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PREFACE

The International Institute of Islamic Thought was established as an educational trust in 1981 to promote research and publications to aid in the education of the ummah. As part of its IOK agenda, the IIIT has consistently called for a critical evaluation of existing disciplines and their methodologies - a call for epistemological reform based on twin sources of knowledge i.e. revelation and the universe. The aim was to re-mould disciplines taught in universities that would project the Islamic worldview in those disciplines for the betterment of the ummah and humanity at large.

The late Ismail Raji al-Faruqi, one of the founders of the IIIT in his IOK-Principles and Workplan (1982) talked about the need to develop textbooks that required 'mastery of both modern knowledge and Islamic heritage' and based on a critical evaluation of both - to have creative synthesis. More recently another co-founder of the IIIT- the late AbdulHamid Abu Sulayman (who was 2nd Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia from 1988-1998)- initiated the Textbook/Teaching Materials Project (TMP) that was meant to produce books to be utilised for courses being taught at the IIUM. This was backed up with generous research funding from the IIIT.

Since late 2017, the TMP has been introduced not only in the IIUM, but also in a few other institutions of higher learning. Funds are granted to academics teaching a specific course/s to produce a course-book that would be used as a main reference in a particular course/s. Proposals and manuscripts were reviewed and feedback conveyed to the author. In many ways, these books are still 'a work in progress'. They are not meant for commercial purposes and have rather limited distribution. The aim is to utilise these materials in class, to receive further feedback from scholars and others and to keep improving these books until they become standard textbooks to be used in the courses taught.

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We look forward to constructive input for further improvement.

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The Essentials of Islamic Inheritance is part of the effort to make the technical aspects of Islamic Economics available to English-speaking students. The book builds the students' understanding of Islamic Inheritance from the very basic to the slightly advanced level. The book includes a brief history of inheritance, the Āyāt (Verses) of inheritance, the types of heirs, the two types of inheritance, and the special cases in inheritance. The book supported the students with plentiful examples to aid his understanding and ability to apply the lessons given in the book. The author hopes that this humble effort will educate and empower students of Islamic Economics to be among the experts in this field.

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