

## Core Curriculum

### 1 God, Religion and Islam: An Introduction

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

problem of evil, intellectual problem of evil, emotional problem of evil, evil in this world, day of judgment

#### 1.2 **God, Allah and Religion**

God, Allah, special revelation, Islam, God in Arabic, religion, Muslim God

#### 1.3 **Introduction to Islam**

Islam, basic beliefs, muhammad, abdullah, prophet muhammad, abraham, mooses, jesus, noah, mecca, devil, day of judgment, introduction to islam, qur'an

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

religion, purpose of religion, function of religion, islam, way of life, dīn, Clifford Geertz, Emile Durkheim, Sigmund Freud, deen, what’s the point of religion, polytheism, monotheism

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

Prophet Muhammad, Hanif, Ismā‘īl, Jesus, Abraham, Abrahamic, Qur’an, Mecca, polytheists, idol worshipers, al-amīn, prophet of islam, jesus, mooses, noah, adam, meccans, tribes, war, slave women, prostitution

### 2 Foundations of Islam - Theology

#### 2.1 **Entering Islam: The Shahada**

Shahāda, shahādah, Islam, Muslim, Muhammad, Prophet, lā ilāhah ilāAllāh Muḥammadun rasūlullāh, deen, din, religion, becoming a Muslim, how to become Muslim, Islamic faith, islam education, entering Islam, testimony, testimony of faith, God, Allah, Jesus, Moses, Abraham, angels, demons, reborn, Holy Household, Ahl al-Bayt, Imam, Imams, inner transformation.

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

Muslim religion, faith, Muslim faith, testimony, shahāda, principles of faith, principles of religion, usul al-dīn, usool-e deen, usul-e-deen, usul din, tawhid, adala, imāma, imāmat, principles of the Islamic faith, Muslim God, Islamic God, fundamental beliefs of Islam, Qiyāmah, Qiyāmat, Day of Judgment, tawhīd, tawheed, justice, adalah, adalat, ‘adālah, Ma‘ād, resurrection, belief & creed, allah justice, hell, god and his justice, hereafter, god/allah, imammat, immamat, kalmia/shahadat, nubuwat, usool deen, tauheed

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

tauheed, tauhid, Muslim religion, faith, shirk, polytheism, idol worship, Islamic monotheism, Muslim faith, testimony, shahāda, principles of faith, principles of religion, usul al-dīn, usool-e deen, usul-e-deen, usul din, tawhid, imāma, imāmat, principles of the Islamic faith, Muslim God, Islamic God, fundamental beliefs of Islam, tawhīd, tawheed, belief & creed, god/allah, kalmia/shahadat, usool deen, tauheed

## 2.4 **Adala: Divine Justice in Islam**

tauheed, tauhid, Muslim religion, faith, principles of faith, principles of religion, usul al-dīn, usool-e deen, usul-e-deen, usul din, tawhid, adala, principals of the Islamic faith, Muslim God, Islamic God, fundamental beliefs of Islam, Qiyāmah, Qiyāmat, Ma‘ād, Day of Judgment, tawhīd, tawheed, justice, divine justice, good, evil, adalah, adalat, ‘adālah, belief & creed, allah justice, hell, god and his justice, hereafter, usool deen, tauheed

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

tauheed, tauhid, Muslim religion, faith, Jesus, Moses, Abraham, David, Adam, Muslim faith, testimony, shahāda, principles of faith, principles of religion, usul al-dīn, usool-e deen, usul-e-deen, usul din, tawhid, adala, imāma, imāmat, principles of the Islamic faith, Muslim God, Islamic God, fundamental beliefs of Islam, Day of Judgment, tawhīd, tawheed, justice, adalah, adalat, ‘adālah, nubuwwa, prophethood, prophet Muhammad, prophet, messenger of allah, messenger, nabi, nubuwat, usool deen, tauheed, belief & creed

## 2.6 **Imāmah or divinely guided leadership in Islam after the Prophet**

## **Muhammad.**

Imāmah, imāma, imamate, usūl al-dīn, usool deen, usoolud deen, fundamental beliefs of Islam, divinely guided leadership, imām, imāms, shi'ism, sunnism, Shia islam, sunni islam, sects, ahl al-bayt, Prophet Muhammad, nubuwwa, prophethood, succession of the Prophet

