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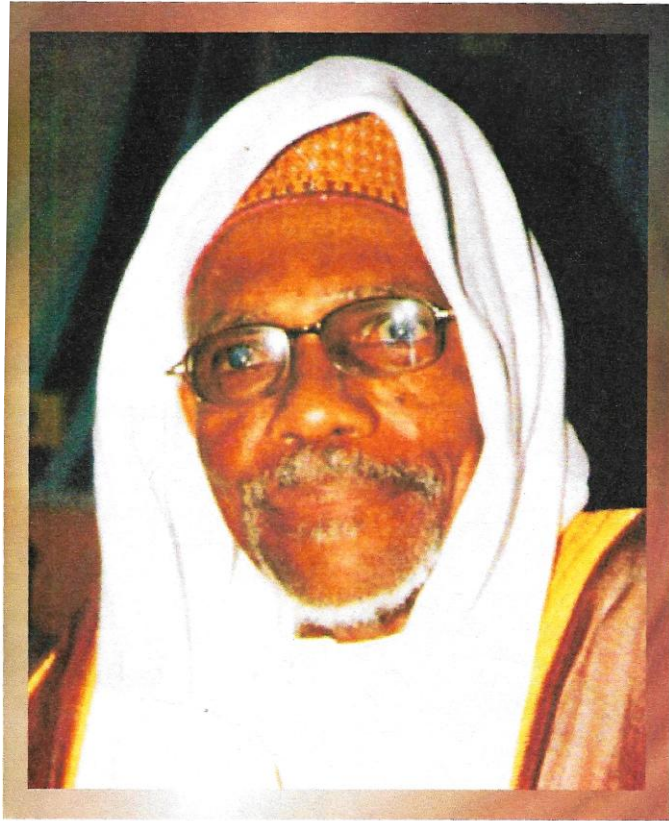
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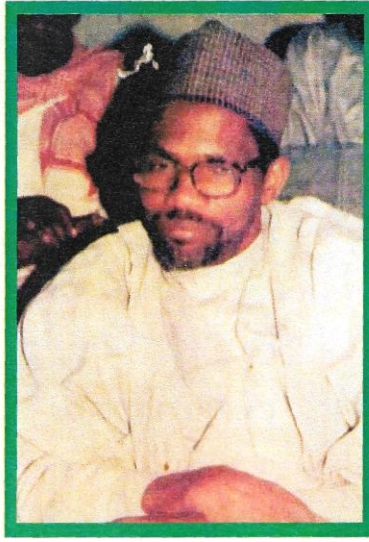
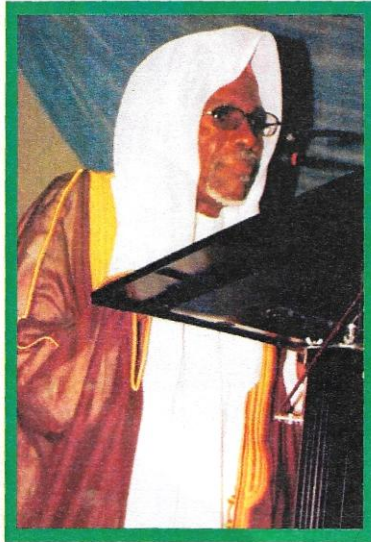
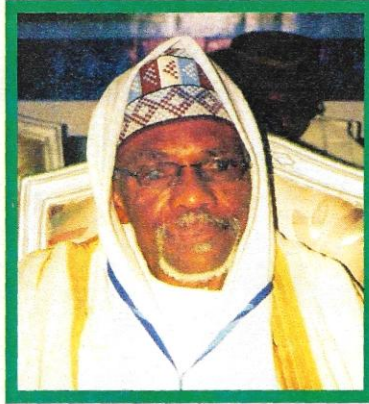
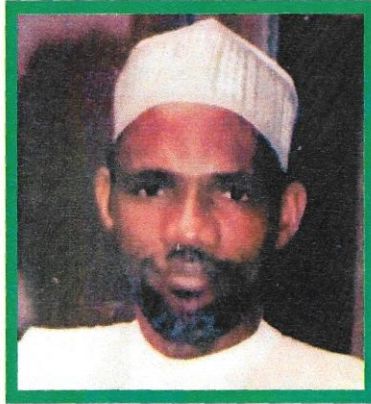
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هذه أبيات ألقاها قائمها لتعبّر عن أطيب تمنّياته للممدوح بها، وهو الأستاذ الدكتور: محمد ثاني زهرالدين، رئيس قسم الدراسات الإسلامية بجامعة بايرو، كنو-نيجيريا. تم إلقاء القصيدة في مكتبه بالقسم بحرم الجامعة القديم، بتاريخ: 12-1-1989م يوم الخميس بعنوان:

