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Editorial Note

This issue of *Islamic Sciences* brings together three contributions by Muzaffar Iqbal, each approaching from a different direction the formative relation between revelation, language, memory, knowledge, and the human person:

- The opening “Shadhrah,” written from a dawn of ‘Āshūrā’ in the new Hijri year, gathers Madīna, Dar‘ā, Karbala, and Samarqand into a meditation on the Days of Allah, historical memory, ruins, and the formation of hope.
- “The Name and the Named: Allah or God” examines whether Allah and “God” can be treated as fully interchangeable, following the relation between *lafz*, *ma‘nā*, and *musammā*, the Qur’ānic transformation of language, and the possibility of an Islamic English.
- In the concluding “The End Matters,” entitled, “At the Banquet of the Word”, attention turns to *adab* before the Qur’ān: restraint in speaking about the Word without knowledge, the encounter between poetry and revelation, and the Qur’ān as Divine invitation and formative presence

Because the author of these contributions also serves as Founding Editor of the journal, the material was subjected to editorial review independently of the author. The issue is published as a coherent gathering of work developed over an extended period and united by a common concern: how revelation continues to order language, thought, memory, scholarship, and life.