



AL-HUDA Insight

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Core Values: Sincerity Integrity Tolerance Benevolence Dedication Discipline Respect

In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

By the Grace and Blessings of Allah ﷻ we are pleased to present the Al-Huda Newsletter. We aim to release this publication after every four months to let readers know of the latest events and activities at Al-Huda International across the world. The Newsletter also attempts to provide spiritually-uplifting and *Iman* boosting knowledge in the light of the Holy Quran and Sunnah. Al-Huda International is dedicated to promoting purely Islamic values free from all kinds of bias and sectarianism. To continuously improve and extend this work, this publication provides a platform for everyone to share their ideas. Please feel free to share your articles or your views by e-mail at newsletter@alhudapk.com. May Allah accept this humble effort. Ameen

Tahira Khan

Mission

To serve humanity by imparting authentic knowledge of Qur'an and Sunnah - the only way to attain peace in this world and success in the Hereafter.

PREPARING FOR RAMADAN

Usamah bin Zaid narrates: "I said: 'O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting any month as much as Sha'ban.'"

He said: "That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that my deeds be taken up when I am fasting."

[Sunan an-Nasa'i 2357]

2015 Highlights



10 Years of Al-Huda Canada



15 Years of Al-Huda Peshawar



Alhuda International School
Ground Breaking Ceremony

From the Desk of Dr. Farhat Hashmi (CEO Al-Huda International)

When I read the Qur'an with understanding, it had an amazing effect on me. My soul was in a state of bliss and my heart found a unique peace. It impacted my life in many ways and my relationships and interactions with people improved greatly. My heart felt compelled to share the message of this Book with all of humanity. I started with small efforts, which eventually led to the establishment of an institute, which women from any school of thought and every background could attend. They learnt recitation and explanation of the Qur'an, which had an incredibly positive impact on their lives. They developed positive thinking, their relationships improved, and bringing up their children became easier for them. Women who were suffering from mental stress, depression or had family problems were counseled. They were taught healthier living practices. All of this was done at Al-Huda International in the light of the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ, because the message of the Qur'an is the message of goodness, well-being and success for humanity, not just for this world but also for the Hereafter.

I pray that we understand, recognize and act upon the teachings of the Quran in the correct manner, and are able to fulfill the rights of the Quran. May we become a source of well-being and goodness for all of mankind. Ameen.



Dr. Farhat Hashmi received an award by National Hero Foundation for her services to Islam.



Dr. Farhat Hashmi has been awarded at the "International Contribution Dawah Awards" 2015 by iMurshid for her efforts towards spreading the peaceful message of Islam.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Learn Qur'an
Increase your Iman

Karachi Annual Convocation 2016 - Celebrating Success

by Saadia Bukhari

The 9th Annual Convocation of branches (Karachi region), held at Rangoonwala Hall on 9th March 2016, was based on the theme of Shukarguzari (Gratitude). The chief guest was the honourable judge of Islamic Shariat Court of Pakistan, Mohtarma Justice Ashraf Jahan, wife of Chief Justice of Pakistan, who flew down from Islamabad especially to honour us with her presence. Dr. Farhat Hashmi graced the occasion and gave an *Iman* boosting lecture based on a new Al-Huda Publication "*Alhumdulillah* - dua card". The card was given as a gift to all the attendees of the event.

16 Sawt al Qur'an classes, 24 Fahn al Quran classes, and 147 Correspondence Course students represented six different branches of Karachi at the convocation. A total of 608 students graduated from various courses. Students from different branches presented a *nasheed* and a skit based on the theme of Gratitude. The audience was moved when the students shared their heartfelt reflections about the Qur'an and experiences at Al-Huda.

The Annual Academics and Welfare reports for Sind and all other regions of Al-Huda International were presented at the event by Neelofar Jameel, Regional Academic Coordinator and Afshan Khalid, Regional Coordinator respectively.



Roshni ka Safar

by Saadia Bukhari

Hostel-based courses specially designed for unlettered rural women and girls are being conducted in Karachi and Hyderabad. Attended by 30 females from Interior Sindh, the *Roshni ka Safar* course concluded on 19th October, 2015. The course includes *Tajweed* and brief *Tafseer* of the Qur'an, basic



Islamic teachings, character building and life skills. Many of these girls have recently acquired literacy skills through the *Roshni ki Kiran* course held earlier. *Alhamdulillah*, 25 girls have enrolled in the year long Sawt al Quran course which started on 28th March. These girls, after completing the course, will be eligible to teach literacy skills and basic Quranic knowledge in their respective areas.

