

## Suggestions for Further Study

Due to lack of space, I have not been able to discuss every topic mentioned in *Tadabbur-i-Qur'an*. The topics listed below need further investigation. Islahi devotes several continuous pages to some of these topics, thereby indicating their significance to him. The topics listed below raise many questions that a separate study could profitably discuss further.

1. What is Islahi's understanding of allegorical and self-evident verses? Islahi devotes almost 10 pages to this topic in Surah *Al 'Imran*, vol. 2, pp. 24-33.
2. Islahi devotes 13 pages to discuss Islamic punishments in Surah *An Nur*, pp. and another 9 pages to the same topic based on verses 33-39 of Surah *Al Maidah*, vol. 2, pp. 505-514. Islahi's discussion leaves many questions unanswered.
3. What is Islahi's understanding of the role of the former Scriptures? I have dedicated a separate section on the former Scriptures in my discussion of Surah *Al Baqarah*. Islahi presents his views on passages from the former Scriptures in:
  - Surah *Al 'Imran* vol. 2, pp. 95, 98, 102, 144 and 221-222;
  - Surah *An Nisa*, vol. 2, p. 421 (six points);
  - Surah *Al Maidah*, vol. 2, p. 515 and p. 568.Islahi also does exegesis on the Psalms in Surah *Al Maidah*, p. 570 and on Mathew's Gospel in *ibid*, p. 572.  
In several places Islahi discusses the role of St Paul in Christianity.  
Finally, what exactly does Islahi mean by *tahrif*?
4. What is the relation between the *din* of Abraham and natural *din* (*din-i-fitrat*)? Cf. Surah *Al 'Imran* (*puri kainat ka din*, vol. 2, p. 136); *An Nisa* (vol. 2, pp. 367, 288 and 275) and Surah *At Taubah* (vol. 3, p. 570).
5. There are sections in his commentary on Surah *Al Baqarah* with headings such as:
  - a) Answers to Basic Questions, pp. 100-105
  - b) The Nature of Parables, pp. 129-133

- c) General Conclusions, pp. 170-174
- d) The Concept of Reform, pp. 202-203
- e) The Necessity for the People of the Book to Accept the Last Prophet, pp. 231-237
- f) The Concept of Abrogation, pp. 308-317
- g) Some Clarifications, pp. 147-151
- h) Historical Analysis, pp. 121-127
- i) The Sealing of Hearts (*khatm-i-qulub*), pp. 110-115.

Each of these sections raises important questions for further investigation.