***Face Covering; Obligatory, Recommended or Innovation?***

This book entitled “Face Covering; Obligatory, Recommended or Innovation? (چہرے کا پردہ: واجب، مستحب یا بدعت؟)”is a dialogue between the author and Prof. Khurshid 'Ālam, who has of the point of view that the face covering is a bid'ah (بدعة) i.e. innovation in Islamic sharia and was firstly introduced by Abbasid Caliphs in Arab world and by Mughal Emperors in sub-continent when they introduced the concept of *Ḥaram* (حرم) i.e. separate places for women, in their palaces. According to him, this custom of Islamic culture has no roots or origin in Quran or Sunnah. In this research work, the author has proved that face covering has strong evidences and reasons from Quran, Sunnah and Islamic Jurisprudences as well. And this norm is being practiced from the Prophetic era to present day in a wide area of Muslim world as a religious sentiment.

The first edition of the book was published in January 2010 with 1100 copies and had been sold in following 10 months. Thus, its second edition with 550 copies was published in November 2010. The second edition with six chapters, 224 pages and 392 references from primary and secondary sources, also include the appreciative comments from Weekly Nida' e Khilāfat Lahore, Weekly al-'E'tiṣām Lahore, Monthly al-Qāsim Nosherrah, Monthly al-Ṣiyānah Lahore, Monthly Ẓiyā e Ḥaram Lahore, Monthly Mokālmah bain al-Madhāhib Lahore, Monthly Ḥikmat e Bāleghah Ghang etc. Now the third edition of the book is ready to publish. A translation of the book in Pashto language is also in process of publishing from Afghanistan.