



Core Curriculum

1 God, Religion and Islam: An Introduction

1.1 **The Problem of Evil, Suffering and Pain**

Divine Justice and the Problem of Evil by Javad Shayvard

Divine Justice and the Problem of Evil by Ghulam Husayn Adeel

1.2 **God, Allah and Religion**

Religion of Mercy by Nasir Makarem Shirazi

150 Lessons for Life by Nasir Makarem Shirazi

1.3 **Introduction to Islam**

180 Questions by Nasir Makarem Shirazi

Al Bab al Hadi Ashar by Allamah al-Hilli

1.4 **What is “Religion” and What’s the Point of it Anyways?**

Shiite Islam by Muhammad Husayn Tabatabai

1.5 **A Brief Introduction to the Prophet Muhammad (s), the Prophet of Islam**

The Message by Jafar Subhani

The Revealer, The Messenger, The Message by Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr.

2 Foundations of Islam - Theology

2.1 **Entering Islam: The Shahada**

Fundamentals of Islamic Thought by Murtaza Mutahhari
Glimpses of Certain Aspects of Islam by Nasim A. Jafarey
He, His Messenger and His Message by Muhammad Baqir al Sadr
Invitation to Islam by Thomas McElwain

2.2 **The Usūl al-Dīn: The Fundamental Beliefs of Islam**

The Roots of Religion by Anonymous

Basic Beliefs of Islam by Qasim Kamoopuri

Day of Judgment Sayyid Sa'eed Akhtar Rizvi

The Gardener of the Gardens of Tawheed by Sadeq Musavi Garmaroodi

2.3 **Tawhīd: The Unity and Oneness of God in Islam**

Allah: The Concept of God in Islam by Yasin T. al-Jibouri

Fundamentals of Knowing God by Reza Berenjkari

God and His Attributes by Mujtaba Musawi Lari

God in Islamic Traditions: A Glance at Al-Tawhid by Shaykh al-Saduq, by Karim Aghili

God of Islam Sayyed Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

God in the Quran by Muhammad Hosseini Beheshti

2.4 **Adala: Divine Justice in Islam**

Divine Justice by Mujtaba Musawi Lari

Divine Justice and the Problem of Evil by Ghulam Husayn Adeel

Justice of God by Naser Makarem Shirazi

Let's Learn About Divine Justice by Naser Makarem Shirazi

Justice of God by Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

2.5 **Nubuwwa: The Purpose of Prophethood in Islam**

He, His Messenger and His Message by Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr

Prophethood by Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

A Glimpse of the Character Traits of the Prophet Part 1 & 2 by Ayatollah Mujtahid Zanjani

2.6

Imāmah or divinely guided leadership in Islam after the Prophet Muhammad.

Imamate: The Vicegerency of the Prophet by Sa'eed Akhtar Rizvi (Ridhewi on Islamiclibrary.com)

Imamate and Wilayah (part I to part VII) by Ali Shomali

Let's Learn about Imamate by Naser Makarem Shirazi

Shi'ism: Imamate and Wilayat by Muhammad Rizvi

2.7 Ma'ād: The Day of Judgment in Islam

Let's Learn about the Resurrection by Naser Makarem Shirazi

Resurrection Judgement and The Hereafter by Mujtaba Musawi Lari

2.8 The Sharī'a: Purpose and Practice

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

2.9 The Islamic Concept of the Nafs: Battling the Human Ego

Jihad al-Nafs (in a nutshell) by Anonymous

A Glance at the Process of Self-Development by Muhammad Ali Shomali

Self-Building: An Islamic Guide for Spiritual Migration towards God by Ibrahim Amini

2.10 Satan, Jinns and Angels: Their Influence in the World

Suratul Jinn by Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi

Ethics and Spiritual Growth by Mujtaba Musawi Lari

2.11 The Problem of Evil, Suffering and Pain

Divine Justice and the Problem of Evil by Javad Shayvard

Divine Justice and the Problem of Evil by Ghulam Husayn Adeel

3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

3.1

Accepting Islam: Putting Faith into Action

Further Reading from Islamiclibrary.com

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

3.2 Jihād in Islamic Law and Spirituality

Immigration and Jihad by Murtaza Muttahari

Jihad: Holy War in Islam by Murtaza Muttahari

Jihad al-Akbar by Imam Khomeini

Jihad and Shahadat by Ayatollah Taleqani

The Scholarly Jihad of the Imams by Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

