

Publications

Quran Appreciation

Spiritual Retreats

Quran Reflections

Islamic Education



O you who believe! Be Allah's helpers, just as Isa son of Maryam said to the disciples, 'Who will be my helpers for Allah's sake?' The Disciples said, 'We will be Allah's helpers.'

- Surah as-Saff (The Ranks), Verse 14

Annual Report
2015 - 2016

Objectives Achieved

COURSES

11 courses on the Holy Quran **10** courses on Beliefs and Spirituality **7** courses to help people live well **3** levels of Quranic Arabic covered **3** webinars on preparing for Hajj, Ziyarat to Iraq, and the spiritual preparation for the holy month of Ramadan

THE FACTS

Taught more than **200** people in person and over **700** people through distant learning from around the world through online courses and webinars **3** retreats to revive the Islamic spirit and spiritually energize over **30** adults and **50** youth, **2** new publications on Knowing the Masumeen workbooks for children each with about **40** activities to make Islamic learning fun and beneficial **53** Quranic Reflections in English and French sent out to about **1,900** people on the ALI mailing list, more than **100** visits to the ALI website each day, ALI Facebook posts reaching more than **2,000** followers.

ONSITE

Over 200 Participants

Beliefs and Spirituality

Dua no.25 from Sahifa Sajjadiyya, Love of God, Understanding Servitude, Theological aspects of Nahjul Balagha, Spiritual self-discipline, Ziyarate Ashura,

Quran

Stories from Quran

Quranic Arabic

Levels II, III and IV.

Health and Wellness

Anger management, Understanding and managing Stress, Education and Training in Islam

Art and Culture

Islamic Art level 1

Other

Course for Reverts

ONLINE

Over 700 Participants

Beliefs and Spirituality

Eid al-Adha, Ziyarat Jamiah Kabira, Message of Kerbala, Religious Pluralism

Quran

Tafsir of 4 Qul, Introduction to five Quranic surahs (al Baqarah to al Anam), Huruf al Muqatta'at, Coping strategies of Human Suffering, Tafsir of Sura Shua'ra, Communication in the Holy Quran

Health and Wellness

Managing Depression and Anxiety, Fighting inflammation with Nutrition, Feed your Family Healthy

Useful Webinars

Preparation for Holy Ramadan, Preparations for Hajj, Ziyarat of Iraq.

QURAN APPRECIATION COURSES FOR CHILDREN

Over 45 Students

A fun and exciting way to learn more about the Holy Quran. Classes in Thornhill, Brampton, and London, Ontario to help children appreciate the contents of the Holy Quran. Students ranged between the ages of 7-13. They discussed passages from Sura Yusuf and learned important lessons from the Sura to apply in their lives. Sessions included games and hands on activities.

Courses Conducted

Retreats

Men's Spiritual retreat in conjunction with the Jaffari and Masumeen Tabligh boards

Oct 2-4, Bayview Resort Lodge

Number of people - 40

Activities: lectures, Discussions, Games and Sports

Girls ages 9-12 (Cool Friendships)

March 16-18, Hidden Acres, Hamburg ON

No of girls - 22

Activities - Lectures on Friendship in Islam, Quran recitation and reflection, bowling, games, crafts, cooking



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From bonding with all the girls and aunties to enjoying the nature, I was constantly enjoying my time. It was just as fun and spiritually uplifting as all the previous years I went. The seclusion from the outside world, technology, and all other obligations was very refreshing. The retreat was a perfect balance of religious values, life lessons and fun.

Sarah Manek (mentor)

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I want to thank you and your crew sincerely for organizing this retreat. Liyana had an amazing time. She learnt so much about trust and friendship. She came home and told me about the lectures and the activities.

Fatima Jamal (mother)

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Retreats

Girls ages 13-25 (Spiritual Simplicity)

June 3-5, Blue Mountains ON

No of girls - 28

Activities - Quran learning, Quran reflections, sports/games, swimming, hiking, volleyball, board games, cooking.

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We shared stories, laughs, experiences, and came home with memories. Everyone was encouraged to participate in daily duas and recitations (as well as chores!), which made each other feel comfortable.