" معلم الأجيال...نجم المعاهد...نور المنابر والمساجد"

- 1 يا ربّ ذا العرش العظيم بفضله * ذا العز والكرم الأصيل بحوله
- 2 يا حيّ يا قيوم يا أمل الورى * يا ملجأ الراحي بخُفْيَةِ قوله
- 3 يا مقصد الداعي بخُلُوة نفسه * في سرّه يرجو استجابة سُؤله
- 4 سحر ل: "زهر الدين" خيرا جامعا * طيبا له ولأهله من حوله
- 5 أستاذنا "ثاني" الرئيس لقسمه * بأمانة وعدالة في فعله
- 6 نُور المنابر والمساجد فخرها * صدر الرجال وراثته من أصله
- 7 بيّزُ النبي شفاهةً وكتابة * تلو المغازي مجاله في فضله
- 8 متخصصا فيها بدون شوائب * غرضا وتحليلا تطوّف بياله
- 9 ومعلّم الأجيال شيرعة دينهم * في ضوء وحي الله زينة قيله
- 10 في ضوء أقوال النبي وصحبه * وعلى ضياء فعله في حفله
- 11 نجم المعاهد والصرحة ذأبه * لا يجتبيك بكذبة من قوله
- 12 ليناله أقصى المقاصد شاكرا * ويفود إرشاد العباد بعُدليه
- 13 ويروذ تنوير البلاد معسرا * في جصني خالقه وحلقة فضله
- 14 يا ربّ آمِن مؤمنا زوعاته * قد طالما يسعى لخدمة خلقه
- 15 واستر بكل صيانة عوراته * وجميع من في بيته من أهله

شعر: الدكتور أمين الله آدمو العسيري

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent

The poet wrote this poem to express his well wishes of Prof. Muhammad Thanni Zahradeen, the H.O.D of Islamic Studies, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria. He recited it in his office in the old campus on Thursday the 12th January 1989. The title is:

“The teacher of generations- the star of learning institutions- the light of pulpits and mosques”

*O Lord! The Occupier of the gigantic throne with His Grace,
The Possessor of glory and novel munificence with His Power.*

*O the Goal of the supplicant in his self-imposed seclusion,
In secrecy, expecting the grant of his request.*

*Endow Zaharaddeen with complete blessing,
To his delight and his family around him.*

*Our teacher is “thanni”, the head of his department,
Leading with trust and equity in his dealings*

*He is the light of pulpits, the pride of mosques,
The leader of men- the heritage of his noble pedigree*

*Prophet’s biography, I his interest, verbally and in writing,
He analyzes his expeditions in details.*

*He specializes in it without any iota of doubt,
Roving in his thoughts always, its presentation and analysis.*

*He is the teacher of generations of the law of the religion,
In line with Allah’s revelation, the bejeweled proclamation.*

*He does this in line with the statements of the Prophet and his companions,
and in accordance with his actions in the public*

*He is the star in learning institutions, and frankness is his habit never will he
reply you with lie in his statement*

*May he achieve his lofty objective as a grateful servant,
May he continue to lead the people with his justice*

*May he continue to spearhead the enlightenment of the country with long life,
Under the guidance of his Creator and in His circle of favour*