Getting Enlightened

by Ulfat

Lahore: A *Ghusl-e-Mayyit* (Washing the Deceased) workshop was held to teach attendees about the *sunnah* way of bathing and shrouding the deceased.

Islamabad: Public awareness workshops were organized on topics like Guarding the Tongue, Personal Hygiene and Cleanliness, Communication Skills, Successful Marital Life etc. The objective of these sessions is to create awareness about morals and values that not only make us good human beings but are essential to become good Muslims.

Karachi Seerah Event

by Saadia Bukhari

Celebrating the completion of the subject of Seerat al-Nabawi, the Alhuda Gulshan branch organized an event in January 2016. It was mainly to create awareness about the way Prophet Muhammad ﷺ spent his life. Students from nearby schools also attended the event while games, activities, skits and food stalls were arranged for their entertainment.



Special Sessions and 'Ilm Tours of Dr. Farhat Hashmi

THE BEAUTIFUL & PERFECT NAMES OF ALLAH
SATURDAY
1:00-2:00
Let's Learn
صحیح البخاری
Sahih Al-Bukhari
کتاب در فضیلت
Monday-Thursday | 1:00-2:00
A spiritual boost every
FRIDAY
2:30-3:30
FIOH
al Qulub



Lahore - March 2016



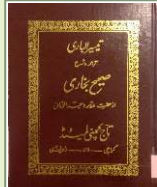
Sargodha - Feb 2016



Mardan - February 2016



Karachi - March 2016



Qatar - April 2016



Gujranwala - April 2016

Mass Communication

by Noreen Nadeem and Rakhshanda Ariz



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Qur'an In Hand

Your ultimate companion
to advance your Qur'anic knowledge

AL-HUDA Apps

Al-Huda constantly seeks to keep at par with the latest progress in technology trends to realize its vision 'Quran for All, in every Hand, in every Heart'. To maximize the availability of Al-Huda's content through the use of Mobile technology an application, 'Qur'an in Hand' has been launched. It contains the true gems of Deen including the complete Tafsir of Qur'an by Dr. Farhat Hashmi. It is available on Playstore and the IOS version will soon be launched.

Ring Back Tones

Alhamdulillah! Introducing Ringback Tones (RBT) by Al-Huda International- an interesting, affordable yet simple opportunity of dawah for everyone. Now, Ufone, Mobilink, Telenor and Warid users may select and set brief audio clips from Tafseer of Dr. Farhat Hashmi, Dr. Idrees, Taimiyyah Zubair and others, as their Ringback Tone. Anyone who calls, will listen to an Emaan-raising audio clip before the call is picked up.

The Procedure is very simple:

1. Choose an audio clip from the table given on our website <http://www.farhathashmi.com/ring-back-tone/>
2. Send its corresponding RBT code (vis-a-vis your telco) as SMS according to the procedure prescribed on our website for each telco
3. Immediately your new RBT will be set and anyone calling on your number, will listen to this message before you pick up the call.
4. To change your RBT, repeat the above procedure with a different Code each time. No extra/hidden charges are applied to change RBTs.

Alhamdulillah by investing a very minimal amount, you can make hundreds of people listen to good and positive messages based upon Qur'an and Sunnah Insha Allah.

You can Contribute too!

You may contribute to the Al-Huda RBT project by identifying any audio extract (of 30-40 seconds from tafseer); suitable for being an RBT. Email your suggestion at info@alhudapk.com with subject 'RBT Suggestion'.

IVR

Users kept benefitting from all contents on Al-Huda 8040 IVR. The most popular trend on IVR was "live Broadcast and replay"



MAY WE GET MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES OF LEARNING!

Al-Huda presents

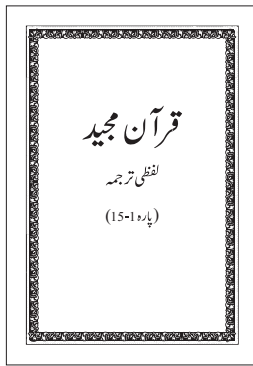
Qur'an Majeed
Lafzi Tarjuma

by

Dr. Farhat Hashmi

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Order your copy at: 051-4866130



International Day Events



★ **A Cancer Day Event** was organized at Al-Huda, main campus H-11, Islamabad on 4th February. The objective of the event was to raise awareness on how to fight cancer through screening, early detection

and leading a healthy lifestyle. General public along with students and staff attended the session. Dr. Uzma Qasim, Associate Consultant Oncologist, Shifa International Hospital was invited to talk about 'Cancer: Causes, Symptoms and Cure'.

