



EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear readers,

KADER, which has been issued under the supervision of the “Coordinating Committee of Kalam Chairs of Turkish Theology Faculties”, began its publication life in 2003 with the “KADER Journal of Kalam Studies” (e-ISSN: 1309-2030) and then later the name has been changed to that of the KADER (e-2602-2710) since 24/10/2017. The current issue that we present becomes the first English issue of KADER.

As noted in the introductory article of the first issue, the objective of KADER is to set the studies carried out in the field of Kalām which constitutes an important part of Islamic Thought in motion. Since motion and time are related, the absence of motion indicates that there is a kind of stagnation in terms of time as well. Since thought is ultimately a motion of a mind, the absence of thought necessarily means that time also stops in the field of thinking. In light of this evaluation, the stagnation observed in the Islamic Thought Movement after a certain period of time is indicative of the frozenness of both thought and time. After a long interval, the revival of Islamic thought, which reached its peak in the first four centuries of Islamic history, and the rapid compensation of the lost time can only be achieved through the necessary and sufficient speed of the realization of thought movement.

KADER has been ceaselessly continuing its publication life for nearly 20 years in line with its goal of keeping the essential link between time and thought movement alive. Looking at the past issues of the journal, published twice a year at the end of June and December, the richness and quality of the academic studies published prove that the journal has fulfilled its founding purposes. Especially, academic studies that have been carried out in the Faculties of Theology, Master's, Doctoral Thesis and articles prepared for Associate Professorship and Professorship, conferences, panels, symposiums, and published bulletins constitute the very basis of this success. Furthermore, while doing this, showing no compromise of the principles of international academic publication standards has increased the quality of the journal and rendered it one of the journals that are pointed out in the field of theology in Turkey due to the indexations of the journal and citations that its articles receive. As well as having contributed to the raising of standards of the journals published in the field of theology, Kader has been instrumental in bringing about an intellectual awakening in the field of Kalām studies in Turkey. Undoubtedly authors,

reviewers, readers and the editorial board in particular Prof. Dr. Şaban Ali DÜZGÜN who has worked with great dedication throughout the publication life of the journal played a big role in achieving this success.

The current issue is the first issue of KADER published in English, and it aims to bring the knowledge and achievements of the journal from the national arena to an international arena. In line with this objective, this issue brings together three research articles, a translation and a letter to the editor, both historically and contemporarily important. It is our hope that these published articles will lead to an increase in the interest of English-speaking readers of the journal and therefore conduces to further research that pushed the frontiers forward for the upcoming issues.

We would like to thank those who contributed to the preparation of the journal and those who will support with their articles and suggestions for the upcoming volumes.

On Behalf of the Editorial Board

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