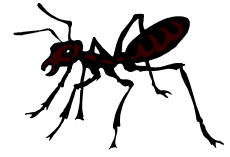




In His name, the Beneficent, the Merciful



The Academy for Learning Islam,
Richmond, B.C.

Presents the following new course:

Tafsīr and Tadabbur on Sūrah An-Naml (النمل) **ALI Course 063b**

What are the differences between Tafsīr and Tadabbur of the Holy Qur'ān? How to do Tadabbur (reflections & pondering) of the Holy Qur'ān? Which Tafāsīr can we use to have an in-depth understanding of Qur'ān? What is *Tafsīr bil ra'y* and how do we avoid this? The course will attempt to answer and discuss these aspects by studying select passages from Sūrah an-Naml (#27). All are encouraged to participate in this interesting course.

Instructor: Hasnain Kassamali

Dates: Six sessions, from December 6, 2003 to January 11, 2004 (both dates inclusive). If there is demand, we may have additional classes during December holidays.

Timings & Venue: Saturday evenings from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. (Maghribayn salāt in congregation will be held at the Academy before the classes)

Eligibility: All Muslims ages 14 and over

Suggested Donations: \$30.00 per student.

Some of the themes in the Sūrah planned for the course are:

1. Prophet Mūsā ؑ talks to God, āyāt 7-12
2. Prophet Sulaymān ؑ and the ant, āyāt 17-20
3. Prophet Sulaymān ؑ and the Hoopoe (Hudhud), āyāt 20-27
4. The Queen of Sheba, āyāt 29-44
5. The Signs of God ؑ, āyāt 60-66
6. Coming of the Day of Judgment, āyāt 83-90

Each session will include;

- a) Reading and pondering over selected verses
- b) *Tadabbur* (pondering) of the verses through questions
- c) Cross references to other relevant verses from the Holy Qur'ān
- d) Hadith on the topic being discussed
- e) Commentary of the āyāt covered

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