

Preface / Vorwort

*Editor / Herausgeber**

Dear readers,

This is the first edition of the journal *HIKMA* which addresses itself to everyone interested in critically exploring the Islamic religion in an objective and scientific fashion. In this edition the subject of Islamic Theology and /or Islamic Studies is profoundly and critically discussed. This is attempted in a conceptual and content-oriented fashion and placed into a wider European context. The authors examine the issue at hand from different perspectives, make use of a variety of approaches to the topic and offer a number of solutions to it. We hope that these academic discussions spark a lively culture of discourse which is characterised by feelings of respect for and belongingness to the Islamic faith. At the same time, the views of non-Muslims are considered and an academic exploration of the issue is made possible by the interreligious and theological approach employed. In this context, the journal is committed to the religious needs of Muslims and to creating a pool of academic knowledge on religious questions. It is in this sense a typical theological journal. The name of the publication, suggesting as it does that knowledge is closely tied to wisdom, provides an important clue as to the journal's aims and intentions. The journal consequently has an international, interreligious and interdisciplinary board of editors from throughout Europe. The journal contains both articles in German and in English and thus does not just restrict itself to the German speaking parts of the world.

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The editorial team hopes you enjoy reading the journal and are able to broaden your knowledge in the process.

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