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BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL



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FOR LEARNING ISLAM

'READ, IN THE NAME OF YOUR
LORD WHO CREATED (Q:96:1)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

ALI CALENDAR

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ALI Mission Statement

The Academy for Learning Islam (A.L.I.) is a registered charity (BN 88712 9815 RR00001) committed to teaching and explaining the religious tenets, history and practices of Islam according to the Shī'ah Ithnā 'Asharī school of thought.

ALI aims to promote holistic growth of the individual. It provides religious inspiration for the community to help them stay focused in the journey towards God and appreciate the beauty and practicality of Islam. Courses and activities cover religious and spiritual issues, nutrition and physical health, as well as emotional issues that play an important role in self-development. ALI also offers insights into the rich heritage of Islam through art courses and retreat activities. The short term courses are practical for those who cannot commit long term.

ALI Instructors and teachers share their expertise in their specific areas with their students.

Disclaimer: The Academy for Learning Islam (A.L.I.) carries out appropriate due diligence on personnel it engages to run its programs. However, it is not responsible for the veracity of any information or material presented by any instructor or volunteer working for ALI and eventually posted on our site.





ALI Fees and Honorarium Policy

The Academy for Learning Islam (A.L.I.) is a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency providing educational and religious services to Shi'ī Muslim community. It accepts donations from well-wishers to run majority of its educational and religious programs. A small portion of its budget comes from nominal fees charged for its courses. There are options for donors to channel their *huqūq* (*khum*s, *zakat*, *nadhar* and *tabligh*) funds to A.L.I. to exclusively support our educational and religious programs. Donors can contact A. L. I. to discuss these options.

Below is our Policy regarding Fees, Donations and Honorarium offered to Instructors and Teachers.

- 1) All online courses and webinars are offered gratis. ALI offers honorarium to all instructors who give courses on its behalf. In order to provide education to all, especially those in developing countries, ALI does not charge any fees for webinars and online courses. Participants are encouraged to donate generously for this cause through <https://www.academy-ofislam.com/donate/>.
- 2) ALI charges nominal fees for onsite courses and seminars Fees for onsite in-class courses and seminars are \$10/session for adult classes and \$5/session for children courses. The fees are used to pay for classroom rentals where applicable and remunerate instructors and teachers.
- 3) Any participant who can afford to pay only partial fees or cannot afford to pay any fees can still register for the courses. They can email academyofislam@gmail.com with a brief explanation (3 – 4 lines) on the situation and will be exempted.
- 4) All fees, where applicable, must be paid latest by the end of the 1st day of the class. Fees can be paid online via PayPal or by cheque. We prefer fees payment via e-transfer which requires answering the question: *what is the name of the 1st Imam (a)?* ALI Admin earnestly requests students not to

delay fee payments as this puts a burden on volunteers and administration.

5) All our instructors and teachers are offered an honorarium. This helps in maintaining a good standard of teaching. The honorarium to instructors and teachers is based on actual instruction time spent. The rate paid is similar to what is offered by local colleges in the province of Ontario, Canada. Email academyofislam@gmail.com to receive additional information on this.



ALI Activities and Programs

- *Sabīfa Sajjādiyya* Project (SSP)
- Hadith Database Project (HDP)
- On site Islamic courses for adults
- Online Courses and Webinars
- Quran Appreciation classes for children
- Spiritual Retreats and Summer Day Camps
- Weekly *Qurānic Reflections* in English and French
- Toronto Quran Exhibition
- Miscellaneous services

This calendar also includes a brief report for the year 2017-2018



Alhamdu lillāh the Academy for Learning Islam was able to publish 1,500 copies of *Glimpses of Sahīfa Sajjādiyya* in May 2017/Shā‘bān 1438 to coincide with the Fourteenth Hundred Birth Anniversary of Imam Ali Zayn al ‘Ābidīn (a). The book contained six articles on the significance, authenticity and contents of the *Sahīfa* by Āyatullāh Sayyid Muhammad Bāqir al-Sadr, Sayyid Hussein Jalali, Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi, Ahmed H. Sheriff, Ahmed Muhani and Dr. William Chittick. Six Du‘ās with Arabic text and side-by-side English translations by Muhani & Chittick were included in the book. The Du‘ās (Nos. 20, 31, 42, 43, 44 & 45) selected for the work are those which are commonly recited in Holy Ramadan. Each Du‘ā was preceded by a comprehensive summary by scholars who have been lecturing for many years. To order your copy email to alipublications786@gmail.com

Our SSP volunteers are presently working on the following:

1. Communicating with various scholars requesting them to share their notes or write-ups they may have from their lectures on Du‘ās from the *Sahīfa*.
2. Gather all audio and video recitations of the Du‘ās in Arabic and English.
3. Gather all audio and video lectures in English on the *Sahīfa* and post them in the Resource section on ALI website.
4. Gather abstracts on the *Sahīfa* from the book *Muslim Devotions* by Constance E. Padwick
5. Prepare a comprehensive list of all *sharh/tafāsīr* of the *Sahīfa* in Arabic, Farsi, Urdu and other languages.
10. Get images of select pages from oldest available manuscripts and/or prints of the *Sahīfa*

11. Besides the two known translations mentioned above, gather other available English translations of some of the supplications and passages from the *Sahifa*

12. Encourage seminary and university students to write research papers on the significance, historicity and contents of the Sahifa.

13. Prepare audio files of the supplication translations in English. Gujarati, Kiswahili and Urdu

We are in dire need of volunteers for the above noble work. Please let us know if you are willing to help in any way with the Sahifa project. Write to: acadmeofislam@gmail.com



Hadith Database Project (HDP)

The objective of the Hadith Database Project (HDP) is to make accessible to the English speaking community a wide range of Hadiths in an easily searchable format. Currently there are close to 19,000 Hadiths stored on the database. About 7,000 of these Hadith have been sourced from the book *Miẓānul Hikmah* compiled by Muhammadi Rayshahri and published by Dar al-Hadith in Qum. Another 11,000 Hadith have been sourced from the book *Ghurur Al-Hikam Wa Durar Al-Kalim*, (Exalted Aphorisms and Pearls Of Speech) of Amīrul Mu'minīn Imam 'Ali ibn Abi Talib. These Hadiths were compiled by Qadhi Nasih al-Deen Abu al-Fath 'Abd al-Wahid Ibn Muhammad Al-Tamimi al-Amudi (d. 510 AH), and translated into English by Sheikh Tahir Ridha Jaffer; the first edition of the translation was published by Ansariyan Publications in Qum (2012). The sayings of Imam Ali found in Nahjul Balagha are also uploaded in the database as well as some sections of the Book Al-Amaali by Sheikh Mufeed, published by The World Federation of KSII.

