

**The Speech of  
Dr. Mustafa Hilmi Suleiman, at the ceremony of**

## conferring the Prize upon him

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In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Praise be to God... We praise Him, seek His guidance and in whom we believe; on whom we depend, May He forbid us from the evils of our souls; he whom God guide shall not be lost; No guide but He. I witness that no deity but God and witness that Mohammad is His Messenger.

I cannot find more eloquent words to express my feelings, on this emotional occasion, than to praise God Almighty on bestowing on me His Grace, in winning this international and outstanding prize; I should like to express my deep gratitude to His Majesty King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and their Royal Highnesses sons of the late King Faisal, God have mercy upon his soul and rest him in His Paradise, for their patronizing and supporting of King Faisal Foundation and its fruitful projects.

I shall also avail myself of this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude to whoever participated in my honoured nominations.

As concerns the fruitful projects of the Foundation which I had already cited, I must admit that I discerned, through my experience, its fruit; when I embarked on my research work which I submitted to win the prize, my intention was, then, confined to make way for the methodology of the Sunna Ulama' the regain its right place amongst other methodologies, as a result of my utter conviction of the originality of their methodology and of their close adherence to the Quran and the Sunna. I was hoping to persuade other researchers of the fact that the principles of the true Faith which God had revealed in His Book through His Messenger, Bless Him and Give Him Peace, are based on verses, proofs and evidences that would incite not only the learned but also those of the innate nature. The Almighty say”

While His Messenger, Bless Him and give Him Peace, says: “The best words is God’s Book, and the best guidance is Mohammad’s, Bless Him and give Him Peace, the worst of things are their novels and what you have been promised is imminent and you are not miracle – makers.\*\*

\*\* Quoted by Bukhari after Ibn Mas'oud, God bless him.

Indeed, an alien feeling used to dominate my thoughts amongst methodologies that were announced, spread out and found orientalist and their followers who were ready to serve them, until I was privileged by the appreciation of eminent committee of Ulama' of my modest books; I praised God for His graces. Perhaps the first of these was His extricating me from the feeling of alien-action to the state of self-confidence and peace of mind, upon the appreciation I enjoyed. I pray God to incite others to promote their endeavours in the service of the same methodology, whether these endeavours be in interpreting, adopting, supporting or even spreading out this methodology.

The truth is, the Islamic Studies in the field of the doctrine together with its basic principles and characteristics want adherence to the methodology of the Sunna Ulama, for they have proved, through their numerous books, that theirs is the most authoritative and trustworthy, since it derives its originality, in interpreting the Islamic Faith, from the Holy Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger, Mohammad, Bless Him and give Him Peace.

No doubt, our need for clarifying the doctrine, according to this methodology, is attributed to three reasons:

1. The Islamic Faith is the corner stone of our self-entity and civilization. It is it that reminds the nation of the good faith entrusted to it, as well as incites it to sublimate to its becoming level, and defines, its ultimate aims and noblest objectives to it, lest it should be confused, amidst aims and civilizations of other nations that hoist economical, and political slogans that distract mankind with material ends at the expenses of lofty and noble objectives.

God Almighty say:"

2. It is a protective shield that has ensured, as still is, steadfastness of our nation before all military and cultural challenges as well as before raids of all media that our nation encounters.
3. It imports sense to our lives amidst confusions of mind, worries and aspects of loss, of which, other nations complain, because it is the doctrine that gives decisive answers to queries of the intellect of humans; queries of the Kind: "Why and wherefore are we created? Where to is our fate?"

I pray to God Almighty to reward you all justly; I pray Him to guide our nation's leaders, as He did with the benevolent predecessors, in their adherence to the Holy Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger, Mohammad, Bless Him and Give Him Peace.

My last prayer is, Praise be to God Almighty and Peace, Mercy and blessings upon you.

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