

TRANSLATION

Speech of Shaikh
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Co-Winner of King Faisal International Prize
For Service to Islam 1980/1400H.
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In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Your Highness, the Crown Prince
Distinguished guests

I thank you and the members of nominations and recruitment committee for the King Faisal International Prize for choosing me to win this prize. This indicates your appreciation and trust in a small enlisted man in the exalted Islamic work as possible as I can. I do know the value of this prize, and appreciate the exalted Islamic spirit and the noble sentiment which was and is still behind this work of both the King Faisal Foundation and the Saudi government that support the service of Islam widely.

As a matter of fact, the nature of the Islamic work intended for the sake of God and the reward received at Judgment Day should not be rewarded during one's life. That was the nature of our devoted predecessors and the faithful workers who were very keen not to show up anything of their work or get any benefit of it in their present life. But the painful reality which the Muslim World lives in today such as renouncing Islam, denial of the favor that Islam gave to the whole mankind, putting the obstacles in the way of its progress, embracing destructive principles and thoughts opponent to Islam; all this bid those who dedicated themselves to serve this religion to adopt

various mediums to activate the Islamic work and motivate it. It is a blessed step which the King Faisal Foundation took to allocate a prize annually to be granted to the service of Islam. This feeling predominated me when I accepted this prize which came without a request from me or my looking up to it, appreciating the good intention and the good motives of this prize and the good memory of the late martyr, great King Faisal Ibn Abd Al-Aziz, which this prize is attributed to him. Therefore, I have decided, when, to my surprise, I was told that my name was among the winners of this prize, to accept it thankfully and appreciatively. I ask God the Almighty to grant me the best of what this prize includes of good meanings.

Would you please accept my excuse of not coming myself to receive this honour, and to thank you in my tongue because of compulsory reasons and beforehand engagements. I asked my brother Dr. Abd Allah Abbas Nadawi the assistant professor at the university of King Abd AL-Aziz to attend this event on behalf of me and convey to Your Royal Highness and the honourable attendants my compliments and thanks.

Your Royal Highness
Distinguished Guest

The moral value of this prize is very magnificent and it is superior to all material considerations. This is what God the Almighty gave me when you recruited me to be one of the winners of this prize. Would you please allow me to spend its material value on Islamic services which my brother will announce on the occasion of receiving this prize.

In conclusion, I ask God the Almighty to preserve the Muslim nation, the Saudi Kingdom, the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, King Khalid Ibn Abd Al-Aziz and His Royal Highness Crown Prince, and to straighten their steps and give them success to do everything good to their country and population.

Your Royal Highness,

Would you please allow me to announce, in the name of his eminence, Abu AL-Hasan AL-Nadawi, the details of donation the prize value as follows:

Half of this prize value to be donated to the Afghani refugees who were forced to leave their country by the Soviet savage invasion. It is known that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia bears the biggest share in helping these refugees. One quarter of this prize value to be donated to the schools of Qura'n memorization through the supervisor on these schools, His Excellency, Mohammad AL-Qazzaz; the other quarter to the Sawlatiyyah School in Mecca to help it continue its message in contribution to the religions education.

I ask God to give us success.