Since the aim of the project was to provide easy access to the Hadith rather than focus on their authenticity, there is no reference to the *sanad* (chain of narrators) of the Hadith. The Hadith Database uses those books which are popular with Shi'i Muslims and relies on the compilers to have verified the *sanad* and authenticity of the traditions.

The target audience for this project are Madrasah teachers, young speakers and the community at large. The website can currently be accessed simply by using any computer/smart phone with an internet connection. *Alhamdu lillāh* the website has received over 7500 hits since launch, with users representing all parts of the world from North America to Australia, Asia, Middle East, Africa & Europe.

Even though the current website has a good repository of Hadith, the aim is to increase the number of accessible Hadith. Currently the books *Uyūn Akhbār al-Ridbā*, *Tuhaf al-Uqūl* of al-Harrānī, and remaining sections of *Al-Āmālī* by Sheikh al-Mufīd are being worked on by the HDP team which consists of volunteers based in Toronto, Winnipeg and the United Kingdom. All members of the team are either working full time, have their own business or are studying. They are contributing to this project during their free time.

There is great potential to increase the Hadith database but it requires dedicated volunteers. There are plans to add additional books of Hadith such as *Mishkātul Anwār* of al-Tabarsī and *al-Khisāl* of al-Sadūq. The team is desperately looking for more volunteers from around the world. This is a great opportunity for people to make a meaningful contribution from the comfort of their homes. The HDP team is also trying to forge new links with other developers to expand the scope of this project and add more books to the database.

To volunteer for the HD Project, one simply needs access to the internet with basic computer skills. The time commitment is about 2hrs/week with each assignment lasting about two months. To join please visit <http://hadith.academyofislam.org/contact-us/>





ALI 2017-2018 courses at a glance

Fall 2017: Onsite/In-class courses		
ALI 413: Sahīfa Sajjadiyyah Du'ā 4	Mon, Sept 4-18	HK
ALI 414: Understanding Quran I	Sat, Sept 9-Oct 7	MA
ALI 415: Understanding Quran II	Sat, Oct 14 - Nov 11	MA
ALI 416: Nahjul Balagha	Tue, Nov 14 - Dec 5	TK
ALI 417: Islamic Art	Wed, Nov 15 - Dec 6	AJ
ALI 418: Understanding Quran III	Sat, Nov 18 - Dec 16	MA
ALI 419: Nahjul Balagha	Tue, Dec 5 - Dec 19	HK
Fall 2017: Online courses and Webinars		
ALI 420a: Topical Tafsir	Mon, Sept 4-18	TK
ALI 420b: Topical Tafsir	Tue, Sept 5-19	TK
ALI421:Nahjul Balagha (children)	Sat, Oct 14 - Nov 4	FM
ALI 422: Arbaʿīn Ziyārat	Sat, Oct 21	HK
ALI 423: Divine Justice	Wed, Nov 15- Dec 13	KB
ALI 424: Blood Pressure	Sat, Nov 25	FA
ALI 425: Science and Religion	Sat, Dec 2-9	MB
ALI 431: Introduction to Logic	Wed, Nov 15 - Dec 6	AI

Fall 2017: Quran Appreciation courses		
ALI 426: Ages 7-9, JCC	Fri, Sept 8 - Dec 8	SF
ALI 427: Ages 10-12, JCC	Fri, Sept 8 - Dec 8	ND
ALI 428: Ages 8-12, MIC	Fri, Sept 8 - Dec 8	RK
ALI 429: Girls ages 13-16, JCC	Fri, Sept 8 - Dec 8	TK
ALI 430: Boys ages 13-16, JCC	Tue, Sept 12 - Dec 12	AK

Winter 2018: Onsite/In-class courses		
ALI 432: Understanding Quran IV	Sat, Jan 6-Feb3	MA
ALI 433: Sahifa Sajjadiyyah Du'a 5	Wed, Jan 10-24	HK
ALI 434: Nahjul Balagha	Tue, Feb 6-20	HK
ALI 435: Nahjul Balagha	Tue, Feb 6-27	TK
ALI 436: Critical Thinking	Wed, Feb 7-28	SA
ALI 437: Understanding Quran V	Sat, Feb 10 - Mar 10	MA
ALI 438: Islamic Art	Wed, Feb 21-Mar 14	AJ
ALI 439: Understanding Quran VI	Sat, Mar 17, 24, Apr 14-28	MA

Winter 2018: Online courses and Webinars		
ALI 440: Topical Tafsir	Tue, Jan 9-30	TK
ALI 441: Morality and Religion	Sat, Jan 13-20	MB
ALI 442: E-ethics	Sat, Feb 3-10	MS
ALI 443: Menopause	Sat, Feb 24	AA
ALI 444: Iraq Ziyarat	Sat, Mar 10	HK
ALI 445: Depression	Sat, Mar 31	MH

Winter 2018: Quran Appreciation courses

ALI 446: Ages 7-9, JCC	Fri, Jan 5 - Mar 23	SF
ALI 447: Ages 10-12, JCC	Fri, Jan 5 - Mar 23	ND
ALI 448: Ages 8-12, MIC	Fri, Jan 5 - Mar 23	RK
ALI 449: Girls ages 13-16, JCC	Fri, Jan 5 - Mar 23	TK
ALI 450: Boys ages 13-16, JCC	Tue, Jan 9 - Mar 27	AK

Spring 2018: Onsite/In-class courses

ALI 451: Sahifa Sajjadiyyah Du'ā 4	Wed, April 4, 11 and 25	HK
ALI 452: Nahjul Balagha	Tue, Mar 6-13	HK
ALI 453: Nahjul Balagha	Tue, Apr 3-24	TK
ALI 454: Understanding Quran VII	Sat, May 5 - Jun 9	MA

Spring 2018: Online courses and Webinars

ALI 455: Topical Tafsir	Tue, Apr 3-17	TK
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Term 3 Spring 2018 – Quran Appreciation courses

ALI 456: Ages 7 - 9 JCC	Fri, Apr 6 – May 11	SF
ALI 457: Ages 10 -12 JCC	Fri, Apr 6 – May 11	ND
ALI 458: Ages 8 -12 MIC	Fri, Apr 6 – May 11	RK
ALI 459: girls 13 – 16, JCC	Fri, Apr 6 – May 11	TK
ALI 460: boys 13 -16,JCC	Tue, Apr 10– May 15	AK

