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for all Muslims

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PREFACE

Endless thanks and praise to Allah the Most High, Who has created mankind and the entire universe with divine wisdom and for a great purpose.

May blessings and peace be upon Muhammad, the means of compassion to the universe, the most distinguished intercessor, and the most beloved Prophet of Allah our Lord, and be upon his family, upon his companions, and upon all those who have followed and continue to follow his holy path.

The content of this work (A Concise Manual) pertains to a branch of Islamic knowledge that provides information about faith (iman) and worship (ibadah).

Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him (Sal-
lAllāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam)*, said that it is compulsory for every Muslim man and woman to acquire the knowledge. The knowledge (A Concise Fiqh) in this manual gives essential information about faith (iman) and worship (ibadah) which will guide its adherents to happiness both in this world and in the Hereafter. One cannot become a complete and perfect Muslim without learning and believing

* Muslims have been requested by Allah in the Qur'an to recite this phrase after pronouncing the name of Prophet Muhammad. In this text, henceforth, it will be abbreviated as (s.a.s.).

these essentials, known in Arabic as “Dharurah al-Dīniyyah” (Necessary Rules of the Religion).

Although a great many Ilmihal books have already been published we found it useful to compile yet another book with the aim of helping every Muslim, adults and children, to learn and memorize the basics of Islam.

May Allah, the Most Supreme, be pleased with us for our endeavour.

A Few Words for the Second Edition

Thanks be to Allah (azza wa jalla) who has made us (frivilius) part of this important publication. In this second edition we have made some revisions in the text and added a few footnotes have been added where needed.

Despite all the effort and labour offered if there should crop up any further mistakes we plead the readers’ indulgence.

