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Dr. Anees is a strategic consultant and a creative writer. He holds intensive experience and enduring interest in a wide range of areas such as strategic program management, information resource development, media strategy and advisory, science and ethics policy analysis, and knowledge management.

He has served, from 2001-2006, as a Special Consultant to the John Templeton Foundation, based near Philadelphia (Pennsylvania, USA). Established by the renowned international investor, Sir John Templeton, the Foundation currently funds - in a multi-million dollar venture - more than 300 projects, studies, award programs and publications worldwide. The Foundation supports free enterprise education and development internationally through the Templeton Freedom Awards, new curriculum offerings and other programs that encourage free-market principles. Dr. Anees has been deeply involved in strategic program development for the emerging interface between the Muslim world and the West. The program has focused on the design and implementation of international workshops, Internet-based operations, prizes, scholarly translations, faculty exchange, and publication of books and journals.

From 1989 through 1998, Dr. Anees successfully managed several high profile portfolios in Malaysia, the most prominent being the speech-writer for the former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Minister of Education, Honorable Anwar Ibrahim - long

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Also in Malaysia, Dr. Anees founded the world's premiere journal of current awareness on Islam and the Muslim world: *Periodica Islamica: An International Contents Journal* (Kuala Lumpur, 1991). Supported by a worldwide team of distinguished writers and scholars, and with the collaboration of over 1200 publishers, *Periodica Islamica* came to be recognized as "an invaluable guide" for all multidisciplinary discourses on the world of Islam. In spite of its suspension for almost a decade institutional and individual demand for this vital publication shows a sustained interest.

Dr. Anees has served as a Consultant to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO, Vienna) for the 16th International Congress of Genetics (Toronto, 1988). He was instrumental in organizing, at the University of Qatar (Doha), the first international symposium on ethics and genetics by the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, ISESCO, (Rabat, Morocco). In December 1993, he was an invited speaker at the Eighth International Bioethics Symposium (Tokyo). He has served as a Member of the International Steering Committee for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities UNFPA-sponsored conference "Reproductive Health in the Muslim World," held at al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, in February 1998.

His regular contributions in the monthly *Inquiry: A Magazine of Events and Ideas* (London, 1984-1988), have played a pioneering role in creating an awareness about the social impact of reproductive technologies. One of his books, *Islam and Biological Futures: Ethics, Gender, and Technology* (London: Mansell, 1989; translations in Turkish, Bosnian, and Bahasa Indonesia) has brought the problems of

surrogate motherhood, abortion, and genetic engineering to the forefront of contemporary discourse across the Muslim world.

He is the author of half a dozen books and over 300 articles, book reviews, and bibliographies, published in international scholarly journals. Dr. Anees has contributed to the *Encyclopedia of the Modern* Islamic World (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995) and Encyclopedia of the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in Non-Western Cultures (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1997). Moreover, philosophy of Islamic science, and the application of automated systems to the study of Sira and Hadith are among his perennial interests. One of his books, Guide to Sira and Hadith Literature in Western Languages (London: Mansell), is considered a "classic" in this field. He has been an Advisor to the Regional Information Technology Software Engineering Center (RITSEC), Cairo, Egypt, for conceptualization and implementation of *CultureWare* programs.

Dr. Anees is a founding editor of the *International Journal of Islamic and Arabic Studies* (Bloomington, Indiana), an advisory editor of the *Journal of Islamic Science* (Aligarh, India), *Journal of Islamic Philosophy* (Cambridge, Massachusetts), *Islamic Studies* (Islamabad, Pakistan) and, section editor, Islamic and Arabic Studies, for *Ultimate Reality and Meaning* (University of Toronto Press, 1992-1994). Since February 1998, he is serving as a Contributing Correspondent for the *Global Viewpoint/Los Angeles Times* Syndicate.

For the new global online encyclopedia, *Nupedia*, he was selected in 2000 as the Editor for the Religion section. *Nupedia* now is part of a larger online encyclopedia, *Wikipedia*. More recently Dr. Anees has been involved with the development of Internet portal, *Digital Universe*.

In 2006 he was appointed a Consultant to the *Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series (STARS)* by the Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, University of California, Berkeley. The same year he received an appointment as Senior Consultant to Kailoola Productions, New York, for a documentary film on the life and works of the first Muslim Nobel Laureate, Professor Dr Abdus Salam.

Dr. Anees is an elected Member of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilization Research, Amman, Jordan, and UNESCO's select group of 40 international scholars: *Intellectuals of the World.* He is listed in several biographical sources: *Contemporary Authors, Who is Who in the World*, and *Writers Directory*.

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