Summer 2018: Onsite/In-class courses		
ALI 461: Nahjul Balagha (children)	TBA	TBA
ALI 462: Nahjul Balagha (children)	TBA	FM
Summer 2018: Online courses and Webinars		
ALI 463a: Preparations for Hajj	Sat, July 7	HK
ALI 463b: Hajj Rules for ladies	Sat, July 7	TK



ALI 2017-2018 Holiday Programs at a glance

March Break Retreat		
Girls ages 9-12, Hidden Acres	Mar 14-16	TK
Summer Day Camp		
Children ages 6-12, JCC	July 9-20	TBA



Fall Term (Sept-Dec 2017)

Onsite/In-class Courses

ALI 413: Brief explanation of Du‘ā No. 4 from *Sahīfa Sajjādiyya*

In this course we will look at Imam al-Sajjād’s supplications for sending divine blessings (salawat) upon the followers of the Messenger and upon those who attest to the Prophethood. The support given by the early companions to the Prophet (s) and the challenges endured in the process will be discussed.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Mondays, Sept 4-18, 2017, 8:30 – 9:30 pm

Fees: \$30, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: MIC, 7580 Kennedy Road, Brampton, ON, L6W 0A1

ALI 414: Understanding the Quran – Part I

This is a progressive course that runs for every 5 weeks consecutively with a break in the last two weeks of December. The course will focus on passages from Access to Quranic Arabic: Selections by AbdulWahid Hamid. Additionally the student will learn interpretation of the verses according to authentic Tafsir and books of ahadith to understand the deeper aspects of the verses in the Qur’an.

Instructor: Br. Mohammadreza Ardehali. B.A. and M.A. in Arabic language and literature. Presently working on Ph.D. in Qur’anic Hermeneutics.

Eligibility: All Muslims ages 16 and over.

Prerequisite: Can read the Quran and has basic knowledge of Arabic.

Schedule: 5 Saturdays, Sept 9- Oct 7, 2017; from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Fees: \$50, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: Recreation room on the ground floor at Crescent Village, 138 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill.

ALI 415: Understanding the Quran – Part II

Course information as in ALI 414, above.

Schedule: 5 Saturdays, Oct 14 - Nov 11, 2017; from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Fees: \$50, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

ALI 416: Theology and Worship in Nahjul Balāgha

(For women only)

Based on the book by Āyatullāh Mutahhari, this course will look at the topics of Divine Essence, Divine Unity and Ibadah as discussed in Nahjul Balagha. Students will read from the text and discuss in class.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 4 Tuesdays, Nov 14 – Dec 5, 2017; from 10.00 - 11.30 am

Fees: \$40, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 417: Islamic Art

Learn about Islamic art and make your own piece.

Instructor: Sr. Alina Juma

Schedule: 4 Wednesdays, Nov 15 – Dec 6, 2017; from 8.30 - 10.00 pm.

Fees: \$40, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 418: Understanding the Quran – Part III

Course information as in ALI 414, above.

Schedule: 5 Saturdays, Nov 18 - Dec 16, 2017; from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Fees: \$50, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

ALI 419: ‘Ibādat in Nahjul Balāgha – Concept of God

The course will look at types of worship (Khutba #108) and what Imam says about recitation of Quran (Sermons 174 and 191) and Du’a (Letter 31).

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays, Dec 5-19, 2017; from 8.30 - 9.30 pm

Fees: \$30, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON



Fall Term (Sept-Dec 2017) Online Courses and Webinars

Note: The online classroom will open 10 minutes before the session begins. If you prefer to listen to the presentation without viewing the slides call 1-437-886-9122 and enter using PIN 037 7588#. All timings are for Toronto/New York City. Please ensure to get corresponding timing for your local city/town.

ALI 420: Topical Tafsīr of the Quran: Relationship with Allah *‘aẓza wa-jall* **(For women only)**

This course will look at various verses of the Quran that talk about the Divine - human relationship. Topics will include awe of Allah, humility, fear, love, responsibility and accountability. It will be offered at two different timings to accommodate participation from Europe, Africa, the Middle East and North America.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule:

ALI 420a: 3 Mondays, Sept.4-18, 2017; 8.30 - 9.30 pm Toronto/NY time

ALI 420b: 3 Tuesdays, Sept 5-19, 2017; 11.00 am - 12.00 noon Toronto/NY time

ALI 421: *Nahjul Balāgha* for children

Introduce your child to the treasures of the *Nahjul Balagha*, the amazing collection of sermons, letters and Hadith of Imam Ali (a). This course will help children learn about Beliefs, History, Moral Values and more, as taught in the *Nahjul Balagha*.

Instructor: Sr. Fatima Siddiqi Mohamedali

Schedule: 4 Saturdays Oct 14-Nov 4, 2017; from 10.00 am - 11.00 am.

ALI 422: Arba‘in Ziyārat

This webinar will discuss the importance and etiquette of pilgrimage to Najaf, Karbala, Kazimayn and Samarra. The course will focus on connecting spiritually to the Imams who are visited and the main aadaab of Ziyarat. Practical issues such as Salāt in the airplane, performing wudhū made easy, and complete or shortened (qasr) prayers in Iraq will also be covered. There will also be a question and answer session.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: Saturday Oct. 21, 2017; from 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

ALI 423: Divine Justice

Many people have questions related to Divine Justice. What does God's being just mean? How do we know and prove that God is just? If God is just then how do we reconcile that with the problem of evil? What about oppression in this world, calamities and tribulations, defects and imperfections that exist around us? If God is just then why is there eternal punishment in the Hereafter? Find answers to these questions and many more in this course on Divine Justice.

Instructor: Sh. Kazim Bhojani

Schedule: 5 Wednesdays, Nov 15 to Dec 13, 2107; from 8:30 – 10:00 pm Toronto/NY time.

ALI 424: Managing Blood Pressure

About 40% of adults worldwide have high blood pressure. High blood pressure is one of the major risk factors for heart disease, stroke and kidney disease. Making some simple dietary changes can help you control your blood pressure. It's more than just putting away the salt shaker. Learn what foods to eat more of and what foods to limit to help keep your blood pressure in check.

Instructor: Sr. Fatim Ajwani

Schedule: Saturday Nov. 25, 2017, from 11.00 am - 12.00 noon.

ALI 425: Science and Religion

From the time of Galileo and Darwin, it has been claimed that religion and science are fundamentally incompatible with each other. These two sessions will take a structured look at the conflicts between religion and science and suggest theories for resolving these conflicts. The sessions will address the issue both from a scriptural and theological perspective.