*O Lord! Secure a believer against his concerns,
For he has been rendering service to his discipline*

*And cover all his secrets
And all those living in his house among his relatives*

Written in Arabic by: **Dr. Aminullah Adamu El-Gambari**

ABOUT THE HONOUREE, A TESTIMONY FROM THE FAMILY

It gives me pleasure and delight to say few words about my biological father, an Emeritus Professor Muhammad Sani Zahardeen whom I am proud of in all ramifications, not just because I am one of his children but for many obvious facts that all can testify to. As a son, I am not in the position to analyze his historical background due to my little age. For instance, I was born when he was about 37 years of age after his return from Mcgill University, Canada where he obtained his Ph.D. but the little I can say is that I know my venerable Dad is:

1. A true father with kindness to his children and the entire members of his family who is not discriminating between any of them.
2. I know my humble father as a highly religious man and beloved to his family and neighbours
3. Since my childhood, I understood that he is a learned man because a lot of scholars and students who always visited him, include the blacks and whites, seeking for religious verdicts “fatwa” from him and this makes us happy for always being with visitors
4. Being a family with Islamic scholarship records, our father enrolled us into Arabic and Islamic Studies schools. It should be stated that our family is that of Imam Zahra who was the Kano Grand Imam since the beginning of Kano Emirate as one of the effects of Islamic Jihad under Dawlat Uthmaniyya, the Sokoto caliphate and precisely during the reign of Amir Ibrahim Dabo, the founding father of Sullibawa Fulani Emirs of Kano. He also enrolled us into western schools to balance our educational background in accordance with contemporary time, except that he gave more priority to Arabic and Islamic Studies as I, *Alhamdulillah*, was a graduate of Ma’ahad thanawiyya of Islamic University, Al-madinatu ‘l-Munawwarah Kingdom of Saudi Arabia after learning Arabic language for 2 years in the same University. I later joined *Kulliyatu ‘s-Shariah* which I quit for the sudden death of my immediate younger brother, Usman Sani Zahradeen, who died in a ghastly motor accident on 9th of May 1999. I later joined Bayero University Kano (B.U.K) the Department of Islamic Studies where I obtained my B.A Islamic Studies with special honour then I proceeded for post graduate studies in the Department of History where I obtained master Degree (Msc) in Urban Development Studies and I am presently on my post graduate studies in Islamic Studies Department to further my Islamic education.

5. I see my father as a man of many achievements in all his life styles. He travelled to the length and breadth of Nigeria from Zaira, Sokoto, Borno, Bida, Illorin, Kastina, Gwandu among other places, driving himself to get manuscripts that are available today in the Bayero University library and I believe, as many do, that many West Africa Islamic and Arabic Scholars including academics in many areas of our contemporary times were his students in one way or the other as many Doctors were either supervised or examined by him. It should be noted that many of his ex-students are now Professors and propagating his teachings.
6. A man of prominent personalities like the Emirs of Northern Nigeria, our eminent traditional Muslim scholars in the north like mal. Nasiru Kabara, Wazirin Sokoto Mal. Junaid Sheikh Adam Abdullahi Al-Ilori, Sheikh Mahmud Gumi, Sheikh Dahir Bauchi, Sheikh Sharif Ibrahim Saleh Maiduguri etc. he was the 1st indigenous H.O.D of Islamic Studies in Bayero University Kano.
7. Once again I can't forget that our Dad loves to see us meeting with traditional Malams despite being a scholar in modern western schools. We have our "Allo" teachers and he handed me over to one of his disciples Dr. Aminullah Adamu El-Gambari now an associate Professor in Islamic Studies in Shariah Department Bayero University Kano. I learned more about Arabic i.e. Nahwu, Sarf, Balaghah, Arud, Adab, Tafsir, Hadith and Fiqh
8. Finally, I thank Almighty Allah for seeing or for living to witness / see my father as the grand Imam of Kano and still teaching postgraduate students after his retirement, an Emeritus Professor, and a writer of many local and international articles, an author of many Islamic books, who was also involve Arabic and Islamic Studies' development in Nigeria and beyond. May Allah (SWT) prolong his life for Islam and humanity.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to say this small piece and I pray to Allah (SWT) to continue to support and bless NATAIS members.