### **2.7 Ma'ād: The Day of Judgment in Islam**

Day of Judgment, Day of Judgment according to islam, qiyamah, qiyama, qiyaama, ma'aad, ma'ad, end of the world, the Mahdi, justice, usul al-dīn, usool deen, prophethood, divine justice, 'adl, end of times, Muslims, Muslim God, Day of Resurrection

### **2.8 The Sharī'a: Purpose and Practice**

Sharī'a, Sharī'a law, Shariah law, Islamic law, Prophet Muhammad, Islam, God's will, good and evil, Muslim God, self-discipline, salvation, way, way of life, surrender to God, surrender to God's commandments

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

Self-building, nafs, the evil self, ego, inner self, Islam, Qur'an, God, Allah, sins, salvation, mental illusions, whims, dunya, alam, love of the world

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

Jinn, angels, iblis, iblees, satan, shaytan, jinns, demons, islam, Muslim, nafs, inner self, good and evil, whispers, psychology, Gabriel, archangel, archangels, the devil, lucifer

### **2.11 The Problem of Evil, Suffering and Pain**

problem of evil, intellectual problem of evil, emotional problem of evil, evil in this world, day of judgment

## **3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts**

### **3.1 Accepting Islam: Putting Faith into Action**

Sharī'a, Sharī'a law, Shariah law, Islamic law, Prophet Muhammad, Islam, God's will, good and evil, Muslim God, self-discipline, salvation, way, way of life, surrender to God, surrender to God's commandments, covenant, 'adāla, belief & creed, Faroo-e-Deen, God and His Justice, Islamic community, sins, Kalima / Shahadat, Islamic ummah

### **3.2**

## **Jihād in Islamic Law and Spirituality**

Muslim, God, Allah, Afterlife, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Imam Ja‘far al-Sādiq, Islamic law, spiritual lives, ummah, Faroo-e-Deen, nafs, nafs al-ammārah, nafs al-lawwāmah, nafs al-mut‘mainnah, jihad, greater jihad, lesser jihad, minor jihad, jihād al-akbar, jihād al-asghar, struggle, holy war

### **3.3 Salāt: Obligatory Ritual Prayers in Islam**

Faroo-e-Deen, Laws, Practice, and Worship, belief, hadith, Islamic law, furū al-dīn, salāt, salāt al-layl, prayers, supplication, du‘ā, fajr, ‘ishā, maghrib, dhuhur, ‘asr, salāt al-mayyit, funeral prayers, satan, nāfila, recommended prayers, ritual prayers, obligatory prayers, five daily prayers, mustahab

### **3.4 Ritual Purity in Islamic Law: Understanding Tahāra and Najāsa**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, Islamic law, Tahāra, Najāsa, ritual purity, ritual impurity, Janāba, Tāhir, Najis, Ghusl, Wudū, Ghusl Irtimāsī, Tayamum, purification, taharat

### **3.5 The Five Categories of Islamic Law**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, Muslim ummah, wājib, fard, mustahab, mubāh, makrūh, harām, kifaya, ‘ayn, niyya, Islamic law, sharī‘a, heart, spiritual heart

### **3.6 Tawalla and Tabarra, its Basics and Purpose**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, Muslim ummah, Nahi anil Munkar, Nahī ‘an al-Munkar, amar bil maroof, tawalla, tabarra, faroo-e-deen, furū‘ al-dīn, human, commanding the good and forbidding evil

### **3.7 The Purpose of Zakat and Khums in Islamic Law**

Muslim, God, Allah, Afterlife, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Khums, Zakat, charity, poor, less fortunate, more fortunate, Imam ‘Alī, Islamic law, spiritual lives, furu al-din, salat, ummah, Faroo-e-Deen

### **3.8 The Hajj Pilgrimage**

Muslim, God, Allah, Afterlife, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt,

Ahlulbait, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Hajj, Muzdalifa, Muzdalifah, Umrah, Arafah, Arafat, Eid al-Adha, Adhah, Adha, Tawaf, Safa, Marwa, Safa and Marwa, al-Safa and al-Marwah, Zamzam, Hajar, Hagar, Ismā'īl, Ishamel, Ibrahim, Abraham, salāt, ritual prayer, rituals, hajj rituals, counter clock wise, furū al-dīn, faro-e deen, Islamic law, hajj history, history: before Muhammad, Islamic community, Islamic history

### 3.9 **The Furū' al-Dīn: The Fundamental Practices of Islam**

Sharī'a, Sharī'a law, Shariah law, Islamic law, Prophet Muhammad, Islam, God's will, good and evil, Muslim God, covenant, belief & creed, Faroo-e-Deen, God and His Justice, Islamic community, sins, Islamic ummah

