

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My dear Brothers in Faith, May Allah bless your service to humanity,

Salaam Alaikum!

May I thank you with all due sincerity for the materials which arrived yesterday from your association. Especially, I admire the excellent publication "The Journal of IMA", and the many enlightening articles therein.

Enclosed is my application for membership in the Association, and payment of \$20 as a membership fee. I have assumed that your category of 'Physicians' refers to allopathic professionals. Since my work is done entirely in a non-profit, service-oriented manner, I ask that you accept this amount as adequate fee.

On page 40 of the JOURNAL, I read the correspondence between Dr. R.L. Verma and Dr. B.A. Zikria about the medicine of *hakims*, past and present. It should be of interest to both of these

men, as well as your membership in general, that I have written a book which is based upon the concepts of Islamic Medicine, as traced back to the father of Islamic medicine, Ibn Sina. My book is called **THE BASIS OF NATURAL MEDICINE**, and contains several chapters on the principles underlying natural medicine, and compares this knowledge as against today's modern medical theory. The second half of the book contains a formulary of remedies, culled from my years of research and practice along these lines.

I would be very interested in developing some genuine program of research into these approaches to medicine, and encourage any interested members of the IMA to write me directly so that these projects can become a reality, insha allah. With my sincere best wishes during the holy month of Ramadhan,

United dutifully in the service of Allah,

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