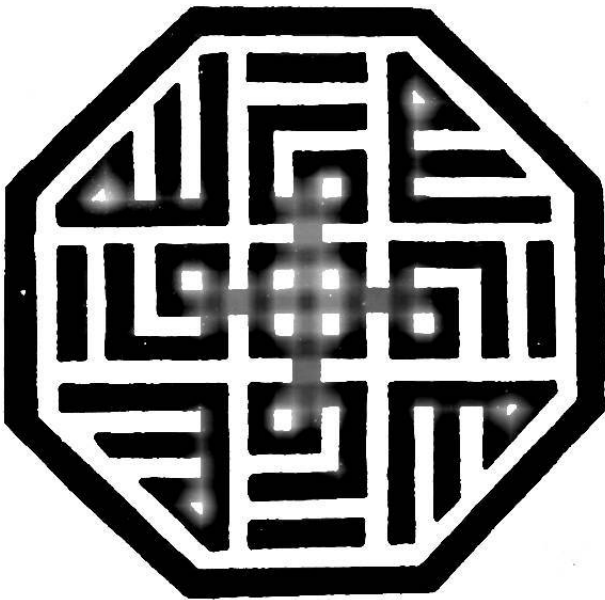


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*With Genuine Humility, I Acknowledge Your Aid, O GOD!
In The True Spirit Of Islam, I Appreciate Your Grace, O GOD!
WITH All My Heart, I Thank You, O GOD!*

*Without Your Guidance And Love,
This Work Would Not Have Been Possible.
Were It Not For Your Help And Cause,
This Humble Contribution Would Have Never Become A Reality.*

*And If It Is Worth Dedicating,
Please Bless It With Your Acceptance;*

It Is Dedicated To You, O GOD!

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In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Praise be to God, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds; Most Gracious, Most Merciful; Master of the Day of Judgment. You do we worship, and Your aid we seek. Show us the straight way, the way of those on whom You have bestowed Your Grace, those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray.

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The new revised edition of Islam in Focus preserves the spirit and scope of the first. But in addition, it incorporates the more recent experiences and studies of the author. It speaks to the young and lay readers in a non-condescending manner, and to the adult intellectuals in a provocative yet respectful fashion. It avoids the unproductive theological debates and sectarian arguments. When applicable, historical and comparative issues are discussed. Most importantly, the book presents Islam as a universal, viable, resourceful, and cosmopolitan religion that is not only relevant to every phase of human existence but also necessary for the very well-being of mankind. It uses an approach that is really intelligible, a style that is living, and a frame of mind that is easily understandable to the English-speaking reader. All this has proven exceptionally helpful to the native Muslims in the west, the new Muslims, and all those who are searching for the truth everywhere.

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