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

fasting, siyām, Islamic law, God-consciousness, taqwā, poor, community, converts, furū' al-dīn, faro deen, Islamic rituals, quran, eid

### 3.11 **Other Obligatory and Forbidden Acts in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, Islamic law, marriage, zina, ghiba, nafaqa, kabā'ir, kabīra, furū' al-dīn, faroo-e-deen, salāt, prayer, gambling, punishment, qurbatan illa-Allāh, seeking closeness to God, usury, ribā

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, Muslim ummah, wājib, Islamic law, good niyya, bad niyya, niyyat, Qurbatan illa-Allāh

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Afterlife, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Imam Muhammad al-Bāqir, Islamic law, spiritual lives, ummah, Faroo-e-Deen, nafs, jihad, greater jihad, lesser jihad, minor jihad, jihād al-akbar, jihād al-asghar, struggle, holy war, self-defense, amr bi al-ma'rūf, nahī 'an al-munkar, amr bil maroof, nahi anil munkar, commanding the good, forbidding evil

## 4 Prophethood in Islam

### 4.1 **A Brief Biography of the Prophet Muhammad (s): The Prophet's**

## **Childhood (PART I of III)**

Prophet Muhammad, Hanif, Ismā'īl, Jesus, Abraham, Abrahamic, Qur'an, Mecca, polytheists, idol worshipers, prophet of islam, jesus, moses, noah, adam, meccans, tribes, war, slaves, Abyssinia, Abū Ṭālib, Abū Tālib, Banu Hāshim, messenger of allah, 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib, Ka'ba, Imāmate, 'Alī, Ali, qutb

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

Prophet Muhammad, Hanif, Ismā'īl, Jesus, Abraham, Abrahamic, Qur'an, Mecca, polytheists, idol worshipers, prophet of islam, jesus, moses, noah, adam, meccans, tribes, war, slaves, Abyssinia, Abū Ṭālib, Abū Tālib, Banu Hāshim, messenger of allah, 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib, Ka'ba, Imāmate, 'Alī, Ali, qutb

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

Prophet Muhammad, Hanif, Ismā'īl, Jesus, Abraham, Abrahamic, Qur'an, Mecca, polytheists, idol worshipers, prophet of islam, jesus, moses, noah, adam, meccans, tribes, war, slaves, Abyssinia, Abū Ṭālib, Abū Tālib, Banu Hāshim, messenger of allah, 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib, Ka'ba, Imāmate, 'Alī, Ali, qutb

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, moral character, muslim ummah

### **4.5 The Prophet and his Relationships**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, moral character, muslim ummah

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

hadith, Sunnah, sanad, Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, moral character, muslim ummah

### **4.7 Ghadīr and Arafah: The Two Last Sermons of the Prophet**

Ghadīr, Ghadeer, Ghadīr Khumm, Arafa, Arafah, Ahlul Bayt, Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, moral character, muslim ummah

#### 4.8 **Jesus and Mary in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, moral character, muslim ummah

### 5 The Qur'an and Hadith

#### 5.1 **Islam and Other Religions**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, moral character, muslim ummah, ahl al-kitāb, mushrikīn, people of the book, polytheists, idol worshipers

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, moral character, muslim ummah, holy book, holy scripture of Islam, Qur'an, nature of the Qur'an, Islam's holy book, guidance of mankind, interpretation of the Qur'an

#### 5.3 **The Structure of the Holy Qur'an**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, muslim ummah, holy book, holy scripture of Islam, Qur'an, nature of the Qur'an, Islam's holy book, guidance of mankind, interpretation of the Qur'an, laylat al-qadr, shan al-nuzul, imam ja'far al-sādiq

#### 5.4 **The Quran and Islamic law**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Spirit, Islamic community, muslim ummah, holy book, holy scripture of Islam, Qur'an, Islam's holy book, guidance of mankind, interpretation of the Qur'an, furū' al-dīn, Islamic law, ijmā', istinbāt, 'aql

#### 5.5 **The Qur'an, Allah and Humankind**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, Islamic community, muslim ummah, holy book, holy scripture of

Islam, Qur'an, Day of Judgment, Islam's holy book, guidance of mankind, interpretation of the Qur'an, mankind, humanity, relationship

