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## **DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH WORDS OF ARABIC ETYMOLOGY**

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(A Comprehensive Introduction of Arabic Influence on English Language)

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## INTRODUCTION

### THE LINGUISTIC NEED FOR THIS DICTIONARY

There is a need for linguistic communication for the increasing influx of Arabic-speaking students, workers, businessmen, and professionals (e.g. Doctors and Engineers) travelling from Arabic and Islamic world to Western Hemisphere (Europe/USA). Conversely, there is a similar need of such linguistic communication for the mounting number of English-speaking workers, businessmen, Technicians and professionals travelling from Western Hemisphere to the oil-rich and business-based Arabic Middle East and Islamic world. There is therefore a mutual need for Anglo-Arabic linguistic communication, particularly in our current age of Globalization (or Anglobalisation as called by some). The understanding of similar origins of commonly used words provides better understanding of the foreign language, and facilitates an easy communication in achieving desired targets whether in academic studies, courses and degrees, or in generating income and profit-making in commercial and business world. Indeed, since language is a characteristic of a nation, it has long been realized that communication in one nation's language means normalization and inclusion within that nation; and hence the interesting Arabic quotation: *'the one who mastered the language of people, is saved from their evils'*.

Perhaps, the fruitful outcome of this unique Dictionary is two-fold: the linguistic cross-fertilization (Arabic/English), and the cultural dialogue. The mutual cultural understanding is vital in the narrowing of cultural differences between East and West; indeed Christians, Jews and Muslims all share the believe of Abraham and even share his blood. This was clearly expressed by the former USA President Jimmy Carter in his book **"Blood of Abraham"** (1985) and by Chris Lowney, a successful Managing Director of JP Morgan & Co. (extending on three continents) in his excellent book **"A vanished World – Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Medieval Spain"** (2006).

HRH Prince Charles of Wales, the Patron of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies had delivered an inspiring lecture entitled **'UNITY IN FAITH'** at Al-Azhar University Cairo, on 21 March 2006; he said:

**(The roots of the faith that we share in the One God, the God of Abraham, give us enduring values...**

**the single most important principle that unites the Abrahamic faiths: in Judaism, "Love your neighbour as yourself"; in Christianity, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye so to them"; and in Islam "No-one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself")**

However, the mutual cultural understanding has even more specifically researched and well documented by Professor Richard Bulliet in his excellent book **"The Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization"** (2004). This concept is not only representative of the factual truth, but is more conducive to the global peace and unity (irrespective of human cultural diversity) in this 'Global village' we all live in; furthermore, this concept (of cultural dialogue) is by far more consistent with the human nature than the gross misconception and the inflammatory phrase of **"Clash of Civilisations"** made-up and introduced by Professor Samuel Huntington (2002), and which had only led to polarization with mutual alienation; and to wars with mutual suffering and hatred.

The English words of Arabic etymology (origin) were resultant outcome of several generations and many centuries of interaction between the East and the West and in various fields of life. Hence, the time needed to unearth such treasured words and to research this subject was proportionally long approaching 20 years or more.

There is therefore a wide global market for the project of the etymological Anglo-Arabic Dictionary for all students, workers, businessmen, and professionals based in U.K. and in Anglo-phone countries to serve their linguistic needs. Furthermore, the 3-5 million English-speaking Muslim British Citizens are also keen to teach their children Arabic language for religious reasons (**Arabic is the Islamic language**). Conversely and more importantly, the overseas market is even bigger both in the Middle East (300 million Arabs) and the Islamic World (1.5 billion non-Arab Muslims) who are keen to communicate in Arabic.

This Dictionary represents the definitive comprehensive (though not entirely exhaustive) text for English words of Arabic origin or potentially Arabic origin, and thus it represents a major Academic, systematic-researched, and Original Work in providing a unique reference book of its kind, for generations to come.

This Dictionary is therefore, urgently needed to fulfill the following functions:

1. An original academic textbook dedicated to English words of Arabic origin to act as a pioneering reference for all professionals, especially physicians, scientific researchers, orientalists, linguists and comparative philologists.
2. A practical linguistic companion for all English-speaking businessmen, technicians, and professionals working in Arabic Middle East and Islamic world.
3. A unique linguistic companion for all Arabic-speaking students, workers, businessmen and professionals living in the English-speaking west, while studying and/or communicating in English environment.
4. An ideal source of common words and phrases for the married cosmopolitan couples e.g. English-speaking wife with Arabic-speaking husband, particularly, when they intend to name their children with mutually acceptable names.
5. A moderate documented compendium midway between the extremes of excess and deficit: the excessive sources which twist English words to produce lists of Arabic words that are often obsolete words, impractical to use, and rather unrealistic, and occasionally with no proper documentation; and between the deficient sources on English words of Arabic origin, which include many classical and etymological English dictionaries.

Reading through this '*Paradise Dictionary*', one can easily deduce that the mankind is but one big global family inhabiting this global village. Indeed, the Dictionary by itself is an evidence of the Oneness of the human race family with One original language, indirectly testifying to the Oneness of the First Source: the Creator of mankind.

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