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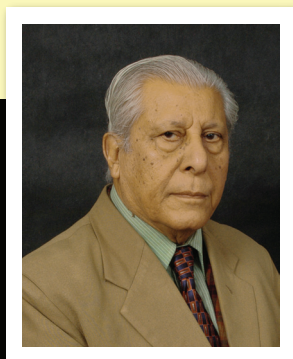
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The Author argues that we must always be alive to the need for evolutionary growth and judicious innovation. In the global village, knowledge of how 'they' live is commonplace and comparisons are inevitably made. Consequently young Muslims have more questions than ever before for their elders. The "do as you are told", and the "shut up and conform" responses are patently inappropriate. The quest for an 'Islam For Our Times' is, therefore a road that all thinking Muslims must travel with humility and abundant faith in the merciful guidance of God.



Jamal Khwaja
Los Angeles, 2008

The Supplemental Essay included in this new edition provides additional insights and food for thought.

About the Author:

Born in 1928, Jamal Khwaja, has devoted a lifetime to the challenge of living the Quran with integrity. His forefathers worked closely with Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, and with Mahatma Gandhi. Khwaja studied philosophy in India, England, and Germany. In 1957 he was elected to the Indian Parliament. However, his engagement with power politics was short lived. In 1962 he returned to his beloved, scholarly & contemplative lifestyle at the Aligarh Muslim University. He retired as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Philosophy.

Jamal Khwaja has written seven major books. Anyone interested in the intersection of Islam and Modernity will find Khwaja to be a reliable guide. His work is magisterial in scope. It is full of passion but remains balanced in perspective. Readers of his work will be in turn, informed, inspired, and intellectually liberated.

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