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## Publisher's Note

All praise belongs to Allah; we praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and from our sinful deeds. Whomever Allah guides, there is none to misguide him; and whomever He leads astray, none can guide him. We bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, alone, and we bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. We pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow His peace and blessings upon Prophet Muhammad, upon his good and pure family, as well as upon all the noble companions and those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgement.

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The present series covers all areas of Islamic studies: *tafseer*, *hadeeth*, *tawheed*, *fiqh*, *seerah*, and general etiquette relating to different areas and situations. Given the importance of authentic Islamic knowledge, every effort has been made to ensure that the material presented in the series is authentic. Also, given the importance of Arabic Islamic terms, most of the terms are presented in their original Arabic script, along with the transliteration and the translation of their meanings. This also applies to supplications which have to be memorised in their Arabic version. The aim here is to help the reader read the original text and understand its meaning. Each lesson is followed by exercises covering questions about the lesson.

One striking feature in the series is the colourful artwork used in it that certainly appeals to children. This is certainly bound to attract the young readers' attention, stimulate them, amuse them as well as educate them.

The series aims to acquaint the student with the teachings of Islam in every aspect: beliefs, practices and moral conduct. The series, with its unique features, certainly fills a gap in this area which has long been partially neglected.

The present breathtaking work was initiated by an expert in the field of education, Maulvi Abdul Aziz, MA. English literature, who held different posts in the field including that of Senior Administrative Officer in the Department of Private Education, Ministry of Education, Dubai, UAE, from 1982 to 2002.

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We pray to Almighty Allah to reward our endeavours and to make the present series abundantly beneficial to students in all stages of education as well as to any one who reads them.

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There is no god but Allah, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of all that exists. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. He is the Most High, the Most Great.

The disbelievers do not esteem Allah with the esteem that is due to Him, and the whole earth will be but His Handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens will be folded up in His Right Hand. Glory be to Him and Exalted is He above that which they associate with Him.

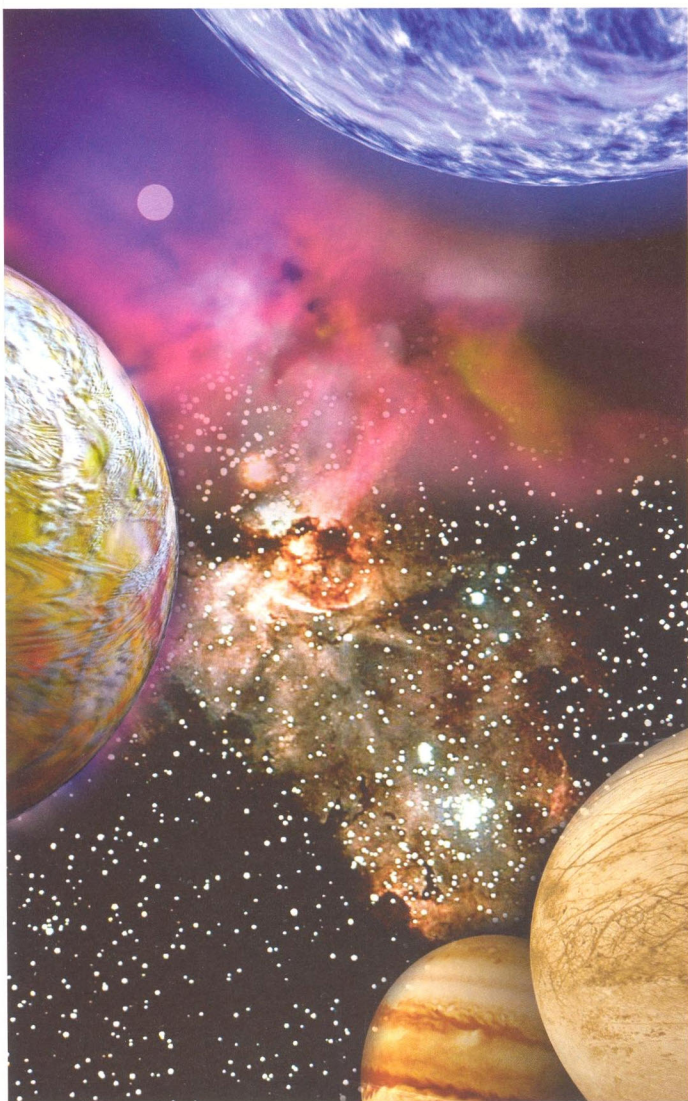
His knowledge is all-inclusive and His power is limitless. He is the Creator. He created the heavens and the earth in six days. He makes the night cover the day, which pursues it swiftly. He also created the sun and the moon and the stars, all governed by laws under His commands.

He alone is to be praised because He alone is the Lord of the worlds. He created the entire universe according to a proper order and a wise plan. He brought forth the heavenly domain and beautified it with stars and created man in the best form.

## The Creation as Evidence for Allah

The proof that Allah alone is worthy of worship is that He is the One who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them and between them. Therefore, He Who created them without any partner should be the Only One to be worshipped.

Truly, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, and in the ships which sail in the sea with that which profits people, and in the water which Allah sends down from the





sky, and in the change of the winds and the clouds pressed into service between the heavens and the earth – are indeed signs for people who understand.

The world is a limitless festival of mysteries, splendour and beauty. The heavens and the earth, the planets, the stars and the galaxies are floating along their decreed orbits in space. The cycle of day and night and the alternation of light and darkness have moved the hearts and souls of people everywhere. For a believing heart, it is a daily marvel to behold, a constant reminder of Allah's greatness and glory.

Indeed, it is very difficult to appreciate the significance of the verse **“the vessels that sail across the sea with what is useful to mankind”** (*Surat al-Baqarah: 164*) unless one travels by sea. A ship seems like a dot in the ocean; it is hit by waves from all sides and is surrounded by an incredible world of endless blue! Those



who have experienced sea travel know that in the middle of the ocean one is entirely at the mercy of Allah and that it is only with Allah's Will and Command that one can be brought to the safety of the shore. The water which Allah sends down from the sky gives life to the earth after it has been lifeless and causes all sorts of creatures to multiply on it. In fact, these are signs that deserve our attention, reflection and intelligent study. They are all manifestations of Allah's supreme power and limitless mercy.

## Allah is One and Only

Allah is One and Only. Nothing resembles Him. He is in no way limited by time or place. Nothing in the entire universe affects Him in any way. He is Ever-living and sustains all that exists. Minds cannot perceive Him, nor can imaginations picture Him. His greatness and glory can be known through the intellect and reflection in whatever He has created.