

DEEP
INTO
THE QURAN

**with a non-committal, non-sectarian,
scholastic mind**

**discovers the pristine and is, therefore,
much ahead of our times**

HISTORY OF RELIGION

QURANIC INJUNCTIONS

HISTORY OF COMPILATION OF THE QURAN

CONTENTS

Preface 9

Guide lines for institutions of learning 11

PART I

History of Religion

The eternal code revealed to the Prophets 21

Dar-us-salam (Jerusalem) 81

The father and son rediscover the Kaba 87

PART II

Details of Quranic injunctions

Social status of women 111

Khamr — the fermented liquid intoxicant 131

Plurality of consorts 141

Compulsory marital gift 155

Quranic law of divorce 163

Penal code for sex offences 183

Laws of will and inheritance 199

Salat or canonical prayer 217

Zakat or poor-due 233

Saum or fasting 237

Hajj and *Umra*

World congregation 245

Purpose and significance of *Hajj* 251

Umra and *Hajj* 257

Animal sacrifice 267

The protected months 273

The awaited Saviour 277

PART III

History of compilation of the Quran

Introduction 301

Section - I

Background of Quranic revelation 307

Literary atmosphere of the Arabs

The Arabic language

History of the script

The pattern of Arab population

The state of the scripture

Section - II

Revelation of the Quran 321

Beginning of revelation

The doctrine of abrogation

The order of revelation

Section - III

Redaction of the Quran 331

Writing, collection and arrangement of the text

Naming the *suras*

The scribes at work

Characteristics of the official Quran

The official Quran and the diacritical marks

Institution of *Hifz*

Some observations on *sura-e-Tauba*

Quranic abbreviations

Section – IV

The work done on the Quran after the Prophet's death	351
The first caliph	
The third caliph	
Anti-Quran conspiracy and the ancient manuscripts	
The work done much later	
The Orientalists	
Epilogue	362
References	365
Photocopies of rare documents	