My favourite parts were hiking up a trail in Blue Mountain and having discussions about spirituality.

Sakeena Panju

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Being away from the demands and the very fast pace of our lives gave us the chance to realize what is really important. This trip did exactly that for us. Apart from discussions about the importance of leading a simple life, we also covered Quran reflections and tafseer. We had the opportunity to experience and learn the significance of Salatul Layl which is an intimate prayer between us and Allah. Yes, it was freezing cold and it rained, but we think that added to the whole experience in a way

Tahiya and Attiya Muraj

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Publications

Masumeen Workbooks

The Masumeen Workbook aim to make Islamic learning fun and engaging for children. Each workbook is filled with 40 activities on the life, legacy, and the contributions of the Ma'sum. The activities promote meaningful learning and help stimulate higher level thinking about the Ma'sūmīn. The following two were published this year.

Bibi Fatima Workbook



Imam Ali Workbook



Hadith Database

Making authentic Hadith from the Holy Prophet (s) and his Ahlul Bayt (a) available for the English speaking community. Over 18,000 Hadith are now accessible through the database on the ALI website. Over 1,500 hits were received on the website in first two weeks after launching.

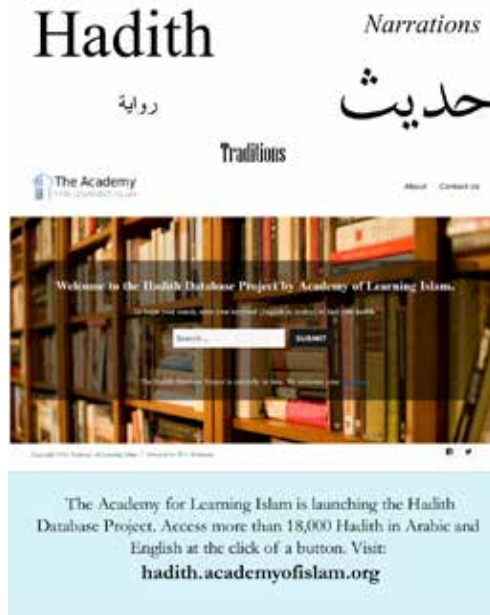
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Excellent Hadith database introduced.

Thanks from bottom of the heart.

Zahra Ali - ALI Facebook comment

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Sahifa Sajjadiyya Project

A compilation of English translations of the Sahifa with Arabic and passage by passage English translations by Sayyid Ahmed Muhani and Dr William Chittick. It will also include scholarly articles on the Sahifa.



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May Allah bless you for carrying out these works. They are very helpful and benefit the students as well as society as a whole.

Aliya Jabeen - ALI website comment

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Projects

Other Activities

Quran Reflections

ALI sends out Quran Reflections every week in English and French to over 1,900 people on the ALI mailing list. The Reflections are short and insightful, helping readers to connect with the message of the Quran and apply it to their lives.

ALI Facebook

ALI has over 2k followers and regularly posts religious content as well as updates on ALI activities.



Friday Prayers

Conducts common Friday prayers for all Muslims at Mackenzie Health Hospital in Richmond Hill, ON and thereafter visits Muslim patients to provide them with spiritual support.



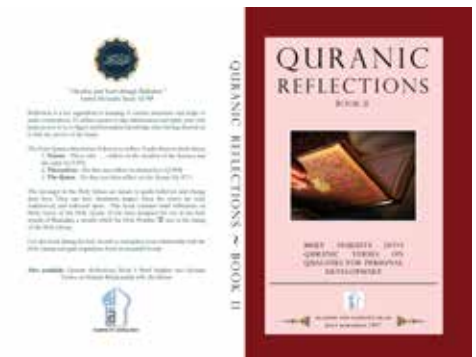
Upcoming Publications

Quranic Reflections Book II

A compilation of 30 of the ALI Reflections on the topic of Self Development.

Imam Hasan (a) Workbook

Filled with exciting activities on the life and legacy of Imam Hasan (a), along with stories and lessons from his life.



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ideas...all are welcome.



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