My name is Mustapha Baffa Sani Zahradeen, the 4th child of the 8 children of the Grand Imam. We are Fulani by tribe.

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Prof. Muhammad Sani Zahradeen, OFR, JP
Date and Place of Birth: 22nd June, 1940, Kano
Nationality: Nigerian
Marital Status: Married with children
Permanent Address: Sharada Quarters, Kano
Present Address: Dept. of Islamic Studies and Shari'ah, Bayero University, Kano
Email: zahradeenfestschrift@outlook.com
Phone Number: 2348020808125
Rank: Emeritus Professor
National Award: Officer of the Federal Republic, OFR

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

1. Kura Elementary School 1949-1950
2. Bebeji Elementary School 1950-
3. Shahuci Elementary 1950-1952
4. Kano Provincial Secondary School (Rumfa College) 1955-1960
5. School of Arabic Studies (SAS) Kano 1961-1963
6. Abdullahi Bayero College (ABU) Kano 1963-1966
7. University of Khartoum, Sudan 1967-1970
8. McGill University, Montreal Canada Institute of Islamic Stud. 1972-1976

QWUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED

1. West African School Certificate Division One
2. GCE "A" Level in Arabic, English Literature, Hausa and History
3. B.A. (Arabic & Islamic Studies) First Class , ABU
4. M.A. (Arabic) Khartoum
5. Ph.D. (Islamic Studies) mcGill
6. Associate Award in Islamic Finance (AAIF)
7. Merit Award by Government of Pakistan
8. Merit Award by World Islamic Call Society, Tripoli, Libya
9. Merit Award by Islamic university of Madina, Saudi Arabia.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. ASSISTANT Lecturer 1960-1970
2. Lecturer II 1970-1972
3. Lecturer I 1972-1975

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| 4. Senior Lecturer | 1976-1979 |
| 5. Reader | 1979-1982 |
| 6. Professor | 1982-Date |

COURSES TAUGHT AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

Pre Degree

1. The Development of Islamic Philosophy, 1970-1972

Undergraduate

1. Taught first years students of Usman Danfodion Sokoto, 1976/1977 session
2. Quran and Hadith, 1966-1967
3. Essentials of Islam 1966-1967
4. Muslim Institutions, 1970-1972
5. Islamic Constitutional Theory, 1970-1972
6. History of Quran and Hadith Literature
7. Growth Development 1976
8. Advanced Hadith Studies 1979
9. Sirah 1980
10. West African Scholars Contributions to Islamic Studies, 1980
11. Sokoto Caliphate (Department of Political Science BUK). 1977
12. Islamic Education (Faculty of Education), 1981

M.A. Courses:

1. Islamic Modern Development
2. Textual Studies of Sokoto Jihad Literature

SUPERVISION:

B.A. Dissertations Supervised:

Have supervised many B.A. dissertations

Postgraduate Theses and Dissertations Supervised

M.A. Dissertations Supervised:

1. El-Tayyib Abdurrahem, *Muslim Prayer*
2. Shehu Umar Abdullahi, *An Annotated Translation of ibn Fodio's Diya al-Siyasat*
3. Yunus Abdullahi
4. Yahaya Ahmad
5. Aminudden Aubakar, *Tahqeeq wa Dirsat Kitab Nasihatul Ahlul Zaman Lil Imam al-Muslih al-Shaykh Uthman Bin Fodio*, 1983.