3.3 Salāt: Obligatory Ritual Prayers in Islam

Adabus Salat by Imam Khomeini

Salat al-Jumah by Murtaza Mutahhari

Sound of Salat by Amir Khorrooshi

3.4 Ritual Purity in Islamic Law: Understanding Tahāra and Najāsa

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Mughniyyah

3.5 The Five Categories of Islamic Law

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Mughniyyah

3.6

Tawalla and Tabarra, its Basics and Purpose

Ahl al-Bayt Ethical Role Models by Ansariyan

Fascinating Discourses of Fourteen Infallibles by Jawad Iqbal Qazilbash

Anecdotes of the Ahl al-Bayt by Murtaza Mutahhari

3.7 The Purpose of Zakat and Khums in Islamic Law

Bayt al-Mal and the Distribution of Zakat by Mahmood Namazi

Zakat in Shia Fiqh by Muhammad Rizvi

Khums by Muhammad Rizvi

Khums – A support for Financial Independence by Naser Makarem Shirazi

3.8 The Hajj Pilgrimage

A Guide Book for Women on Rites of Hajj by Razia Batool Najafi

Al Hajj by Imam Khomeini

Hajj by Ali Shariati

Hajj – The Duties and the Rulings by Sayyed Muhammad Shirazi

Hajj Rituals by Seyed Reza Hosseini Nasab

3.9 The Furū‘ al-Dīn: The Fundamental Practices of Islam

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

3.10 Fasting in Islam, its Purpose, Dos and Don'ts

Fasting Rules from Islamic Laws by Sayyed Ali Sistani

Philosophy of Hajj and Fasting by Mushtaq Hussein Shahidi

Fast of the Month of Ramadan by Yasin T. al-Jibouri

3.11 Other Obligatory and Forbidden Acts in Islam

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

3.12 **Niyya: Religious Intention as the Foundation of Islamic Practice**

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

3.13 **Commanding the Good and Forbidding Evil in Islam**

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

The Five Schools of Islamic law by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah

4 Prophethood in Islam

4.1 **A Brief Biography of the Prophet Muhammad (s): The Prophet's Childhood (PART I of III)**

Hayatul Qulub: A Detailed Biography of the Prophet Muhammad by Allamah al-Majlisi

The Prophet Muhammad: A Mercy to the World by Muhammad Shirazi

The Message by Jafar Subhani

4.2 **Bio: The Prophet Muhammad as a Prophet of God (PART II of III)**

Hayatul Qulub: A Detailed Biography of the Prophet Muhammad by Allamah al-Majlisi

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The Message by Jafar Subhani

4.3 **A Brief Biography of the Prophet Muhammad (s): The Prophet's Character (PART III of III)**

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The Prophet Muhammad: A Mercy to the World by Muhammad Shirazi

The Message by Jafar Subhani

4.4 **The Prophet Muhammad (s) as Messenger and Teacher**

A Glimpse of the Character Traits of the Prophet by Sayyid Mujtahid Zanjani

Infallibility of the Prophet by Sayed Murtaza Askari

Mission of the Prophet of Islam by Muhammad Raza Hakimi

Prophethood and the Prophet of Islam by Ibrahim Amini

Sayings of the Prophet by Anonymous

Seal of the Prophet & His Message by Sayyid Mujtaba Musavi Lari

The Life of Muhammad the Prophet by Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

The Prophet and Messenger of Allah by Yasin Jibouri

The Prophet Muhammad A Mercy to the World by Muhammad Shirazi

4.5 **The Prophet and his Relationships**

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The Prophet Muhammad: A Mercy to the World by Muhammad Shirazi

