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FOREWORD

It is a distressing fact that most of the Muslims lack proper understanding about the universal relevance of the Qur'anic Message which was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAWS) for the guidance of all mankind. There is considerable misapprehension too about Islam and the Message of the Qur'an in the minds of Non-Muslims. **Indian School of Excellence Trust (INDSET)** is making a humble endeavour through a series of monographs on Islam and Qur'an to project the image of Islam in its proper perspective and to explain the significance of the Qur'anic Message in a scientific and systematic way.

This monograph entitled **Modern Technology, Resource Utilization and Qur'anic Approach** highlights the point that after the Second World War the two super powers USA and the erstwhile USSR misused science and technology to create instruments of terror to aggravate global insecurity and annihilate human civilization. Nuclear bombs, ballistic missiles and Star War Programs were preferred to bread, butter and social development.

The indiscriminate and wasteful use of resources and hazardous disposal of wastes have acutely polluted the environment and disturbed the ecological balance globally. Nuclear radiation and pollution do not respect international frontier. They travel through shared water bodies and move freely with air currents as happened

with the Chernobyl nuclear radiation (1986) and Indonesian Forest Fire (1997). Both the developed and developing countries have to work in perfect harmony and in a spirit of mutual help and cooperation in order to avert the impending ecological catastrophe.

The modern industrial and commercial development is powerfully driven by the profit motive. This leads to excessive exploitation of natural resources which tends to exhaust them. Thus the social purpose of science i.e. to ensure stable and sustainable development of resources is completely lost. It is therefore crucially important that scientists ought to radically reorient their research priorities in order to focus on eliminating disease, hunger and poverty and ensuring stability, prosperity and sustainability of human civilization.

The Qur'anic value system contrasts sharply with the exploitative and harmful approach, currently prevalent. The Qur'an proclaims man to be the inheritor of the earth and of its resources. These natural resources, both concealed and exposed, have been placed under the control of man. He has been advised to look for their multiple benefits and search for their full potentials in order to derive maximum benefit for the comfort, convenience and fulfillment of human life. The Qur'an sternly warns against wasteful utilization of resources. Since man, through excessive use tends to exhaust the natural resources, Allah (SWT) has withheld from him the full knowledge of the available resources which, according to Qur'an, are inexhaustible. Allah (SWT) makes them available to human being progressively, in phases and stages, in order to ensure the sustainability of human civilization till the Doomsday.

We conclude with a prayer to Allah (SWT) to graciously bless our efforts with success (*Aameen*).

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