Instructor: Sh. Murtaza Bachoo

Schedule: 2 Saturdays, Dec 2 and 9, 2017; from 10.30 am - 12.00 noon.
Toronto/NY time

ALI 431: Introduction to Logic

The central role intellectual reasoning has played within Islam is apparent for anyone familiar with Islamic religious discourse. Logic has often been at the forefront of such discourse, and in this short course we will be attempt to explore the major discussions that have taken place within the subject of Logic or 'Ilm al-Mantiq. Topics will cover conceptions (ta-sawwurāt), signification (dalālah), four modes of relation (nisab arba'), five universals (kulliyāt khams), assents (tasdīqāt), propositions (qaḍāya), equivalent conversions (‘aks mustawī), contradictory opposition (tanāquḍ), and syllogisms (qiyās).

Instructor: Syed. Ali Imran

Schedule: 4 Mondays, Nov. 13-Dec 4, 8.30-10.00 pm





Fall Term (Sept-Dec 2017) Quran Appreciation courses for children

All children's courses at Jaffari Community Center are a joint effort between Islamic Shia Ithna-Ashari Jamaat of Toronto and the Academy for Learning Islam.



Quran Appreciation offers:

- Child friendly Quran Learning
- Reading Arabic text with simple translation and exercises
- Studying the context and stories of the passage under discussion
- Memorizing select verses of the Quran
- Learning relevant Hadiths on the Quranic passage
- Fun and engaging activities on the Quran

Courses will InshāAllah be offered for all three terms:

Term 1-Fall 2017: Story of Lady Hannah and Lady Maryam (a)

Term 2 - Winter 2018: Story of Prophet Isa (a)

Term 3 - Spring 2018: The Hawariyyun

Fees is \$60.00 for the first term payable by Paypal or cheque on or before the first day of classes

ALI 426: Quran Appreciation, ages 7-9 years

Instructor: Sr. Sukaina Jaffer Fazal

Schedule: Fridays, Sept 8 – Dec 8, 2017; from 4:15 – 5:15 pm (no classes during the first two weeks of Muharram 1439)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7

ALI 427: Quran Appreciation, ages 10-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Najma Dhala-Datoo

Schedule: Fridays, Sept 8 – Dec 8, 2017; from 4:15 – 5:15 pm (no classes during the first two weeks of Muharram 1439)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7

ALI 428: Quran Appreciation, ages 8-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Rabab Kassam

Schedule: Fridays, Sept 8 – Dec 8, 2017; from 5.30 - 6.30 pm (no classes during the first two weeks of Muharram 1439)

Venue: MIC, 7580 Kennedy Road, Brampton ON L6W 0A1

ALI 429: Quran Appreciation, girls ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: Fridays, Sept 8 – Dec 8, 2017; from 4.30 - 5.30 pm (no classes during the first two weeks of Muharram 1439)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7

ALI 430: Quran Appreciation, boys ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Br. Amin Kermali

Schedule: Tuesdays, Sept 12- Dec 12, 7.15 - 8.15 pm. Timing will be adjusted for salaah (no classes in the first two weeks of Muharram 1439)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7





Winter Term (Jan-Mar 2018)

Onsite/In-class courses

ALI 432: Understanding the Quran – Part IV

Course information as in ALI 414 in the Fall term

Schedule: 5 Saturdays, Jan 6-Feb 3, 2018; from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Fees: \$50, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: Recreation room on the ground floor at Crescent Village, 138 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill.

ALI 433: Brief explanation of Du'ā No. 5 from Sahīfa Sajjādiyya

This course will look at the supplication of Imam Zaynul 'Ābidīn (a) for himself and people under his guardianship. As is the etiquette of any Du'ā, the Imam begins with praising and glorifying God with His great qualities and then teaches the believers how to beseech Allah in a way that one only seeks the Almighty for needs, guardianship and protection.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Wednesdays, Jan 10– 24, 2018, 8:30 – 9:30 pm

Fees: \$30, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: MIC, 7580 Kennedy Road, Brampton, ON, L6W 0A1

ALI 434: 'Ibādat in Nahjul Balagha – States of the heart

This course will look at what Imam says about recognizing the states of the heart (Letter #69), curing apathy of the heart (Khutba #220), and inspiring the heart through remembrance of death and turning away from the world (Khutbas #20, 64)

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays, Feb 6- 20, 2018 from 8:30 – 9:30 pm

Fees: \$30, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 435: Spiritual Counsel in Nahjul Balagha

Based on the book by Āyatullāh Mutahhari, this course will look at the topics of Justice, Rulers and the people, Moral Teachings and Spiritual

Counsel as discussed in Nahjul Balagha. Students will read from the text and discuss in class.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 4 Tuesdays, Feb 6 - 27, 2018, 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Fees: \$40, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 436: Developing Critical Thinking Skills in children

Children's education needs to go beyond beyond reading, writing, and Math skills. This involves developing an ability to think critically and be able to make informed judgments and decisions. This course will look at ways to help Parents co-construct knowledge with their children. Course contents will address areas of assessing and analyzing, problem-solving, predicting, and explaining. Developing thinking skills responds to the Quran where Allah repetitively prods us to ponder and reflect.

Instructor: Sr. Shahnaaz Alidina

Schedule: 4 Wednesdays, Feb 7 – 28, 2018, 10.30 - 11.30 am

Fees: \$40, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 437: Understanding the Quran – Part V

Course information as in ALI 414 in the Fall term

Schedule: 5 Saturdays, Feb 10-Mar 10, 2018, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Fees: \$50, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

ALI 438 : Islamic Art

Learn about Islamic art and make your own piece.

Instructor: Sr. Alina Juma

Schedule: 4 Wednesdays, Feb 21 – Mar 14, 2018, 8.30 - 10.00 pm

Fees: \$40, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 439: Understanding the Quran – Part VI

Course information as in ALI 414 in the Fall term

Schedule: 5 Saturdays, Mar 17 & 24 and April 14, 21 & 28, 2018 (with two weeks break during Easter)

Fees: \$50, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.



Winter Term (Jan-Mar 2018) Online Courses and Webinars

Note: The online classroom will InshāAllah open 15 minutes before the session begins. If you prefer only to listen to the presentation without viewing the slides then call 1-437-886-9122 and enter using PIN 037 7588#

ALI 440: Topical Tafsir of the Quran: Family Relationships (women only)

This course will discuss verses of Quran that talk about relationships within the family. Topics will include rights of relatives, enhancing family relationships, and dealing with conflict.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 4 Tuesdays, Jan 9-30, 2018

Timings: a) 11.00 am - 12.00 noon Toronto/NY time

b) 8.30 pm - 9.30 pm Toronto/NY time

ALI 441 : Morality and Religion

What role does personal morality play in the life and practices of a Muslim? The sessions will look at theories for the basis of morality, and the role of reason and scripture in defining morality. Through the two sessions, participants will also consider conflicts between personal or mainstream values and the laws of Islam and the potential for moral growth within human society.