### 5.6 **Hadith and Sunnah, difference and variations**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, hadith, hadith qudsī, mustahabb, Sunnah, Sunnah mustahabba

### 5.7 **The Reliability of Hadiths**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Religion, Ahl al-Bayt, hadith, sahih, da'īf, tawātur, mutawātir, chain of transmission

### 5.8 **A Reflection on Verses of the Holy Qur'an**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, moral character, muslim ummah, holy book, holy scripture of Islam, Qur'an, Islam's holy book, guidance of mankind, interpretation of the Qur'an, yusuf, ya'qūb, joseph, Jacob

### 5.9 **Hadith al-Thaqalayn**

Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Ahl-al-Bayt, Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, moral character, muslim ummah, Muslim community, holy book, holy scripture of Islam, Qur'an, hadith, hadith al-thaqalayn, hadith al-mubahala, Fatima, Imam Ali, Imam al-Hasan, Imam al-Husayn

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

Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Ahl-al-Bayt, Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, moral character, muslim ummah, Muslim community, holy Qur'an, Imam Ali, Nahj al-Balagha, school of Ahl al-Bayt, nahjul balagha

### 5.11 **Taqlid and Tawḍīh Al Masail Genre of Literature**

Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Ahl-al-Bayt, Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, moral character, muslim ummah, Muslim community, holy Qur'an, tawḍīh al-masā'il, tawzīh al-masā'il, Islamic law, marja, taqlīd

## 6 Measuring Good and Bad in Islam

### 6.1 **The Effects of Our Actions in this World**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, moral character, guidance, Prophet



Muhammad, heaven, hell, sin, sins, khatta, waswasa, shaytān, devil, society, Muslim community, inherited sins, anxiety, panic attacks, depression, riyā, ummah, children

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, moral character, guidance, Prophet Muhammad, heaven, hell, sin, sins, Muslim community, mubāh, makrūh, halal, haram, Islamic law and morality

## 6.3 **Heaven and Hell in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, moral character, guidance, Prophet Muhammad, heaven, hell, heaven and hell in islam, ghayb, Jahannam, jannah, eternity of hell, eternity of heaven

## 6.4 **Life and Death in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, moral character, guidance, Prophet Muhammad, life and death in Islam, life after death in Islam, relationship with God, reality of death

## 6.5 **Guidance According to Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Sin, Sins, Salvation, Soul, moral character, straight path, sirāt al-mustaqīm, hidāya, guidance

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, guidance, Prophet Muhammad, sin, sins, Muslim Community

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, guidance, Prophet Muhammad, sin, sins, Muslim Community, istiqāma

## 6.8 **Major Sins in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Muslim Community, shirk, aq al-walidayn, disobeying parents, polytheism, worship, kabā'ir, major sins, minor sins

## 6.9 **Why Allah Allows People to Sin**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, day of judgment, hell, heaven

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Ahl al-Bayt, Muslim Community, repentance, shafa'ah, tawbah, hell, day of judgment

### **6.11 The Three Kinds of Rights in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Muslim Community, rights of people, rights of God, rights of the self, haqq al-nās, haqq Allah, haqq al-nafs, imam zayn al-'ābidīn

### **6.12 Sinning Against Others and their Delayed Punishment**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Muslim Community, harām, backbiting in islam, lying in islam, sinning against others, ghībah, zina, delay in punishment for sins

### **6.13 Kufr in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Ahl al-Bayt, day of judgment, kufr, kafir, hell, heaven

### **6.14 Trivializing the Harām**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Muslim Community, halāl, harām, tāghūt, trivializing the haram, trivializing sins

### **6.15 Benefits of Islamic Law in this World**

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, sin, sins, faith, worship, marriage, alcohol, children

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, guidance, sin, sins, Muslim community, suffering

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

### **7.1 Islam and Knowledge: the Importance of Islamic Education**

God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Ahl al-Bayt, knowledge in islam, education in islam, ‘ilm, tarbiyah, ta‘lim

## **7.2 The Ahl al-Kisa**

God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, Ahl al-Kisa, Imam Ali, Imam al-Husayn, the Prophet, Imam al-Hasan, Fatima, People of the Cloak

## **7.3 Imamah in the Qur’an**

God, Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, Salvation, Hereafter, sin, soul, Holy Qur’an, prayer, Muslim community, Imamah, Twelve Imams, Prophet Ibrahim, Prophet Abraham, Allamah Tabataba‘i

