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**ABSTRACT**

**The Intent of Islamic Law and its Relation to Legal Proof**

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This work is based upon on al-Yubi’s doctoral thesis “The real intent of Islamic law and its relation to proof” which was submitted to Medina Islamic University in 1995. The book discusses Islamic law, its evolution, and the roots of jurisprudence. It begins with the Imam of the Two Shrines, al-Ghazali, al-Razi, al-Adami, al-‘Iz ibn ‘Abd al-Salam and his student al-Qirafi, ibn Taymiya, ibn al-Qayyim, al-Tawfi, and al-Shatibi, and continues into the present era.

A section of the book is dedicated to the understanding and regulations of Islamic law. Hence it tackles the concept of *istiqra* (induction). Other topics include “the divine objectives of Islamic law” (considered to be “discipline” and “freedom from prejudice and arbitrariness”), and obligations and permissibility. The final chapter discusses the link between objectives and evidence based on Qur’an, the Sunna, consensus (*ijma‘*) and analogy (*al-qiyas*) as well as discretion, Sunna, customary intent, and legislation.

This work takes an academic approach to its language, commentary, references, and layout. Most pages include detailed, comprehensive footnotes. This work provides scholars with a wealth of information thanks to its use of over three hundred references. Indexes include Qur’anic verses, prophetic sayings (hadith), tradition (*athar*), poetic verses, and foreign words and terms.

Al-Yubi’s original thesis was awarded the highest distinction with a recommendation to publish. Indeed, this work is a valuable work for all those interested in the intent of Islamic law.

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