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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

All praises, gratitude and thanks are to Almighty Allah, the Lord of the Worlds; and all prayers and blessings are upon our Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), his family, Companions and followers.

Professor Hazrat Muhammad Hamidur Rahman daamat barakatuhum is one of the leading Islamic personalities in the country. He delivers Islamic lectures in different forums, serving solely to motivate people towards Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ).

Born in Munshiganj in 09 December 1938, he passed Matriculation (SSC) from Islamiah High School in 1955 and Intermediate (HSC) from Dhaka College in 1957. In 1961, he graduated in Electrical Engineering from Ahsanullah Engineering College. He served in Siddhirganj Power Station for two years, in English Electric Company for about six years and then in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) as an Assistant Professor for about 26 years. Interestingly he joined BUET as Assistant Professor in 1969 and retired himself as Assistant Professor in 1995. For long 26 years he had no promotion as he preferred giving time to acquire religious knowledge instead of having degrees on worldly education. After retirement from BUET, he joined in IUT (Islamic University of Technology, Gazipur) in the same profession.

Subsequently after retirement from IUT due to age limit in 2001, he is still serving the same university as a part time teacher.

Apart from these professional activities, he has another identity for which he is well known to the Muslim Ummah today. He became a distinguished Islamic personality after being in touch with Maulana Muhammadullah Hafezzi Huzur rahmatullahi alaihi. Although he didn't go to any Madrasa or Islamic University, yet he is regarded as an Alim (Islamic Scholar) by the Ulama (Learned Islamic Personalities). His lectures are very attractive because of its simplicity and forceful due to his high level of Taqwa. He delivers talks on the important aspects of the religion in a very modest way. People specially who are brought up in a secular educational system and engaged in various professions are likely to be benefited highly from his lectures if they want to lead their lives in accordance with the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ).

Professor Hazrat was a Khadem (attendant) of Maulana Muhammadullah Hafezzi Huzur rahmatullahi alaihi for long 13 years. This transformed him so different from an ordinary English learned man in respect of religious feelings and Ilm. Allah Subhanahu wata'ala orders us to be with the the people who are truthful in their words and work to attain Taqwa. Professor Hazrat is one of the burning examples of this kind and has become a rarely found Allahwala in the field of Taqwa. He became 'baiat' (allegiance) to Hafezzi Huzur in the year 1974 and was declared as his Khalifa (nominee) in 1979.

Hafezzi Huzur rahmatullahi alaihi died in 1987. Then he became baiat to Maulana Shah Abrarul Haq rahmatullahi alaihi in 1989 at Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh, India who was the only Khalifa of Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanawi

rahmatullahi alaihi alive at that time. Maulana Shah Abrarul Haq rahmatullahi alaihi declared Professor Hazrat as his Khalifa in 1990. After expiry of Hazrat Maulana Shah Abrarul Haq rahmatullahi alaihi in 2005, Professor Hazrat extended his baiat to Mufti Abdur Rahman daamat barakatuhum, Chairman of Islamic Research Centre at Bashundara, Dhaka who is also a khalifa of Maulana Shah Abrarul Haq rahmatullahi alaihi.

So traditionally like the scholars of Ulama of Deobond, recognizing the importance of Tasawwuf, he traversed the path under the guidance of Shaykh Maulana Muhammadullah Hafezzi Huzur and Maulana Abrarul Haq, two khulafa of Hakeemul Ummat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanawi rahmatullahi alaihi ajmaeen. In addition to his busy schedule, he himself is also a mentor to numerous spiritual aspirants all over the country. He conducts many sessions of Islamic Dawah at different places regularly for the people of all walks of life who are interested in improvement of their spiritual status of mind and other religious activities. May Allah give us Tawfiq to be with him and purify our souls from sins!

Based on the grace of Islam, its values and principles, Professor Hazrat with his rich experience and wide knowledge, has lectured in different forum of Armed Forces Bases/Academies of Bangladesh. In this book, we could compile his lectures that were delivered by him in English at different formal and informal forum exclusively for Military personnel. In addition, an important lecture is included here which he delivered to the foreign Muslims while visiting USA. This book is a compilation of such wonderful lectures which are delivered to boost individual morale and to present behavioral recommendations for securing the basic faith

and well-being of the Muslim Ummah. These recommendations comprise of a combination of Quranic verses, Prophetic sayings, sincere advice, objective stories, thoughtful ideas and faithful experiments that would guide men to the right path leading to comfort, love, peace and happiness in this life and in the Hereafter.

The pursuit of religious faith - is something that concerns us all, no matter where we live or what our status is. In this book, Hazrat Professor Muhammad Hamidur Rahman daamat barakatuhum explores the path to finding true way of life. Drawing on Islamic teachings and the wise words of Muslim scholars down throughout the ages, as well as voices of experts and high achievers from the east and west, he highlights profound truth in brief, easily-grasped segments that anyone can find time to read no matter how busy his life is.

