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Translator's Foreword

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, Who guided us to the right path through the noble Ahle Bayt (a.s.), about whom He said:

"Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House, and to purify you a (thorough) purifying." (The Quran 33:33)

We hope this book will go a long way in promoting awareness about Shia Islam and will fortify the followers of this school against the attacks of opponents and also be utilized by researchers and students of Islamic Studies.

Since there is a tendency among orientalists and western scholars to label Sunni Islam as the orthodox faith, which is a blatant disregard of all academic standards!

What is the meaning of orthodoxy? Has anyone taken the trouble to investigate, if the faith brought by the Prophet still maintains its original form or it was 'modified' and 'improved' by those who came later? If it was changed, how is it possible to call it orthodox?

Secondly, western scholars like to explain away schisms in Islam to be originating in the question of temporal rulership after the Prophet.

Our scholars must oppose this tendency and write more such books and articles to explain how the split in Islam was in fact rooted in perception about the authority of the Prophet. How some agreed to obey the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.s.) in every matter and how some opposed his every statement or made excuses.

Thirdly, is the world view promoted by the 'enlightened'; that loyalty to ones faith is a form of extremism detrimental to international peace.

Our scholars should explain why it is a mistaken notion, and why this cannot be true for the pristine faith brought by Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.s.).

Lastly, I must admit that even though these points are not directly dealt with in this book, the reader will realize that they underlie in all discussions presented here.

Finally, being a translator, it is my duty to confess that though I have exercised all precautions and have not displayed any shortcoming at any point, yet I might have overlooked something; therefore, I indemnify the author as well as the publisher and declare that any error therein is my own; and also

request the readers that in such instances, they will forgive me and also point them out, so that I can make amends in future editions.

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