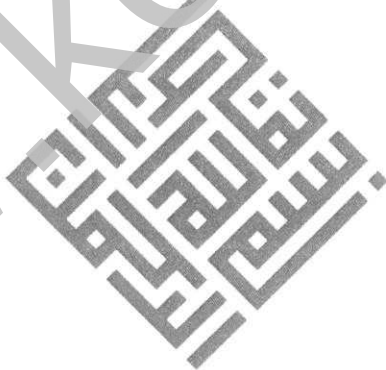
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To begin and execute a research is like walking in the path of development and evolvement. When the seeds of the "questions" are planted, in the soil of the mind of the researcher, this phase initiates, and its end is culminated when the result and the outcome of knowledge and wisdom is gained.

Evidently, this end is a new chapter in itself, for growth, and announces beforehand this good news to humans. For the result of all those mental efforts will not only bring the blooming and flowering of talent and all kinds of Blessings to humans, but it also makes the mind of the researcher to ponder and shape new, more questions.

This will produce a great collection of growing plants and flowers for the seeking mind... Those "questions" are in fact, the seeds, which according to the necessities of Time and the strength of the researchers will grow and bloom by themselves. They will make Culture and Civilization to move forward.

In like manner, the increasing rate of transferring oneself from one place to another place and the decrease of the distances will make those seeds travel miles and miles, to faraway places, in order to install them inside the curious mind of other seekers. This will bring an amazing diversity and a novelty for another civilization...

It is true then, that the presence of knowledge and a good, capable management will help this project to develop itself and one has to admit indeed, that it has always played an important role...

Al-Mustafa International Publication and Translation Center, because of its global mission, and its special position among the Religious Schools and the colorful human diversity that it has developed inside itself, sees it as a moral duty to procure all the appropriate conditions for any research works, and takes its role in this matter, most seriously. To procure all kinds of necessary grounds, with an excellent management of all the existing possibilities and talents, and to care and protect all its researchers in religious fields; these are the most crucial responsibilities of the Department of Research in this International center.

We dearly hope that by being attentive to all these autonomous scientific movements, and by fortifying all the existing motives, we shall be able to witness the blooming of the Religious Culture in every part of this wide world!

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Transliteration Symbols

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ح	ḥ	خ	kh
د	d	ذ	dh
ر	r	ز	z
س	s	ش	sh
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ط	ṭ	ظ	ẓ
ع	‘	ح	gh
ف	f	ق	q
ك	k	ل	l
م	m	ن	n
ه	h	و	w
ي	y	ة	ah
<u>Long Vowels</u>		<u>Short Vowels</u>	
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<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Transliteration</u>
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ژ	zh	گ	g

Foreword



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful

Educational planning must be dynamic and consistent with the changes that emerge in the structure of knowledge and fields of science.

Social transformations, newly emerging needs of the students and new exigencies of knowledge, information, skills, inclinations, and modern values demand that addressing them necessitates the introduction of new fields of studies and training of pertinent experts.

The expansion of world dominating cultures and the globalization of culture under the auspices of cultural and communication media bring to the fore newly emerging problems and needs. Logical confrontation with them is only possible through equipping the individuals with fruitful ideas, lofty values and rational behaviors that are realized through formal educational conditions by introducing new fields of study and expanding the scope of instructions, skills and organized training.

The development of educational centers hinges on tenacious, regulated and tested educational system in which the academic programs, textbooks and competent teachers are considered the essential pillars. Also, the dynamism of academic programs depends on their concordance with the

need of time, talent of the students and existing facilities. For example, the stability of textbooks depends on the presentation of the newest scientific achievements within the framework of the most modern styles and education technologies.

Reviewing and updating the academic texts and approaches help in keeping the academic atmosphere of the educational centers.

Under the auspices of the glorious Islamic Revolution, for many years the Islamic seminaries have been thinking of reforming the educational structure and reviewing the current textbooks. Along this line, Al-Muṣṭafā International University, Qum, Islamic Republic of Iran, which is part of this totality and assumes the responsibility of educating and training non-Iranian students has taken step in establishing the Office of Planning and Compiling Textbooks.

By taking into account the efforts given and picking up from the yield of knowledge of the esteemed scholars, this Office has embarked on writing textbooks while benefiting from new educational approaches and most recent scientific achievements.

The compilation and publication of more than seventy textbook titles in various subjects of religious sciences is a product of this endeavor.

The present volume, which is entitled *An Introduction to Ḥadīth Sources and History* has been written for tertiary level students (Qur'an and Ḥadīth Course) and deals with an analysis and examination of the Sunnī and Shī'ah sources of *ḥadīth*, is a product of the laudable intellectual efforts of His Eminence Ḥujjat al-Islām wa 'l-Muslīmīn Dr. 'Alī Naṣīrī (may his success continues). We do appreciate and thank him and other scholars who have done their best to bring this project to fruition.

We are also grateful to Dr. Mansoor Limba for accepting our offer to translate this Persian book into English to be used as textbook in our pertinent course here at Al-Muṣṭafā International College, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

In conclusion, we do hope and expect the distinguished men of learning and virtue as well as the esteemed readers to share with us their views and comments. ❧

Seyed Hashem Moosavi