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Hereafter, Religion, Salvation, Soul, sin, sins, Ahl al-Bayt, 14 Infallibles, Muslim Community, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir, Tasbih of Fatima al-Zahra, Imam Ali, Imam Husayn, Imam Hasan, Fadak

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, 14 Infallibles, Muslim Community, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir, Imam Ali, Imam Husayn, Imam Husain, Imam Hasan, Imam Zayn al-Abidin, Imam al-Sajjad, Imam al-Baqir, Karbala, Shariah

## **7.6 A Brief Look at the Lives of the Imams (Imam Jafar al-Sadiq until Imam Hasan al-Askari)**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, 14 Infallibles, Muslim Community, Imam Jafar al-Sadiq, Imam Musa al-Kahdim, Imam Ali al-Rida, Imam Muhammad al-Taqi, Imam Ali al-Naqi, Imam Hasan al-Askari, Imam Muhammad al-Mahdi, Imam Mahdi, 6th Imam, 7th Imam, 8th Imam, 9th Imam, 10th Imam, 11th Imam, Shi‘ism

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, 14 Infallibles, Muslim Community, Shariah, Imam Hasan al-Askari, Imam Muhammad al-Mahdi, Imam al-Mahdi, Imam al-Zaman, Sahib al-Asr, ghaybat al-kubra, ghaybat al-sughra, greater occultation, minor occultation, zuhur, reappearance of the Imam

## **7.8**

## **Salawat and Atonement in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, 14 Infallibles, Muslim Community, Salawat, Atonement in Islam, Mosque, Masjid

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, 14 Infallibles, Muslim Community, sahabi, sahaba, shia, sunni, companions of the prophet, ilm al-rijal, abu hatim al-razi

### **7.10 Clerical Hierarchies in Muslim Communities**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, 14 Infallibles, Muslim Community, Hujjat al-Islam, Hujjat al-Islam wa al-Muslimin, Ayatollah, Ayatollah al-Udhmah, Marja, Alim, Ulema, maulana, mujtahid, ijtihad, Shia community, mosques, masjids, taqlid

### **7.11 Mosques in Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, Muslim Community, mosques, masjids, i'tikaf, layat al-qadr, night of power, masjid al-haram, hawza, husayniyah

### **7.12 The Philosophy of Karbala and Majalis**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, Muslim Community, Yazid, Imam Zayn al-Abidin, Imam al-Sajjad, Fakhr, Akhlaq, Philosophy of Karbala, Goal of Karbala, Humayd ibn Muslim, Philosophy of Majalis

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

Prophet Muhammad, Qur'an, Mecca, polytheists, idol worshipers, prophet of islam, Abū Tālib, Abu Talib, Banu Hāshim, messenger of allah, Imamate, Imāmate, 'Alī, Ali, Imam Ali, Ghadeer, Fatimah, assassination, Medina, Kufa

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

Imam Husayn, Imam al-Husayn, Karbala, Yazid, Yazid ibn Muawiyah, Imam al-Hasan, Kufa, Caliph, justice, battle of Karbala, Iraq, Ashura, Day of Ashura

## **8 Islamic Relationships, Sects and Conflicts**

### **8.1 Misconceptions about Shi'ism**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, Shia Muslims, Sunnis, Shias, Distortion of the Qur'an, Tahreef, Tahreef al-Qur'an, Shias believe Imam Ali (as) is God, Shias don't believe in zakat, shias

worship stones, jibreel made a mistake in revelation, misconceptions about Shi'ism.

## **8.2 Major Sects of Islam**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, Muslim Community

## **8.3 Islam and Religious Conflicts**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, Muslim Community, religious conflicts, conflicts within religious traditions, islam xenophobia, religious tensions

## **8.4 Islam and Rights**

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, Muslim Community, haqq, huquq, truth according to islam, women's rights in islam, non-muslim rights in islam

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

Muslim, God, Allah, Ahl al-Bayt, salvation in Islam, Muslim Community, Sunnism, Shiism, Shi'ism, Proto-Sunnism, Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali, Righteous Caliphs, Ismaili Shias, eternity of the Qur'an, Saqifa, Ayesha, Wives of the Prophet, Imam Jafar al-Sadiq, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir, Muhammad ibn al-Hassan al-Tusi, Allamah al-Hilli, Shaykh al-Tusi, four caliphs, companions of the Prophet, Sunni, Shia, Yazid, Karbala, Imam Ali, Sahih al-Bukhari, Sahih Muslim