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## Foreword

(پیش لفظ)

The work under-sight has been basically triggered from a chapter of the book “*Hasilat Tafseer-e-Siddiqui*”. This is chapter-5 and its title is “*Aabshar-e-Muhammadi*”. This is now included in this book with English translation as Chapter-01. In this chapter we can see the glowing names of those legendary people of Islamic history whose contribution has played an important role in bringing Islam prominently high all over the world. Every individual of this list is a spring which came out from the chest of Muhammad ﷺ, who extinguished the thirst of men in their times. Rather the effects of their works are still continued.

God says in Quran for the human beings that:

إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً

{I am about to place My caliph in the earth (02:30)}

Khalifah has been derived from the Arabic word “**خلف**”, means appointed as a successor. A person who follows his predecessor and continues his work, he would be his Khalifah. Nowadays this word has been confined for only that person who is appointed as a successor by a Sheikh (مرشد), but it is not correct. In fact every Muslim who sincerely obeys God and His Messenger may without reservations be called as **خَلِيفَةُ الْأَرْضِ**, means “Caliph in the earth”.

Who are Khalifah? This has been very well explained in Chapter- 64 of the book “*Tafseer-e-Siddiqui – Its fruits*”. An extract from the same is being presented hereunder:

“---- Quran and Hadiths have reached to the Muslims through Muhammad ﷺ. On account of his companionship, our souls are trained and purified. Look! That person who recites Quran and gives others its training to recite correctly, he is a **Qari**, he is Khalifah. That person who interprets and explains the verses of Quran, he is a **Mufasssir**,

he is Khalifah. That person who narrates and extends his research for hadiths is a *Muhaddis*, he is Khalifah. That person who infers and deduces the orders of Quran and Hadiths, he is a diligent (مجتهد) and *Faqeeh*, he is Khalifah. That person who gives the right direction of faith and defends the opponents of Islam he is a *Theologian* (متكلم), he is Khalifah. In the last days of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, he was having a nation, state and its leadership. Therefore, that honest *Muslim Ruler* who strictly follows the rules and regulations of Islam and also instructs others to obey them, he is also Khalifah. That person who *train soldiers* and war affairs, he is also Khalifah. And that person who describes the important matters of religion, and gives the right directions of faith and provides a clean-up of thoughts and teaches things related to spirit, of course he is Khalifah and a *best Khalifah*.

Anyways, that person who goes all-out for the orders of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, and would preach maximum and goes as per following Quranic verse, he will be considered Khalifah according to his strives:

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ

{O Noble Messenger! Convey all what has been sent down upon you from your Lord. (06:67)}

And that person who will serve for the works of the Noble Prophet, right from the beginning to the end, then what to talk of him! He is the “*Real Khalifah of Prophet*” and he is the “*Image of Prophet*”, like Abu Bakar Siddique, Omer Farooq, Othman Ghani, and Ali Murtaza (رضوان الله عليهم أجمعين).----”

In order to follow our forefathers it is essential to know more and more about them and their works. Then whoever gives inspiration, one should follow him and strive to bring forward his works as well. By this, passing on the lights would continue and the world would be more brightened. And finally one would be named in the list of real “Caliph in the earth”.

Those personalities who have served in the past for the religion of Islam, lot of write-ups in the record is available for them. We know many significant names as well. But, yet most of us do not know about them in person, nor their works have been acknowledged appropriately. For the benefit of common Muslims this book provides an introductory sketch about these legends. Be remembered that all of them are big springs, rather they are big rivers, and therefore their stories may not be squeezed in such small spaces. Therefore, the *list of references* has also

been placed in the last. Those who feel more thirst to know about these legends they may refer to these references as well. Lastly, this is also to say that whatever is written for any individual it may be treated merely an introduction.

In the last chapter of this book, just for a general knowledge, the present status of Muslim Countries and their salient features are also given.

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