

Editorial

Today's man is very different from his ancestors. He has gained valuable experiences in various arenas of his material and spiritual existence. Man has reached the heights of thought and reflection. He has gone from the closed-mindedness of the Middle Ages to the boundless and unharnessed civil and social freedom, and has seen the excesses and shortcomings of his forefathers in testing their horizon of ideas and witnessed its consequences. He has experienced modernity and post-modernity and heralded the cries of yesterday's and today's upholders of spirituality and pondered on it..., and in the process has gained "wisdom".

"Wisdom" is the juncture between spirituality and knowledge. It is the manifestation of a carefully thought out equilibrium, the embodiment a mutual bond and trust between religion and reason as reflected in the dictum, "lex est dictaman rationis (law is the dictate of reason)"¹. The morale is heralded in the message, "I have been brought unto you with an easy and tolerant religion"².

1. "What is accepted by reason is also approved by religion, and what is approved by religion is accepted by reason". Gharvai Naini, Mohammad Hossein, Fawa'id-ul-osul, Qom, Eslami, Vol.3, p.60.

2. The Holy prophet (PBUH): "I was assigned to a nascent religion which is accompanied by tolerance and lenience." Razi, Seyed Sharif, Haghayegh Al-Ta'weel Fi Moteshabeh Al-Tanzeel, Beirut, Dar-al-Muhajir, sixth, Bita , Vol.5, p.204.

It does not invoke violence and closed-mindedness, and neither does it endorse non-commitment, but instead, makes its stand on God's pure religion.

It is from this stance that the Hekmat Quarterly Journal has adopted a new approach towards the future, taking new and transforming steps, an account of which is presented below.

1- The scientific level of the journal has been upgraded from cultural-scientific to scientific research (According to Canadian law).

2- Its model and format following the changes in the magazine's level of scientific standing has been adapted and designed accordingly.

3- The subject matter of future issues has been chosen favoring the readers' preferences.

4- Although the publication of this issue has been faced with delay and incidental shortcomings, we hope that future issues shall be of a better quality.

We hope that, with the thoughtful collaboration of our wise and knowledgeable readers, we may succeed in laying out that which concerns readers in relation to Islam's wise and rational perspective, and with a novel and elevated look at the last of divine religions, we may have performed our duty. No doubt success at such an attempt will depend on the mutual collaboration of Hekmat and its readers.