Instructor: Sh. Murtaza Bachoo

Schedule: 2 Saturdays, Jan 13 and 20, 2018, 10.30 am - 12.00 noon
Toronto/NY time

ALI 442 : Islamic Theory of E-ethics

With the advancement of information technology, many new ways of communication, spending time and resources and making decisions have become possible. How can we make our usage of internet and activities on social media compatible with our moral values and, if possible, go even further and make them part of our spiritual development? This course will focus on issues arising in cyber space because of advancement in information technology.

Instructor: Dr. Mohammed Ali Shomali

Schedule: 2 Saturdays, Feb 3 and 10, 2018, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Toronto/NY time

ALI 443 : Guide to Weight Loss During and After Menopause

Menopause and weight gain tend to go hand in hand due to a combination of factors including decreased estrogen, slower metabolism, and lifestyle factors, such as poor diet and lack of exercise. In this course you will learn how to make positive life style changes that will work in your favor. This course is for women of any age - to help better understand the role of our hormones and diet

Instructor: Sr. Anar Allidina

Schedule: Saturday Feb 24, 2018, 11.00 am – 12 noon Toronto/NY time

ALI 444: Ziyarat of Iraq

This webinar will discuss the importance and etiquette of pilgrimage to Najaf, Karbala, Kazimayn and Samarra. The course will focus on connecting spiritually to the Imams who are visited and the main *ādāb* of Ziyārat. Practical issues such as Salāt in the airplane, performing wudhū made easy, and complete or shortened (qasr) prayers in Iraq will also be covered. There will also be a question and answer session.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: Saturday Mar 10, 2018, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm Toronto/NY time

ALI 445: Understanding and coping with depression

Depression is one of the most common mental health challenges It can be an isolating experience In this webinar, we will focus on understanding and recognizing depression. We will talk about how to help yourself and others in coping with depression. We will also briefly touch on ways in which we can build mental wellness so that we are more resilient in the face of life challenges.

Instructor: Sr. Marzia Hassan

Schedule: Saturday Mar 31, 2018, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm Toronto/NY time



Winter Term (Jan - Mar 2018)

Quran Appreciation courses for children

All children's courses at Jaffari Community Center are a joint effort between Islamic Shia Ithna-Ashari Jamaat of Toronto and the Academy for Learning Islam.

Fees is \$60.00 for the second term payable by Paypal or cheque on or before the first day of classes

ALI 446 : Quran Appreciation, ages 7-9 years

Instructor: Sr. Sukaina Jaffer-Fazal

Schedule: Fridays, Jan 5 - Mar 23, 2018, 4:15 – 5:15 pm (with a break for March break)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON L4J 8A7

ALI 447: Quran Appreciation, ages 10-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Najma Dhala-Datoo

Schedule: Fridays, Jan 5 - Mar 23, 2018, 4:15 – 5:15 pm (with a break for March break)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON L4J 8A7

ALI 448: Quran Appreciation, ages 8-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Rabab Kassam

Schedule: Fridays, Jan 5 - Mar 23, 2018, 5.30 - 6.30 pm (with a break for March break)

Venue: MIC, 7580 Kennedy Road, Brampton, ON, L6W 0A1

ALI 449 : Quran Appreciation, girls ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: Fridays, Jan 5 - Mar 23, 2018, 4.30 - 5.30 pm (with a break for March break)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON L4J 8A7

ALI 450: Quran Appreciation, boys ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Br. Amin Kermali

Schedule: Tuesdays, Jan. 9-Mar 27, 7.15 -8.15 pm (with a break for March break)

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON L4J 8A7



Winter Term (Jan - Mar 2018) Spiritual Retreat

ALI Retreat 021

Theme: Rock Solid - Being a strong Muslim

Ages: Girls 9-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali,

Sports/Activity Leader: Sr. Lina Dewjee

Dates: March 14-16, 2018

Venue: Hidden Acres, Camp Mennonite, New Hamburg ON



Spring Term (Apr-Jun 2018) Onsite Courses/In-class courses

ALI 451 : Brief explanation of Du'ā No. 6 from Sahīfa Sajjādiyya

In this course we will cover the beautiful supplication which Imam al-Sajjad (a) used to recite every morning and evening. Beginning with marvels of the Almighty of creating nights and days, the Imam teaches us different functions we need to carryout in them. This is a great Du'ā which teaches the art of praying regularly to the Creator in the most comprehensive way.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Wednesdays, Apr 4, 11 and 25, 2018, 8.30 - 9.30 pm

Fees: \$30, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: MIC, 7580 Kennedy Road, Brampton, ON, L6W 0A1

ALI 452: 'Ibādat in Nahjul Balagha – Qualities of the pious ones

This course will look at the qualities described in the Khutba on Mut-taqin (#191) where Imam gives a detailed description of the qualities of the pious ones.

Instructor: Sh. Hasanayn Kassmali

Schedule : 2 Tuesdays, Apr 3-10, 2018, 8:30 – 10:00 pm

Fees: \$20, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 453: Asceticism in Nahjul Balagha

Based on the book by Āyatullāh Mutahhari, this course will look at the topics of Taqwa, Zuhd, The World, and Freedom as discussed in Nahjul Balagha. Students will read from the text and discuss in class.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 4 Tuesdays, Apr 3-24, 2018, 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Fees: \$40, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON

ALI 454: Understanding the Quran – Part VII

Course information as in ALI 414 in the Fall term

Schedule: 6 Saturdays, May 5 - Jun 9, 2018; from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon and in the month of Ramadan from 2.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Fees: \$50, pay thru PayPal button on our website or by cheque.



Spring Term (Apr -Jun 2018) Online Courses and Webinars

ALI 455: Topical Tafsir of the Quran: Social Relationships (women only)

This course will discuss verses of Quran that talk about relationships with people in society. Topics will include the function of society, duties in society, and qualities of a successful society.

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: 3 Tuesdays, Apr 3-17, 2018

Timings: a) 11.00 am - 12.00 noon Toronto/NY time

b) 8.30 - 9.30 pm Toronto/NY time



Spring term (Apr - Jun 2018) Quran Appreciation courses for children

All children's courses at Jaffari Community Center are a joint effort between Islamic Shia Ithna-Ashari Jamaat of Toronto and the Academy for Learning Islam.

