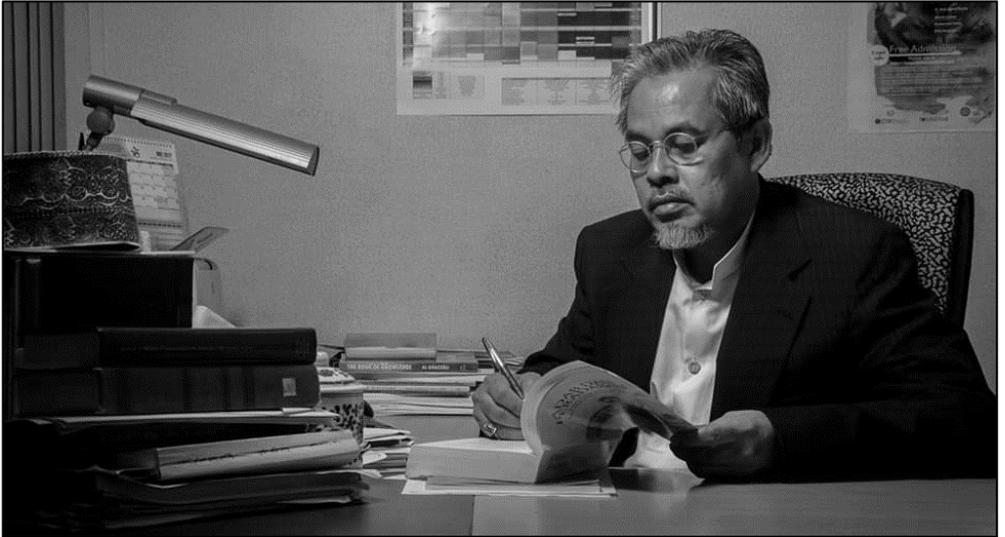


**TRIBUTE TO AL-MARHUM ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR DR. WAN SUHAIMI BIN WAN
ABDULLAH**



It is with a deep sense of loss and profound respect that we dedicate this issue of AFKAR vol. 26 issue 1 (2024), 24 years after its inception, to the memory of its founder, our esteemed pioneer and first manager, Al-Marhum Associate Professor Dr. Wan Suhaimi bin Wan Abdullah, who passed away on February 27th, 2024 [17 Sha‘ban 1445H]. He was not only a visionary scholar but also the driving force behind the establishment and success of AFKAR Journal, which has become a well-respected academic publication in the field of ‘Aqidah and Islamic Thought.

~ A Legacy of Leadership and Vision ~

Al-Marhum Associate Professor Dr. Wan Suhaimi bin Wan Abdullah’s contributions to the field of ‘Aqidah and Islamic Thought are well-documented and celebrated. His tireless dedication, intellectual rigour, and unwavering commitment to excellence have left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of working with him. As the founding manager of AFKAR, he envisioned a platform where rigorous scholarship and diverse perspectives based on the principles of Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jama‘ah could converge to advance Islamic thought and scholarship.

Under Dr. Wan Suhaimi’s leadership, AFKAR grew from a nascent idea into a respected publication recognized for its scholarly excellence and intellectual diversity. His ability to identify emerging trends, coupled with a deep understanding of the foundational principles of Islamic thought and tradition, ensured that AFKAR Journal remained at the forefront of academic discourse.

~ Personal Reflections and Memories ~

Those of us who had the honour of working closely with Dr. Wan Suhaimi remember his remarkable intellect, boundless curiosity, and generous spirit. He was not only a mentor but also a friend who invested in the personal and professional growth of everyone in the Department of

‘Aqidah & Islamic Thought. His office was always open, and he approached every conversation with genuine interest and a readiness to offer guidance and support.

We recall with fondness the many editorial meetings where Dr. Wan Suhaimi would challenge us to think critically, ask probing questions, and never settle for mediocrity. His passion for the journal and its mission was contagious, inspiring us to strive for excellence in every issue we published.

~ Continuing the Journey ~

As we move forward, we are committed to honoring Dr. Wan Suhaimi’s legacy by continuing to uphold the values he instilled in us. AFKAR will remain a beacon of scholarly rigour, intellectual diversity, and academic excellence, reflecting the principles that he so passionately championed. He was a person who emphasised the importance of the tradition of Islamic knowledge, utilised classical works (*turath*), and applied the understanding of Usul al-Din in facing contemporary challenges.

Dr. Wan Suhaimi leaves behind a rich legacy that will continue to inspire and guide us. While we mourn his loss, we also celebrate his life and contributions to the field of ‘Aqidah and Islamic thought and the AFKAR Journal. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Wan Suhaimi’s family and loved ones and invite our readers to join us in honouring the memory of an extraordinary individual who made an enduring impact on us all.

Ya Allah, grant him Your mercy and forgiveness and make his grave a garden from the gardens of Jannah. Ya Rabb, elevate his rank among the guided ones, and reunite us with him in the highest levels of paradise. Amin.

Al-Fatihah.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ () الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ () مُلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ () إِيَّاكَ
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With heartfelt gratitude and respect,

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