4.6 **The Prophet's Sunnah and Hadith**

40 Ahadith of Prophet Muhammad by Anonymous

A Probe into the History of Hadith by Murtaza al-Askari

Abu Hurayra and the Falsification of Traditions by Yasin al-Jibouri

Al Hadith al Qudsi by Hassan Shirazi

4.7

Ghadir and Arafah: The Two Last Sermons of the Prophet

Ayatul Ghadeer by Sayyed Ali Sistani

Ghadeer Khum by I.H Najafi

Essay on Ghadir by Zulfiqar Ali

Forty Traditions on the Ghadir by Ansariyan

The Sermon of the Prophet Muhammad at Ghadir Khumm by Wahid Majd

4.8 Jesus and Mary in Islam

Jesus through Shiite Narrations by Muhammad Legenhausen

At the Presence of Jesus Christ by Muhammad Hussein Shahri

5 The Qur'an and Hadith

5.1 Islam and Other Religions

Islam and Christianity by Hamid Reza Alavi

The Bible and Christianity by Muhammad Shirazi

5.2 What is the Qur'an? A Short Introduction to Islam's Holy Book

Al-Mizan by Muhammad Husayn Tabatabai

Authenticity of the Quran by Shaikh Muslim Bhanji

5.3 The Structure of the Holy Qur'an

Al-Mizan by Muhammad Husayn Tabatabai

Authenticity of the Quran by Shaikh Muslim Bhanji

5.4 The Quran and Islamic law

Al-Mizan by Muhammad Husayn Tabatabai

Authenticity of the Quran by Shaikh Muslim Bhanji

5.5 The Qur'an, Allah and Humankind

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5.6

Hadith and Sunnah, difference and variations

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A Probe into the History of Hadith by Murtaza al-Askari

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5.7 The Reliability of Hadiths

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Al Hadith al Qudsi by Hassan Shirazi

5.8 A Reflection on Verses of the Holy Qur'an

Al-Mizan by Muhammad Husayn Tabatabai

5.9 Hadith al-Thaqalayn

Aayatul Ghadeer by Sayyed Ali Sistani

Ghadeer Khum by I.H Najafi

Essay on Ghadir by Zulfiqar Ali

Forty Traditions on the Ghadir by Ansariyan

The Sermon of the Prophet Muhammad at Ghadir Khumm by Vahid Majd

5.10 Imam Ali (as) and Nahj al-Balagha.

Aspects of Religion in the Nahj al Balagha by Sayyid Jawad Mostafavi

Nahjul Balagha by Murtada Mutahhari

Nahjul Balagha Arabic and English [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

5.11 Taqlid and Tawḍih Al Masail Genre of Literature

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani (Tawzīh al-Masā'il)

6 Measuring Good and Bad in Islam

6.1 The Effects of Our Actions in this World

Greater Sins by Dastghayb Shirazi

Forty Hadiths by Imam Khomeini

6.2 **The Gray Areas of Islamic Law and Morality**

Islamic Laws by Sayyed as-Seestani

Philosophy of the Islamic laws by Naser Makarem Shirazi

6.3 **Heaven and Hell in Islam**

Let's Learn about the Resurrection by Naser Makarem Shirazi

Resurrection Judgement and The Hereafter by Mujtaba Musawi Lari

6.4 **Life and Death in Islam**

Death by Sayyid Muhammad Rizvi

Eternal life by Murtada Muttahari

Journey to Unseen World by Najafi Quchani

6.5 **Guidance According to Islam**

The Straight Path by S. M.MoinQureshi

6.6 **Fate and the Consequences of our Choices in Islam**

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6.7 **The Effect of Culture and Environment in Shaping our Religious Choices**