6. Usman Abubakar, *The Impact of the 1979 Iranian Revolution on Islam in Nigeria*, 1986.
7. Sulaiman Muhammad Jamiu, *The Socio-Economics Factors behind Religious Disturbances in Nigeria: A Case study of Maitatsine Syndrome*, 1986.
8. Mahmud Yusuf Imam, *Editing and Translation of Kitab Al-Raqid Ala ma Ya'tawir Hajj min Al-Mafasid of Muhammad Bello ibn Uthman bn Fodio*. 1987
9. Adam Muhammad Ajiri, *Islam and British Imperialism in Borno: A case study of Islamic Persistence to Foreign Cultural Invasion*. 1987.
10. Muhammad Sa'id El-Nafaty, *Islam in Igbo land: A Study of the introduction and Development of Islam in Igbo land with Special Reference to Imo State*, 1988
11. Muhammad Sani Umar, *Sufism and Anti Sufism in Nigeria*. 1988
12. Abdulkadir Ya'akun Sheshe, *Kitabu al-Niyyat fil a'amaalal-dunyawiyyah wal diniyya li al-shaykh Abdullahi Bin Fodi*. 1988
13. Yusuf Muhammad Uba, *Al-targheeb wal Tarheeb fi al-Salah li al-shaykh Abdullahi Bin Fodio*, 1989
14. Muhammad Yahya Abubakar *Translation of Kitab al-tahrir fi Qawa'id al-Tabsir, By Muhammad Bello*, 1989.
15. Aliyu Harazimi Muhammad, *Athaar al- madinah al-munawwarah fi Nashrul al – daawaal –Islamiyyah min Awwal al-Hijrah Ila 1373 Ah*. 1995
16. Kasim Ramadham Ahmad, *Sayyid Qutub wa Tafsir al-Qur'an fil Asr al- hadith*,1995
17. Ibrahim Gambo *Dauruln Masajid fi tarbiyyat al-Ummah al- islamiyyah wa ittikhaziha dirasa tahliliyyahli-ahamma al-masajid fi madinat Kano wa Wukari min wulayat Gongola*, 1995
18. Muhammad khalil, *Fassarar Littafin Lrshadu Saalik*, 1995
19. Zakariyyah Idakwaaji Muhammad, *A Survey of Islam in Igalaland 1800- 1960*, 1995
20. Rauf Razzaq Mahroof, *Muhammad Rashid Rida's Contributions to the Development of Islamic Political Thought*., 1995
21. Alhaji Umar Usman, *Ummah and Nationalism*, 1995
22. Muhammad Hassan Hassan *Muhammad Nuor, Mafhum al-Imamah fil Fikr al-siyasi lil ustaz Abdullahi Bin Fodio Muqarantan Bi Are al-Fuqaha al-Aqdameen*, 1995 23 Suwaid Muhammad Suwaid, *Tahqeeqwa tarjemat Kitab Dhiya'ul Imam fi Jami al-Anam lil shaykh Abdullahi Bin Fodio*, 1991
23. Safi Mubarak Hajj, *Al-Fikr al-Itizaly wa Atharuhu fi aqedatut Muslimeen*, 1991

24. Muhammad Nasir Dandago, *Dirsat Fiqhiyya Haula al-mu'amalat al-tijariyya fi Kano*, 1991.
25. Ahmad Garba Tudu, *Religious Actives in Nigerian Army 1863-1980: Islam as a case study*, 1992
26. Yusuf Ali, *Al-Dirasat li Kitabi Kifayat al-Tullab fi al-Nikah, li al-shaykh Abdullahi Bin Fodio*, 1993
27. Bello Garba Karaye, *The Contributions Of Friday Imams to the Development of Muslm Ummah in Kano*, ongoing research
28. Muazu Ibrahim, *Analytical Study of Mallam Sa'adu Zungur's Political Views and their Conformity to Islamic Teachings*, ongoing research

Ph.D Theses:

1. A.A.A. Hamid, *Abdullahi Bin Fodio and a Exegetist*, submitted to Ahmadu Bello university, zaria, June 1980
2. Fazlur Rahman Siddiqque, *Edition Translation And Commentary on Hisn Alafham Min Juyush al Auham of Sheikh Usman Bin Fodio*, 1986
3. Abubakar Mustapha, *The Contributions of Sayfawa Ulama to the study of Islam, c. 1086- 1846 A.D.* 1987
4. Ahmad Muhammd Ibrahim, *Mustapha el-shaykh Uthman Bin Fodio Min Dirasat Usuoludden. Tahqeeq Tabsirat al-Mubtadi wa tazkirat al-Muntaha fi Usuoluddeen*, 1987
5. Muhammad Tahir maigari, *al-Yameen fil murafa'aat al-shar-iiyyah wa alaqtuha bil ijra'at al-qadha'iiyyah.* 1987
6. Umar Farouq Malufashi, *Divergence of opinion in the Law of Islam*, 1988
7. Aminuddeen Abubakar, *Al-Shaykh Abdurrahman al-Akhdhari: Dirasatu Hayatihi wa tahlilu Kitabihi Al-mukhatasar fil-Ebadaat*, 1990
8. Adam MuhammadTraore, *Application of Shari'a in Northern Nigerian Courts 1900-1960.* 1993
9. Sani Ali Bashir, *Editing and Critical Study of Shaykh Uthman's Ulum Al-Mu'amalah*, 1993
10. Muhammad Muhammad Dangana, *Development in Islamic Education with Particular Reference to Female Contributions in the Sokoto Caliphate 1804-1903*, 1995
11. Sulaiman Muhammad Jami'u, *Islam and Politics in Nigeria 1903-1983*, 1993
12. Brima Salifu Kamara, *A study of the Impact of Islam on the Temme of the North of Sierra Leone from 1900-1981*, 2005
12. Usman Sani Abbas, *Trends of Tafsir among Selected Ulama in the Northern Nigeria*, 2005
13. Ibrahim Haruna Hassan, *Towards an Islamic Development*, 2007

14. Salihu Lawal, *Islamic Education in Katsina Historical and Contemporary Perspective (1380-1425 A.H.) (1960-2005 CE)*, 2007
15. Ibrahim Muhammad, *Al-Islamwal Harakal Ilmiyyah fi Imraturiyat kanem Borno, Dirasatan wa Ta'aliq ala Kitab Manzumat Shurbu Zulal Fi Bayanil Halal wal Haram Lish shaykh Muhammad Bin Abdurrahman al-Barnamw*, 2008
16. Abdulwahab Abdulqadir Ibrahim, *Dirasaat Fiqhiyya fi Ahkamil Usrah min Khilal Tafsir al-Qurtuby, Dirasatu Muqaranatu baynal Mazahibil Fiqhiyya al-Arda'ah*, 2008
17. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad, *A Critique of Early Muslim Histography: being Translation and Analysis of the Book Al-Awasim Min-al-Qawasim by Muhamad Abubakar Ibn Arabi*, 2010
18. Umma Lawan Lawan, *al-Mar'atul Muslimah fi Madinati Kano ba'adu Mashakiliha al-ijitima'iyyah wa tariqatu halliha tahta ahkam al-haria al-islamiyyah min aam 200CE-2010CE Dirasa tahiliyyah*. 2013
19. Alhassan Yakqub (ASP) *Islamic Transnationalism in the Modern World: The case of Hizmat (Gulen movement) in Nigeria, 1998-2015*, 2014
20. Taufiq Abubakar Hussain *A Contemporary View and Analysis of Issues on Jurisprudence in Nuniyyat Qahtany, an Andalusian (Spanish) Maliki Scholar (d. 384 AH)*, 2015
21. Mustapha Muhammad Qasim, *Al-alaqat baynal Islam wal Masihiyah fi Janub Kaduna*, awaits External examinations, 2015
22. Zaharu Muhammad Umar, *Musahamatu hay'atul Hizbah fi Halli qadaya wa mushkilatul mar'ah fi wilayati Kano*, ongoing
23. Muhammad Sani Mukhtar, *Dirasat daur al-Sharia fi wilayat Jigawa*, Ongoing