This term has only 6 weeks. Fees is \$30.00 for the third term payable by Paypal or cheque on or before the first day of classes

ALI 456 : Quran Appreciation, ages 7-9 years

Instructor: Sr. Sukaina Jaffer-Fazal

Schedule: Fridays, Apr 6- May 11, 2018, 4.15 – 5.15 pm

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON,

ALI 457: Quran Appreciation, ages 10-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Najma Dhala-Datoo

Schedule: Fridays, Apr 6- May 11, 2018, 4.15 – 5.15 pm

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, ON,

ALI 458 : Quran Appreciation, ages 8-12 years

Instructor: Sr. Rabab Kassam

Schedule: Fridays, Apr 6- May 11, 2018, 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Venue: MIC, 7580 Kennedy Road, Brampton, ON, L6W 0A1

ALI 459: Quran Appreciation, girls ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali

Schedule: Fridays, Apr 6- May 11, 2018, 4.30-5.30 pm

Venue:, JCC, 9000 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7

ALI 460: Quran Appreciation, boys ages 13-16 years

Instructor: Br. Amin Kermali

Schedule: Tuesdays, Apr 10- May 15, 7.15 - 8.15 pm

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7





Summer Term (Jul-Aug 2018) Nahjul Balagha courses for children

All children's courses at Jaffari Community Center are a joint effort between Islamic Shia Ithna-Ashari Jamaat of Toronto and the Academy for Learning Islam.

ALI 461: Understanding Nahjul Balagha - Part I

Introduce your child to the treasures of the Nahjul Balagha, the amazing collection of sermons, letters and Hadith of Imam Ali (a). This course will help children learn about Beliefs, History, Moral Values and more, as taught in the Nahjul Balagha.

Instructor: TBA

Schedule: 4 Tuesdays, July 24-Aug 14, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7

ALI 462: Understanding Nahjul Balagha - Part II

This course will help children gain further insights into the topics discussed in Nahjul Balagha.

Instructor: Sr. Fatima Siddiqah Mohamedali

Schedule: 4 Tuesdays, July 24-Aug 14, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Venue: JCC, 9000 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8A7





Summer Term (Jul-Aug 2018) Hajj 1439 webinars

ALI 463a: Preparations for Hajj

The webinar will assist in preparing for Ziyārat to Madinah, Umrah Tamattu and Hajj Tamattu. The webinar will cover a few spiritual aspects and some fiqhi rules pertaining to Hajj trip. The presentation will be followed by Q & A session.

Schedule: Saturday July 7, 11.00 am – 12.00 noon (EST- Toronto/NY time)

Instructor: Hasanayn Kassamali

ALI 463b: Hajj Rules for Ladies

The webinar will cover important Islamic rules relating to women going for Hajj.

Schedule: Saturday July 7, 12.15 - 1.15 pm (EST – Toronto/NY time)

Instructor: Sr. Tahera Kassamali



Summer Term(Jul-Aug 2018) Summer Day camp

Two week summer day camp

Daily Quranic themes, crafts, sports, activities and more.

Dates: Week 1: July 9-13 Week 2: Jul 16-20

More details to be released closer to the time.



Report of ALI Activities for the year 2016-2017

Courses conducted

- 1) Quranic Appreciation Classes in five groups for Children ages 7 – 16 years were arranged for a total of 27 weeks on Tuesday or Fridays in three semesters. Courses were arranged at JCC in Thornhill, ON and at MIC in Brampton, ON.
- 2) Weekly Understanding Quran sessions were conducted on Saturdays from Sept - May before Zuhr prayers. In June/Ramadan the classes were held in the afternoon. Quranic concepts, words and terminologies were taught along with basic of Arabic grammar and structure. The instructor was Agha Mohammadreza Ardehali who is finalizing his PhD on Quran Tafsīr at UofT.
- 3) Eleven Onsite courses were conducted at Jaffari Community Center in Thornhill, ON. Topics covered were: Holy Prophet's Hadith to Abu Dharr in 3 parts, Brief Explanation of Du'ās 1 to 3 from *Sahīfa Sajjādiyya*, Practical approach to spiritual journey, Islamic art and calligraphy in 2 parts, Social media and raising of children, and Nurturing of children's spirit in Islam.
- 4) 15 online courses/webinars were conducted on Quran, Beliefs, Health, month of Ramadan, and Ziyarat preparation.

Spiritual Retreats

Three spiritual retreats were conducted this year.

- 1) Girls ages 9-12, held at Hidden Acres, New Hamburg ON. The Theme was 'Discovering your gifts'. A total of 24 girls participated.

- 2) Men's retreat. Held in conjunction with JTB and MTB at Bayview Resort Lodge, ON. A total of 21 men participated.
- 3) Boys ages 12-16, held at Bayview Resort LODge, ON.. The theme was 'In the footsteps of Imam Ali (a)'. A total of 12 boys participated.

Publication and Distribution of Literature

- 1) *Glimpses of Sahīfa Sajjādiyya* – 1,500 copies were printed of which 500 copies were purchased by the Islamic Humanitarian Services in Kitchener, ON for wide distribution. ALI is grateful to various individuals who contributed towards the publication of this work.
- 2) *Knowing the Ma'sūmin: Imam Ali (a)* – initially 500 copies were printed for sale and distribution in December 2016. Additional copies were reprinted to cater for demand in June & August 2017.
- 3) *Knowing the Ma'sūmin: Imam Hasan (a)* – 500 copies were printed to coincide with the birthdate of the Imam in the middle of the Holy Ramadan (a).
- 4) *Lessons from Nahjul Balāgha, Grades 4 to 6* – limited copies for use by students during summer course.
- 5) *A Probe into English Quran Translations* – 200 copies of this 120 page booklet was published for the participants of the Toronto Quran Exhibition held in Ramadan 1438.

Assisting other Educational Institutions

The Academy assists other institutions, organizations and schools who seek support from the public. The following were some of them:

- Ahlulbayt TV Network during annual gala, Toronto.
- As-Sadiq Islamic School during annual gala, Thornhill.
- Al-Mustafa Academy, Surrey, BC
- Wali ul Asr Learning Institute for Muharram majālis.

- Islamic Shia Ithna-Ashari Association of Edmonton for resident alim fund.
- Sponsoring a young Muslim student from Pickering to participate in National educational forum in Ottawa.
- Islamic Publishing House for Ramadan Reflection video presentation.
- Tulabā pursuing higher Islamic education in the seminaries

Friday Prayers at Mackenzie Health Hospital

Alhamdu lillāh for the second year, ALI arranged an Imam to lead Friday prayers at the hospital. The prayers are held in the Chapel situated in Wing A of the hospital. Muslims of all denominations are welcome to attend the prayers which is conducted in a way that facilitates both the Shia and Sunni Muslim participants. We are grateful to Br Azhar Malik from Al-Nadwa Islamic Center and Hajj Arifhassan Jaffer for conducting the prayers on the second and fourth Fridays of the calendar month, respectively. Thanks also to Hajj Mohamed Zaki Jagani for coordinating the roster of Friday prayer Imams at the hospital.

