

EDITORIAL

The Al-Hikmat is the second journal on Philosophy in Pakistan, the first being the Pakistan Philosophical Journal. Its primary object is to expound and to evaluate philosophies of the R. C. D. countries with special emphasis on Muslim Philosophy and Iqbal, but it will also contain articles of general philosophical interest and discuss such currents of contemporary thought as have bearing on our literary and cultural issues and also on our value-system.

The Al-Hikmat is intended to be a bi-annual Journal, in the first instance, but if it is assured of a steady flow of articles, it may be converted into a *quarterly* like so many other journals of Philosophy. But we are in no hurry. All that we want is that the stuff should be really worthy of being called philosophical and if possible, it should make some contribution, howsoever small, to the stream of current thought.

The contributors to the first issue are drawn both from the East and The West. They are all experts in their own fields and express themselves in their own characteristic manner. It is hoped that their contributions will provide a basis for fresh vigorous thinking.

As is obvious from the title, the Al-Hikmat is not confined to purely technical discussions of Metaphysics. It has a much wider scope. It can accommodate any well-thought out topic. Hence the editor will be grateful if scholars from different fields enrich the Journal by their contributions.

I wish to record my thanks to Mr. Abdur Rahman Chughtai, our creative artist, for preparing the title page and the insignia which symbolizes the fields which the journal is to cover. The tree in the insignia stands for knowledge, the triangle represents Christian and Western thought while the rahl-a wooden frame for holding the Quran while

reading-signifies **Islamic Thought**. The journal, as has been remarked above, covers an area much wider than one to which metaphysical speculations remain confined and this fact is conveyed quite adequately by the insignia.

In the end I wish to place on record my warmest thanks to our learned Vice-Chancellor, Professor Hamid Ahmad Khan, without whose active help and encouragement, the Al-Haikmat would not have seen the light of the day.

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