This book urges the Muslims to rejoice in religion and the grace has been bestowed upon us. The main focus of his lectures is to present Islamic beliefs and practices as well as to highlight Islamic values in the context of current social, political and cultural discussions. All topics included in this book cover basic faith, acts of worship, self-reform, women, family, unity, democracy, education and the media.

Many thanks to those who helped in the revision and editing this book such as, Engineer Muhammad Mashudur Rahman, Professor Dr. S M Lutful Kabir, Professor Dr. Md. Mujibur Rahman, and everyone else who participated by any means.

Finally, I have tried my best to write this book as a replica of the original lectures and consciously refrained from converting it into literary presentation. But if you find an

error [obviously due to my limitation of knowledge and in some cases due to misunderstanding of the sayings of our beloved Hazrat Professor Muhammad Hamidur Rahman daamat barakatuhum while copying from his recorded speech], please inform me so that the lapses may be corrected in future editions.

May Allah accept this humble effort and richly reward all those who helped in its compilation and publication.

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*To the memories of the mother of
Professor Hazrat Muhammad Hamidur
Rahman daamat barakatuhum who
had no noteworthy formal education but
possessed extraordinary intelligence and
wisdom which was bestowed upon her
by Allah Subhanu wata'ala.*

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لَقَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ كِتَابًا فِيهِ ذِكْرُكُمْ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

We have bestowed upon you a Book that mentions you. Do you not understand? (There is nothing contradictory in the Book of Allah. It discusses you and your own problems and affairs of life. It describes your own nature, origin and end. It discriminates between good and evil and presents high moral qualities which your own consciences endorse and confirm. Why don't you, then, use your common sense to understand this simple and easy thing?)—Sura Al-Anbya, 21:10

SCIENCE & THE HOLY QURAN

This lecture was delivered at Bangladesh Naval Academy Auditorium, Chittagong on 06 May 1998. It was a formal lecture and was arranged as a part of academic training curriculum of Naval Officer Cadets which was duly approved by the Naval Authorities. The topic, *Science & the Holy Quran*, was selected by the Naval Academy. At the end of this lecture readers will be able to gain a clear perception about Quranic approach to science. It will obviously show a way to know our Creator by looking to His creations and inspire us to be grateful to Allah Subhanahu wata'ala.

“ Quran is not a book of science. This is neither a book of medicine that you recite a verse from the Quran, breath upon somebody and he becomes cured. If somebody becomes cured that is the special blessing of Allah Subhanahu wata'ala. But the Quran has not been given to our Prophet (ﷺ) to be used as a book of medicine. It is a book of guidance.
—see page 23.

SCIENCE & THE HOLY QURAN

نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ
 وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا
 مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ
 وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ
 أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ﴿۱﴾ أَمَا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ
 الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿۲﴾ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿۳﴾ قُلْ
 هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعْتِي
 وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿۴﴾ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ
 ﴿۵﴾ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ سَيِّدِنَا
 وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ ﴿۶﴾

I want to deliver my lecture in three phases; first of all, the introduction, then the lecture and finally the conclusion. In the beginning of my lecture, I spoke a few words including the sermon¹. I consider that as a part of my introduction. That is the famous sermon which our Prophet (ﷺ) used to deliver in all his lectures. I started with, Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim—You all know the meaning—‘In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.’ Then I said,

¹ Sunan, Abu-Dawood, Hadith 2113, Narrated by Hazrat Abdullah ibn Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه).

نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ وَنَعُوذُ
 بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا

We praise Him, we seek His help, we seek His forgiveness, and we fully believe in Him, and we depend wholly upon Him. We seek His shelter from evil thoughts in our minds.

The words are in plural but the meaning may be made in singular as well as in plural. In Islam most of the prayers are recommended to be made in plural though a single person is praying. We say, رَبَّنَا اِنَّا (O our Lord, give us). We could also say, رَبِّي اِنِّي (O my Lord, give me). But making the prayer in plural is always more recommended.

So the sermon of the Prophet (ﷺ) is also in plural form though he is a single person. He says, 'نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ' (We praise Him, we seek His help). He does not say, 'أَحْمَدُهُ وَاسْتَعِينُهُ' (I praise Him, I seek His help). So the prayer is in plural form because of the recommended procedure. I am translating the sermon because it contains quite a few heart-rending expressions. So the second part,

وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا

We also seek His help from the bad consequences of our evil deeds.

Then he says,

مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ

A person whom Allah guides none can lead him astray and for whom Allah has decreed going astray, none can guide him.