Hospital visitations

Majority of Mu'minīn attending prayers and Islamic programs at the Jaffari Community Center reside in Aurora, New Market, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, and Vaughan, ON. Mackenzie Health Hospital in Richmond Hill serves the residents of the above cities. The Academy has formed a team of volunteers that visit Muslim patients regularly, give them spiritual care, recite Quranic passages and Du'ās for them and give hope to the families and relatives.

Council of Canadian Imams (CCI) meetings

The Council holds its monthly meetings on the first Monday of every calendar month. The Religious Director occasionally attends these meetings on behalf of Shi'ī Islamic centers in GTA.

TORONTO QURAN EXHIBITION

THE FIRST EVER MAJOR QURAN EXHIBITION IN CANADA

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Dates: June 1 – June 10, 2017/ Holy Ramadan 6 – 15, 1438

Location: Mulla Asghar Memorial Library and Islamic Resource Centre (MARC) 9000
Bathurst Street, Thornhill, ON L4J 8A7

This landmark exhibition is the first of its kind in Canada. Some fifty of over one hundred translations of the Holy Quran into English from 1648 to 2017 will be featured at Mulla Asghar Research Library and Jaffari Community Center in Thornhill, Ontario, Canada. Renowned for their use by Muslim population at large and by the academia, these English translations depict a clear picture on how various translators have attempted to render the Holy Scripture which Muslims believe as verbatim word of God and to an extent Untranslatable. Translations from private collectors, libraries and Quran publishers have been gathered for this exhibition.

The First Ever Major Quran Exhibition in Canada Featuring:

15 Select Quranic verses on
Family, Humanity & Justice

50 English translations of the
Holy Quran from 1649 –
2015 CE

60 Academic Articles on the
Challenges of Translating
the Quran

700 attendees over a period of 10 days
with over 100 students from the
As-Sadiq Islamic School came to see
the exhibition.

“**EXCELLENT EXHIBITION**
Inshallah I pray it is an annual event!”

15 SELECT QURANIC VERSES ON FAMILY, HUMANITY & JUSTICE

A MOTHER'S SERVICE

And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents. His mother carried him, [increasing her] in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years. Be grateful to Me and to your parents;

SŪRA LUQMĀN (NO. 31), VERSE 14

GOODNESS TO HUMANITY

Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess.

SŪRATUN NISĀ (NO. 4), VERSE 36

JOIN HANDS IN GOODNESS

And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression.

SŪRATUL MĀ'IDAH (NO. 5), VERSE 2

PRIORITY IN CHARITY

Whatever you spend of good is [to be] for parents and relatives and orphans and the needy and the traveler. And whatever you do of good - indeed, God is knowing of it.

SŪRATUL BAQARAH (NO. 2), 215



50 ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF THE HOLY QURAN FROM 1649 – 2015 CE

The Koran, Complete Dictionary and Literal Translation

Ahmed, Mohamed & Ahmed, Samira (1994) | Publisher: M.J. & S. Ahmed
Paperbound, only translation with numerous Arabic words within the translation

The Koran

Dawood, N. J. (1993) | Publisher: The Penguin Classics
Paperback, translation only. Reprinted with revisions.

The Clear Quran, A Thematic English Translation

Khattab, Dr. Mustafa (2015) | Publisher: Siraj Publications
Hardbound with Arabic text and 1,324 footnotes

The Holy Qur'an, Translation with Commentary

Saffarzadeh, Tahereh (2007) | Publisher: Alhoda Int. Publisher
Hardbound, Arabic Text & few footnotes

The Qur'ān

Mirza Abu'l-Fadl (1911) | Publisher: G.A. Asghar & Co, Allahabad
Paperback with Arabic text.

The Glorious Koran with Commentary of Divine Lights. Set-I to Set VII. (Set VII also has 22 pp. Corrigenda to Sets I to VII)

Chinoy, Ali Muhammad Fazil (1954) | The Hyderabad Bulletin. The first four sets are available at: www.al-islam.org
Set I: Q 1:1 – 4:50, Set II: Q 4:51 – 8:47, Set III: Q 8:48 – 16:22, Set IV: Q 16:23 – 24:40, Set V: Q 24:41 – 34:30, Set VI: Q 34:32 – 48:17, Set VII: Q 48:18 – 114:6

The Alcoran of Mahomet: Translation Out of Arabic for the Satisfaction of All That Desire to Looking into Turkish Vanities.

Ross, Alexander (1649) | Available from <https://archive.org/details/alcoranofmahomet00dury>
Oldest Quran translation into English from Du Ryer's French translation.



“IT WAS AMAZING to see how the Āyat of the Qur'an are translated by so many authors using different words. Thank you for your efforts in bringing the exhibition to us.”

LIVE PRESENTATIONS BY 3 CANADIAN QURAN TRANSLATORS

BRINGING THE QURAN TO THE PEOPLE



SAYYID MUHAMMAD RIZVI

Educational Qualification: • Islamic studies at Hawza-e 'Ilmiyya of Qum 1972 to 1982. (Dars-e Kharij under the Grand Āyatullāh Shaykh Wahid Khurasani.) • MA (History) Simon Fraser University, B.C., Canada 1991. His work *An Explanatory Translation of the Qur'ān* in three volumes (1984; 1985; 1987). This covers half of the Qur'ān; volumes 4 and 5 are ready. (The entire set of six volumes will go to print soon.)

COMMONLY MISTRANSLATED VERSES OF THE QURAN



DR MUSTAFA KHATTAB

With two decades of experience in Arabic-English Islamic translation, Dr. Mustafa Khattab is an authority on interpreting the Quran. He was a member of the first team that translated the Ramadan night prayers (Tarawih) live from the Sacred Mosque in Mecca and the Prophet's Mosque in Medina (2002-2005). His new translation, *The Clear Quran*, which is the first English translation of the Quran ever completed and published in Canada, has been officially approved by Al-Azhar and endorsed by the Canadian Council of Imams and ISNA.

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USTAADZ AYUB HAMID

Ayub was born into a devout Ahlus-Sunnaah wal-Jama'ah Miyyaan family of Lahore, Pakistan. He completed FA (Grade 12) from Government College, Lahore and B. Com. (Hons.) from Hailey College of Commerce, Punjab University in Lahore. He learnt Arabic throughout his school and college days. His Islamic education has been both extensive and intensive starting from age five and continuing to this day. In addition to The Teachings of the Qur-aan (available online www.teachingsofthequraan.com) he has written six books on Islam in English and one in Urdu.

