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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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Preface

The Quranic studies is a set of sciences that are necessary to understand and know the Quran more accurately. The necessity and benefit of knowing the Quranic studies are that as long as the Qur'an is not well known in this area, one cannot understand its contents well.

The discussion about the Qur'an and related studies started from the early days of Islam, which led to the production of valuable works by Muslim and non-Muslim scholars.

This textbook inspired by the works left by Muslim and non-Muslim researchers in the field of Quranic studies, is entitled **An Introduction to the Qur'anic Studies**. It has been written at the request of the Open University of al-Muṣṭafā al-'Ālamīyah for teaching undergraduate and graduate students in the field of Qur'anic Studies and similar majors. The titles of the lessons in this book are compiled based on the headings of the Ministry of Sciences and Research. Teachers, by teaching this book, can acquaint their students with different aspects of Qur'anic studies and provide them with the necessary information in this regard.

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