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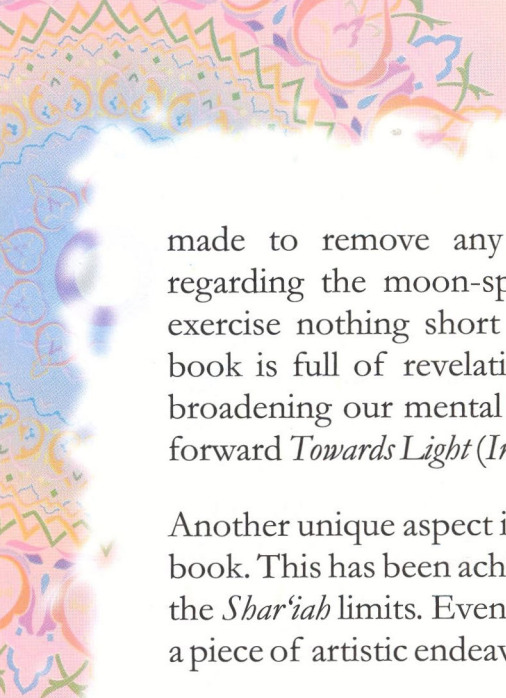
## PREFACE

The incident of the cleft moon is one of the greatest miracles from Allâh ﷻ to His Messenger ﷺ. This incident has been the subject of a great many misunderstanding among the people, especially the non-Muslims and the so-called rationalist Muslims. All these aspects have been dealt with in this book, which seeks to clarify the misconceptions. This incident, which happened during the time of Muhammad ﷺ, demonstrates a clear sign of his Prophethood.

This book not only gives an account of the splitting of the moon in an interesting manner, but also touches upon other miracles connected with the moon split. The author has shown great skill in clarifying doubts and suspicions that arise among the modern students. He also tries to erase their doubts through various aspects of the story in the light of the Noble Qur'ân and the *Sunnah*.

This effort has made the book distinctive as part of a series of Qur'ânic episodes. It has been divided into three parts, the first of which is entitled *The Miracles*. The second and third parts are called *In Search of Truth* and *Towards Light*. In the publication, *In Search of Truth*, the reader will notice that every attempt has been





made to remove any trace of misunderstanding regarding the moon-split incident. This makes the exercise nothing short of a literary adventure. The book is full of revelations, which serve not only in broadening our mental horizon but also in taking us forward *Towards Light (In sha' Allâh)*.

Another unique aspect is the illustrational work of the book. This has been achieved within the framework of the *Shar'iah* limits. Even so, it makes the whole project a piece of artistic endeavor.

The third aspect is the authenticity of the episodes, which have become part of Darussalam's tradition.

I appeal to Allâh to accept our work and make it a source of guidance for younger generation. *Ameen!*

Servant of Allâh  
**Abdul Malik Mujahid**






## The Incident of Moon Split

Faisal was in an anxious state of mind. He had thought that AQ would consider his words carefully. But what actually happened was the reverse. Now he was pondering over the remarks of AQ. Where he was feeling angry was over his ignorance. He was also worried whether his classmates would regard the incident in poor light.

AQ was his close classmate. He had returned to Pakistan from Norway a few months ago. His father had lived there for five years during his service. He joined a modern school in Islamabad as a student of matriculation. AQ tried to throw his weight around in the class. His main rival was Faisal and he was afraid that this academic competition might not turn into jealousy and



An illustration in the top right corner shows two hands, one blue and one red, holding two pens, one blue and one red, in a crossed position.


hostility. Yet, Faisal extended his hand of friendship, which AQ grasped. However, he soon discovered that his line of thinking was totally different. To start with, Faisal asked him why he did not prefer to be known by his real name rather than by his initials

AQ. He replied that AQ was short for Abdul Qadeer Khan. The name sounded religious and somehow he had no particular liking for religion. Moreover, he was fond of adopting English initials. This was the starting point of their argument.



Faisal was a sincere and devoted Muslim. He was shocked to learn that his new friend not only regarded Islam as unnecessary but in fact every other religion, which according to him, went against modern thinking. Faisal was not





interested in other religions, but he felt strongly about Islam. He openly challenged AQ that he would not be able to prove against Islam anything



that was not acceptable to rational thinking.

AQ was also not one of those who take things lying down. He accepted the challenge and asked a question, which Faisal found it difficult to answer. It had to do with the moon. He said that in Norway he had heard a Pakistani Muslim boy telling him that once Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had split the moon merely by pointing his finger at it. He found this a strange thing.

Faisal replied that he was not aware of the