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Hassan Turabi's Tafsir : A Study of the Ideological Aspect of Al-Tafsir Al-Tawhidi /  
Esam Eltigani Mohamed Ibrahim

ITBM-Institut Terjemahan & Buku Malaysia Berhad, Malaysia 2016

146p.  
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It should be remembered that writing about Al-Turabi's work on Qur'anic exegesis is both a great academic challenge and a sense of adventure. Because of this, Dr. Eltigani was careful enough not to be carried away by the current political context. Though the focus of this study is on the ideological aspect of Al-Turabi's Qur'anic exegetical work, yet the line of the main argument maintained a high degree of academic rigour. Obviously Al-Turabi is the main living ideologue of the international Islamic movement. More to the point, his influence and political ijtihad cut across traditional political boundaries in the Muslim World.

Generally speaking Al-Turabi's Tafsir is a brilliant piece of writing. It mirrors the passionate and rational eloquence of the Qur'an. In this regard, writing about his Qur'anic exegesis will, certainly, require an understanding of the complexity of the hermeneutic strategy followed by him. The movement from the general guidance of the Surah (Tartil al Ma'ani) and finally to the relevancy of the Surah through its general meaning ('Ummum al-Ma'ani) is the hallmark of this Tafsir. For this reason, this book is relevant to both general readership and specialist. Most important of all, it is a quiet read in the noisy affairs of the Arab spring.

Review by,  
Ibrahim M. Zein.

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A Phenomenological Theory of Islamic Economics / Masudul Alam Choudhury

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Religion Culture, Society : Readings in the Humanities and Revealed Knowledge /  
Mohammad A. Quayum & Hassan Ahmed Ibrahim (Eds)

Silverfish Books Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia 2017

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- 2.Islamic renewal – Islamic countries
- 3.Globalization – religious aspects – Islam
- 4.Islam 21st century

This book contains eleven articles by lecturers from the Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Science, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). For those not familiar with the University's nomenclature, "Kulliyah" is an Arabic word that means "college" or "faculty." The Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Science is the largest faculty in the University, comprising eleven departments - four in Islamic Revealed Knowledge (or Islamic Studies) and seven in Human Sciences (or Humanities and Social Sciences). One might wonder why so many departments and with such diverse interests have been clustered into a single faculty in a traditional university, obviously Islamic studies would form a faculty by itself, while Humanities and Social studies would either be combined or given separate academic and administrative identities. But the founders of International Islamic University Malaysia defined this institution with one overarching tenet in mind: 'Islam.'  
-- Mohammad A. Quayum, Department of English Language and Literature

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The Theological Thought of Fazlur Rahman : A Modern Mutakallim / Ahad M. Ahmed

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- 1.Theologians, Muslim
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Fazlur Rahman was one of the most influential Muslim thinkers of the 20th Century. His encyclopedic understanding of both the Islamic and Western traditions rendered him as most suited for the task of tajdid ul-din (intellectual and academic revivification, reformism and modernism). As a pragmatist he believed that 'social change' could not be translated into reality without an active, positive and vital engagement with the present world which stood as the élan of Islamic morality and ethics. The present work attempts to critically analyze and deconstruct Fazlur Rahman's thought in order to ascertain the key principles that govern the oeuvre of his work. Further, the author has provided a 'bridge' to facilitate an empathetic introduction to Fazlur Rahman's life, person and thought which are essential for understanding him and his work. Also, the prejudice he faced from the orthodox ulama' and political Islam activists in Pakistan foreshadowed a biased misrepresentation of his work qua Orientalism and Western Imperialist agenda.

As a representative of modern Islam it seems plausible that serious attention must be given to 'reconstruct' kalām whilst standing in the midst of Western theology in a postmodern time and kalām in its post-medieval phase. Thus, Fazlur Rahman was not simply a falsafi which the majority hold him to be but also a mutakallim in the full-blooded sense

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