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discussions on the findings of leading cases of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

I am of opinion that this book will be of great use to judges, lawyers, students, researchers and other persons interested in Muslim law. I hope and believe that the book would receive wider circulation.

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(In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the merciful)

PREFACE

All praises are for Almighty Allah who has given me the opportunity and ability to write the book entitled "The Text Book on Islamic Law". His special grace and blessings, in fact, enabled me to complete this work within one year. The book is the outcome of my experience in teaching law specially Islamic law for more than two and a half decades, which prompted me to write a treatise like this.

In the course of writing this book, I have consulted a number of books on Muslim law written by different scholars of different ages. The purpose of writing this book is not only to state the law as it has been interpreted, accepted and enforced by the courts but also to explain its original sources and the season on which it is based.

The book is mainly divided into three parts. The first part deals with Islamic Jurisprudence, the second deals with the Muslim personal law including the law of succession, which is in practice and the third part deals with statutory laws relating to family matters. Besides, there is an appendix consisting of seven Acts and Rules.

In writing the book I have frequently quoted from the Quran and the *Hadith*, the two main sources of Islamic law. I honestly feel that these sources should get priority over other sources while enactment of laws. In my writing I have given preference to the Quran and the *Hadith* over precedents, though, however, I have referred to the decisions of the superior Courts of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. But due to time constraints, I could not always refer the latest case references.

I wish to express my deep sense of gratitude to my reverend teacher, Professor Dr. M. Badaruddin, who is kind enough to write a foreword to this book. Besides, he has given me some suggestions to

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improve the quality of the book, which I have compiled. I am indebted to him. I have taken direct help from the books of D.F. Mulla, and Syed Khalid Rashid while writing the chapter on Inheritance. I am really grateful to them. Besides, I have consulted a number of authoritative books like *Hedaya*, *Durrul Mukhtar*, *Raddul Muhtar*, Justice Syed Ameer Ali and Justice Abdur Rahim's books on Muslim and Islamic jurisprudence. Further, I have consulted and quoted many books of different scholars. I am thankful to them.

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In spite of my sincere efforts, there remain some shortcomings in the book. I hope to remove these in the next edition.

I am confident that students of law, Lawyers, Judicial officers, researchers and above all Islamic law-loving people will find the book helpful and useful in their respective fields.

Allah Hafiz

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*Dedicated to my
Parents and My
daughter
"Mimmi" who met
an accidental death
at her
very childhood.*