Press Release

The King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies for 1985

Riyadh, 20 Dec. 1984: The Selection Committee of the 1985 King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies has announced today that it has awarded the Prize jointly to:

1. Dr. Farouk A. Al-Desouki (Egypt);
   For his book, “Destiny in Islam” in its first and second volumes. The book reflects a comprehensive grasp of the subject and is adequately supported by convincing evidence from the Holy Quran and the Prophet’s Sunna. It also reflects articulation of the subject and an ability to convey ideas in a direct and easy-to-understand manner. He discusses contradictory arguments in a scientifically convincing style.

2. Dr. Mohammad R. Salim (Saudi Arabia)
   For editing the 11-volume “Avoiding Conflict between Thought and Tradition” by Ibn Taimiya. The book, supported by King Saud University in terms of editing and publication, reflects a wealth of energy in meeting its scholarly requirements. It is part of a huge project to edit the heritage of Islamic famous scholar, Ibn Taimiya, a project that deserves attention and encouragement.

3. Dr. Mustafa M. Hilmi Suliman (Egypt)
   who has been awarded the Prize for his three books: a) Sunna Method in Religion’s Fundamentals; b) Principles of Fundamentalist Method and Islamic Approach to Theology, the World and Man for Ibn Taimiya; and c) Fundamentalism between the Islamic Creed and the Western Philosophy.

These books are distinguished by:

- Accuracy of information derived from original references
- Rectitude of the author’s intellectual orientation
- Strength of inferences in the schools of thought assumed or explored
- Integrity of style
- Clarity and compactness of statements

Moreover, the Selection Committee decided that 1986’s prize shall be dedicated to: "Studies addressing Islamic history".