60 Academic Articles on the Challenges of Translating the Quran Including:

- ◆ Coherence Analysis Issues On English-Translated Quran
- ◆ A Critical Review Of English Translations Of The Quran
- ◆ Cultural And Sociolinguistic Issues In English-Arabic Translation Of Collocations
- ◆ The Problems Involved In Translating Arabic Cognitive Synonyms Into English
- ◆ Difficulties Encountered In Translating Some Legal Texts From Arabic Into English

Articles and Books on the Essays and Reviews of English translations Including:

- *The Qur'ān and the Orientalists*
- *The Question of the translatability of the Qur'ān, with particular reference to some English versions*
- *World Bibliography of Translations of the Meanings of the Holy Qur'an*
- *Translating the Untranslatable*
- *The Quran: Literary Patterns – (Un)translatabilities*

“VERY INSPIRING and uplifting! Masha'Allah I have learnt much and my awareness is much greater. Ahsant!”

LIVE LECTURES BY 6 LOCAL SCHOLARS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE QURAN



DR. HUSEIN KHIJEE

Why is the Quran the Authentic Book of God?



SH. KHALIL JAFFER

Challenges when Engaging in Quran Translation and Tafsir



DR. LIYAKAT TAKIM

The Quran in Contemporary Times



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Use of computers for translating the Quran



SH. SALIM YUSUFALI

Practical Lessons from Sūra Yâsin

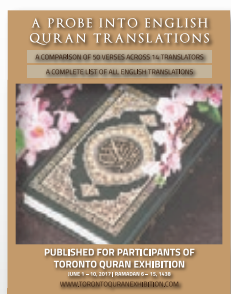


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Eloquence of the Quran and the Challenges in Translation

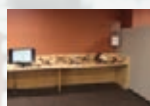
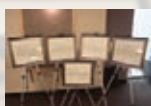
You may visit www.torontoquranexhibition.com/speakers/ to access the slides and/or audio-video clips of various presentations done at the Exhibition.

A PROBE INTO ENGLISH QURAN TRANSLATIONS



A 120 pages booklet A Probe into English Quran Translations comparing 50 verses across 13 translators and the complete list of all English translations of the Quran was published during the Exhibition for the participants. A revised version of this booklet can be had from <http://www.torontoquranexhibition.com/articles-reviews/>

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Day camp Report

The Academy for Learning Islam extended one more wing this year by embarking on a new venture of the ALI Day Camp for children ages 6-11. The camp was held at the Jaffari Community Centre from July 10th - July 21st, 2017. A total of 56 children attended the first week and 60 for the second week. Both numbers exceeded the originally planned 45 students per week. The campers were divided into the age categories of 6, 7-8 and 9-11 under the care of three teachers, three assistants and four youth volunteers.



The theme chosen for the day camp was Friends of Nature in the Qur'an. Topics covered were Trees, Wind, Birds, Spiders, Bees, Camels, Ants and Fruits. A typical day began with a few minutes of warm up activities followed by some instruction time which included reflection on the verse of the topic for the day, fun facts, uses and benefits, and excerpts from Hadith e Mufazzal. A teacher handbook on the topic was provided to the teachers. Anecdotes, stories and supporting youtube videos were included in the daily lessons.

Based on the topic, the teachers planned fun, hands on activities covering science, art, critical thinking and some engineering to keep young minds stimulated. Almost every day they worked on a take home project related to the topic covered. The students also had woodwork, pottery, yoga, obstacle courses . . .etc. The day lasted a little over 5 hours and was well balanced with snack, outdoor activities/gym time, lunch and salaah. It was a fun way to spend the summer days while learning at the same time and making new friends.



Plans for the Year 2017-2018

Besides offering numerous Educational programs in the form of in-class sessions, online courses, seminars, spiritual retreats, and webinars, the Academy for Learning Islam will continue other activities, programs and services. These include:

Friday Prayers at Mackenzie Health Hospital

Every Friday, the Academy plans to have an imam to deliver sermon and lead Friday prayers at Mackenzie Health Hospital. The address of the hospital is 10 Trench Street, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 4Z3. This will be a common program for Muslims of all devotions and would last for about half an hour. Those who wish to stay behind, can also join in al-‘Asr prayers in congregation. The prayers begin at six different times during the year due to Daylight Saving Time fluctuations. All Muslim staff, patients and their families and visitors are welcome to participate in the program, which is held in the chapel in Wing A of the hospital.

Dates and Timings for the Prayers:

September 1 to 29, 2017 at 1:15 pm

October 6 to November 3, 2017 at 1:00 pm

November 10 to November 24, 2017 at 12:05 pm

December 1 to 29, 2017 at 12:15 pm

January 5 to March 9, 2018 at 12:30 pm

March 16 to April 13, 2018 at 1:25 pm

April 20 to May 25, 2018 at 1:15 pm

June 1 to August 31, 2018 at 1:20 pm

Visiting Muslim Patients

The Religious Administrator and team of volunteers will in-shāAllāh continue to visit Muslim patients at Mackenzie Health Hospital on Fridays after the prayers as well as on other days of the week. The team is requesting more Mu'minīn to sign for this noble task by applying for volunteering at the Hospital. A big number of our community is aging and they need regular and longtime spiritual and physical care.

Publications

Knowing the Ma'sūmīn: Imam al-Husayn (a)

Knowing the Ma'sūmīn: Imam Sajjad (a)

Religious and Counselling services

The Academy for Learning Islam has been blessed with staff that can provide Islamic counselling and religious services to both men and women. We plan to continue offering these services to Mu'minīn, when requested.



Get Involved

The Academy for Learning is offering more than 40 onsite and online courses this year, plus a variety of other programs to help keep spirituality and religious inspiration alive in our communities. Join us to help spread the word of God.

Spread the word about our Courses. Join the team of volunteers who send the messages about ALI courses to their groups.

Use our Resources. We have children's workbooks on some of the Ma'sumin (a), lessons on Nahjul Balagha for children, detailed notes and outline for Quran Appreciation classes for children, and more. Use them for your circles.

Join our Mailing List. You will receive weekly Quran Reflections and updates about our activities.

Contribute to ALI. Your donations support the various activities carried out by ALI.

For information and details visit our website or write to alioutreach@gmail.com

O you who believe! Be helpers of Allah,
as Isa son of Maryam said to the
disciples: 'Who are my helpers in the
cause of Allah?' The disciples said: We
are helpers of Allah
Sura Saff, 61:14