

Preface to the Revised Edition

It has been eighteen years since we published the first edition of this book. The world has changed during that time, but not much for many Muslim women. All of this book's original contents still apply to the lives of those women just as they did when we first published them in 2002. However, some things have changed and need to be updated, including websites. We also added four additional chapters—one on being born and giving birth, another on daughters and parents, one on women as widows and orphans, and the last on women who strive against tyranny and oppression. We moved one of the original appendices into the book's main body as a chapter as well.

Some contributors to the original edition are no longer in this world, including Abdullah Arik who wrote the forward you just read. I sorely miss all of them. Some new contributions come from newer acquaintances. All bless both the book and my life, which I am most thankful for. Praise God!