EXTERNAL EXAMINTIONA

1. Y.A. Quadri, *A Critical Edition of Muhammad Bello's Raf al-ishtibah fil ta'alluq bi-Allah wa bi Ahl Allah*, University of Ibadan
2. A. Shittu Agbetola, *The Religious Thought of Sayyid Qutb*, University of Ibadan.
3. S. Balogun, *A Critical Edition of commentary and Translation of Gidado Ibn Laima's Rawd al-Jinan: A Biography of Muhammad Bello*
3. External Examiner Sokoto College of Arts and Arabic Studies, 1976-date
4. External Examiner, B.A. courses on Islamic Studies, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, 1979/1980 and 1980/1981 sessions
5. Many Candidates were examined for B.A and M.A. Thesis at the University of Jos
6. Examiner West African Examinations Council papers in Religious studies "A" level, served in Accra, Lagos and Ibadan

Readership and Professional Assessments

Assessments of Academic Staff from Ibadan, Sooto, Maiduguri, Illorin and Jos for promotion to the much of reader and Professor were carried out over the years.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE WITH PARTICIPATION

(A) Conference and Papers Presented

1. *The Relevance of the Dan fodio Jihad to Our Present Day Society* paper submitted at the 15th Century Hijrah Conference, University of Ilorin, November, 1980 and Published in the *New Nigerian* and the *Nigerian Herald*
2. *The Role of Muslim Parents in Modern Societies* Paper presented to the Regional conference of the International Planned Parenthood Federation held at Banjul, Gambia, October, 1979, published in the proceedings of the conference.
3. *Islamic Calligraphy in west Africa: The Qurans of Northern Nigeria.* Paper written for the 25th century Hijrah conference organized by the Department of Archaeology, University of Peshawar, Pakistan, in the December issue of General Studies Journal of Bayero University, Kano.
4. *Numerous Articles* Islamic Quarterly Magazine, published in London
5. *Education as basis of Revival:* paper presented st International Islamic Seminar on education held at Bayero University, Kano, December, 1976
6. *The Stand of Islam on Socialism, Communism and Capitalism:* paper presented at a Symposium on the Maulid of the Prophet on 1st March, 1977 at Kano college of Advanced Studies.
7. **Education for nation Building** paper presented at Ahmadu Bello University on the occasion of the inauguration of the Rumfa Old boys Association on 5th March, 1977
8. *The Role of the Mass media in the Draft Constitution* paper he Islamic Foundation, Kano
9. *Iqbal –the poet philosopher of Pakistan* paper presented as on Iqbal day celebration organization by the Pakistani community in Kano in November, 1977.
10. *The Contribution of the Founders of the Sokoto Caliphate to Learning:* paper presented at Public Lectures Programme Organized by the faculty of Arts & Islamic Studies. University of Sokoto, 27-29 Jaunary, 1978 to be published in the next issue of DEGEL the Journal of the Department of Islamic Studies, University of Sokoto.

11. ***Matsayin Alkali a Musulunci***: paper presented at Hausa a seminar organization by the Kano State Judicial Department for Area Court Judges, 8-10 July, 1980.
12. ***Tajjidi a Musulunci***: paper presented at monthly lecture programme organization by the Islamic Foundation, November, 1979.
13. ***An Account of My Ordeal in the Pakistani Hijacked plane*** : Lecture delivered to the participants of the International Seminar for the African Sub-region on Airports on Security Organized by the Nigerian Airports Authority, held at Port Harcourt, 11-13 May, 1981
14. ***My Experience as a hostage*** a lecture delivered to the participants of the International Workshop on Airline Security organized by the International Air Transports Association, (IATA) held at Geneva, Switzerland, 11-13 August, 1981
15. ***The Da'awa Legacy of Shaykh Uthmanu Ibn Fodio*** :paper presented at Islamic education trust seminar held at minnam, niger state, august, 1981
16. ***The place of Mosque in the History of Kano City***: paper presented at the International Conference on Kano History to the held at Bayero University 7 – 11th September, 1981

