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FOREWORD

We feel pleasure to present another bibliography on an important institution of Islamic economy - zakah. The economic analysis of zakah is no doubt a $14^{th}/20^{th}$ century development and discovery of its economic significance may be considered no less than a scientific miracle.

Dr Abdul Azim Islahi has made a commendable effort in this bibliography to make it as comprehensive as possible. Thus, all types of available materials on the subject in English language have been listed in it. With a view to enabling easy search of the listed material, the original character of the author and his title has been retained.

An interesting revelation in this work is that the first ever publication of 20th century on economic significance of zakah was published in the prestigious economic Journal, *The Economic Journal*, London, in 1939 under the editorship of famous economist J. M. Keynes. It was authored by a non-Muslim Jitindra Mohan Datta (of course, the note had many factual and conceptual errors). Since then hundreds of articles and books have appeared on the subject. Yet there are many issues that need fresh thinking and deep analysis. We hope that like other bibliographies published by the Center this will be of great assistance to the researcher community.

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