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6.8 **Major Sins in Islam**

Greater Sins by Dastghaib Shirazi

6.9 **Why Allah Allows People to Sin**

Greater Sins by Dastghaib Shirazi

6.10 **Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins in Islam**

Repentance The Cradle of Mercy by Husayn Ansariyan
Importance of Tawbah

6.11 The Three Kinds of Rights in Islam

Treatise on Rights by Imam Zayn al-‘Ābidīn

6.12 Sinning Against Others and their Delayed Punishment

Greater Sins by Dastghaib Shirazi

Forty Hadith by Imam al-Khumayni

6.13 Kufr in Islam

Greater Sins by Dastghaib Shirazi

6.14 Trivializing the Harām

Further Reading From Islamiclibrary.com

6.15 Benefits of Islamic Law in this World

The Philosophy of Islamic Law by Nasser Makarem Shirazi

6.16 Good and Bad Deeds: The Spiritual Consequences of our Choices

Further Reading : islamiclibrary

 **7 The Legacy of the Prophet Muhammad (s) and his Ahl al-Bayt (as)**

7.1 Islam and Knowledge: the Importance of Islamic Education

Al-Kafi Vol 1: The Book of Excellence of Knowledge by Muhammad al-Kulayni

Self Knowledge by Mohammad Ali Shomali

7.2 The Ahl al-Kisa

Commentary on Hadeeth al Kisaa by Abu Sahba

7.3 Imamah in the Qur’an

mamate by Akhtar Ridhewi

Imamate and Twelve Imams by Muhammad Hussein Tabataba'i

Imamate and Wilayah by Mohammad Ali Shomali

Let's Learn about Imamate by Nasser Makarem Shirazi

7.4 **Fatima al-Zahrah (as)**

Fadak, the Property of Fatima (as) by Syed Akhtar

Fatima the Perfect Role Model by Saleem Bhimji

Fatima is Fatima by Ali Shariati

7.5 **A Brief Look at the Lives of the Imams (Imam al-Hasan until Imam Muhammad al-Baqir)**

Ahl al-Bayt: Ethical Role Models by Ansariyan

Ahl al-Bayt and Caliphate by Murtaza Mutahhari

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7.7 **A Brief Look at the Life and Importance of Imam al-Mahdi (aj)**

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The Life of Imam Mahdi by Baqir Sharif al-Qarashi

The Occultation of Imam Mahdi

7.8 **Salawat and Atonement in Islam**

Supplication in the Eyes of the Ahl al-Bayt by Muhammad Mahdi al-Asifi

7.9 **The Companions (Sahaba) of the Prophet According to the Qur'an**

Ali, the Best of the Sahaba by Toyib Olawuyi

Justice of the Companions by Murtaza Askari

The Great Companion Abu Dharr

The Truth about the Companions by Ali Hussein Milani

Were All Companions Truthful – In a Nutshell

7.10 **Clerical Hierarchies in Muslim Communities**

Questions on Taqleed by Bashir Alidina

Questions on Titles by Bashir Alidina

7.11 **Mosques in Islam**

Further Reading from Islamiclibrary.com

7.12 **The Philosophy of Karbala and Majalis**

Excellence of Muharram & Imam-e-Hussain by Shakir Ali Noorie

Karbala and Beyond by Yasin al-Jibouri

7.13 **A Brief Biography of Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (as)**

100 Virtues of Imam Ali (as) by Ibn Shazan

1000 Virtues of Imam Ali (as)

The Brother of the Prophet Muhammad: Imam Ali by Muhammad Jawad Chirri
Nahjul Balagha by Murtada Mutahhari
Nahjul Balagha (vol 1 and 2) by Sayyid Husayn ar Radi al-Musawi

7.14 **The Battle of Karbala: A Brief History**

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8 Islamic Relationships, Sects and Conflicts

8.1 **Misconceptions about Shi'ism**

The Emergence of Shi'ism by Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr

The Shia Under Attack by Sayyed Muhammad Jawad Chirri

8.2 **Major Sects of Islam**

Further Reading FromIslamicLibrary.com

8.3 **Islam and Religious Conflicts**

Further Reading fromIslamicLibrary.com

8.4 **Islam and Rights**

A divine perspective on rights by Imam al-Sajjad (as)

A Study in the Philosophy of Islamic Rights by Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr

Human Rights by Muhammad Ali Tashkiri

8.5 **Sunnism and Shi'ism, beginnings and historical developments.**

Shiism And Its Types During The Early Centuries by Rasul Jafariyan

The Emergence of Shiism by Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr

Imamate and the Twelve Imams by Muhammad Hussein Tabatabai