(a) *Other conferences attended*

1. Seminar on University Teaching held at College of Education, University of Lagos, April, 1972
2. International Conference on Islamic Education held at Bayero University, Kano December, 1976
3. National Seminar on Islam and the Draft Constitution August, 1977. National Seminar on the 15th century Hijra held at University of Ilorin, Ilorin, November, 1980
4. International Conference on Philosophy October, 29 - 3rd November, 1977 held at the University of Khartoum, Sudan.
5. Seminar on University Teaching held at University of Ife July 1977
6. Seminar on Airports Security, held at Port – Harcourt, May, 1981
7. Workshop on Airline Security, held at Geneva, Switzerland, August, 1981
8. Interfaith Colloquium at University of Lagos, 1980
9. International Dialogue on Peace, organized by Australian Foreign Department in Vienna April, 1993
10. May other conferences on Religion, Education and Health (particularly population control) in Nigeria and Abroad organized by local organizations Universities, United Nations Agencies such as WHO, UNICEF, and UNESCO

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

University Responsibilities

1. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) BUK` 1982-1986
2. Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano
3. Chairman, Advisory Committee, Centre for Quranic Studies, BUK
4. Member, Senate(BUK)1972- 1973
5. Coordinator, Kano Area (ABU magazine)
6. Member, Bayero University Senate
7. Member, University Council, 1976-78, 1980-1986
8. Member , Finance and General Purpose Committee, 1976-1978, 1980-1986
9. Member University Management Committee, 1976-1978
10. Member, Appointments and Promotion Committee, 1976-1978, 1989-1991
11. Chairman, Minor Works Committee, 1976-1978
12. Chairman, Staff School Management Board 1976 -1991
13. Member, Budget Committee,1976-1978
14. Chairman, I & J Staff committee, 1979-1981
15. Chairman, Ad-Hoc Committee On University Security, Nov1979-Feb 1980
16. Chairman Investigation Committee on Examinations Irregularity in the Faculty of Education, BUK, 1979-1980 Session, July –Sept,198
17. Pro Chancellor & Chairman Council, University of Benin

Faculty Responsibilities:

1. Sub- Dean, FAIS Bayero University , Kano
2. Dean, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies BUK, 1978-1979
3. Faculty Examination Officer, BUK 1970-1972

Departmental Responsibilities

1. Head Department of Islamic Studies BUK, 1976- 1991

Other Academic Responsibilities

1. Senior staff appointment Panel, for the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, 1978-1980 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Adesola and akingibe
2. Director Summer Course Programme for Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies organized by the University and the Islamic University of Madina, 5th July-31st August, 1981 20 teachers and 300 students participated.

Public and Community Services

1. Member Board of Trust Liman Zahra Foundation

Membership of Professional Bodies

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PREFACE

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

It has been the tradition of the Nigeria Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) to honour those of its members who made remarkable contributions to the growth and development of twin sister subjects: Arabic and Islamic Studies. For example, books were written in memory of late Professor Wahab O.A Nasir (d.2006), Professor Mua Ali Ajetunmobi (d. 2008) and Professor Aliyu Abubakar Gwandu (d.2011), may Allah grant them Al-Jannah.

However, at her national Executive Committee Meeting in Abuja, NATAIS decided that those of our senior members, teachers and mentors who deserve honor should be honored while they are still alive. Consequently, the Emeritus Professor of Islamic Studies and former Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Shaykh Muhammadu Sani Zahradeen, OFR is the focus in this book.

It should be noted that this book '**The Refulgent Star of Arabic and Islamic Studies:**

Festschrift in honor of Emeritus Professor of Islamic Studies M.S Zaharadeen OFR' contains articles written by erudite scholars and Professors from universities and other Educational Institutions in the North and South which traverse Arabic language and Literature, Leadership in Islam, Social Justice and Sustainable Development, Social Security and Terrorism, Qur'an and Diplomacy and Sciences of Hadith.

In all, there are twenty one well written articles in this book, out of which nine were written in Arabic while the remaining twelve were written in English. Without doubt, scholars, researchers, postgraduate and undergraduate students will find the book an inseparable companion.

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