by Mariam Afzal

★ The staff and students of Al-Huda International celebrated **World Health Day** on 7th April. Public awareness was raised through a talk by Dr. Firdous Roohi, beneficial information was displayed on soft boards as well as a special bookstall was arranged.

by Uzma Noorain



★ **Earth Day, 22nd April**, based on the theme: Trees for the Earth was celebrated at Al-Huda H-11 Islamabad Campus with a variety of activities. An informative workshop was conducted by Attiya Qutub (Coordinator Environment Protection, NGO Piedad) on the topic "Keep your planet clean and green".

by Dr. Firdous Roohi



Students are keenly learning the ways to reuse and recycle products



Plantation activity



Display board on Earth day for public awareness

Food for Thought

When you make du'a it is a sign that Allah loves you and has intended good for you.

In al Qayim



Services to Humanity

by Mr. Qamar and Mr. Waseem

Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbour, and the neighbour farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hand possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and the boastful. [Al-Nisa': 36]

Housing Colony 'Fatima Ki Basti'

A housing colony comprising 120 houses is being constructed in Matli Taluka in Badin District, Sindh, on 70 kanals of land donated to Al-Huda. Al-Huda aims to provide shelter to homeless families as well as provide educational facilities and opportunities for self-employment.

Alhamdulillah all the necessary documentation regarding construction of the colony has been finalised: demarcation of land, ERS, Topographic and Geo technical surveys have been completed while the model of houses is in process through our consultant EDIFICE.

Water is the basic necessity of life as it is said "Jahan Pani Wahan Zindagani". Unfortunately in Sindh, there is an issue of saline water and Al-Huda has installed an R.O plant to provide clean and sweet drinking water to the residents of the colony.

Deprived of shelter and other basic facilities of life, over **one hundred thousand** residents of Matli are looking forward to the completion of this project.



R.O Plant

Ramadan Ration Project

Al-Huda International has arranged free distribution of ration each year in Ramadan since 2006.

By the grace of Allah, approximately one hundred thousand people benefited from the Ration Project in 2015.

Price per bag: Rs. 2000/-

Each bag includes:

- flour • lentils • sugar
- tea • ghee

In 2016, Al-Huda plans to distribute ration bags in all four provinces of Pakistan especially the flood and earthquake affected areas. With your generous support, it will be assured that the bags reach the deserving before Ramadan.

Note: Zakat and Fidyah (expiation for not fasting due to illness) may also be given.

Construction of a Masjid in Abbottabad

Due to insufficient finances, the villagers of Nagri Bala approached Al-Huda for assistance in the construction of a local masjid. Al-Huda was pleased to contribute to this noble cause. The construction is in progress.



Clean Water Provision



Installation of three hand pumps in KPK region and three in Punjab region is in progress.

A Gift that Gives back!

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January - April *at a glance*

Type of Assistance	No. of Cases
Financial assistance	26
Marriage	11
Educational	7
Dr. Farhat Hashmi Scholarship	1
Medical services and assistance	1066
Loan	4
Marriage counseling	120
Rozgar	1

You can contribute too!

For more details please visit: <http://www.alhudapk.com/social-welfare.html>

AL-HUDA Offers:**Diploma Courses**

- Taleem al-Qur'an:
January-December
May-May
August-August

Certificate Courses

- Tafheem-e-Deen
- Taleem-e-Deen
- Sawt al-Qur'an

Advanced Courses

- Taleem al-Hadith
- Taleem al-Tajweed

Correspondence Courses

- Taleem al-Qur'an
- Taleem al-Hadith
- Taleem al-Fiqh
- Taleem al-Seerah

Short Courses

- Islami Tarbiyyati Course
- Summer Course

Online Courses

- Taleem al-Qur'an (English/Urdu)
- Taleem al-Hadith
- Tahfeez al-Qur'an
- Sawt al-Qur'an

Summer Program

- Summer Camp 2016

Hamaray Bachchay Programmes

- Miftah Al-Qur'an (for boys and girls aged 4-13)

Meet the Editorial Team

- Dr. Farhat Hashmi
(Chief Editor)
- Dr. Firdous Roohi
(Managing Editor)
- Tahira Khan
(Editor)
- Mariam Afzal
(Associate Editor)

#Al-Hudataughtme

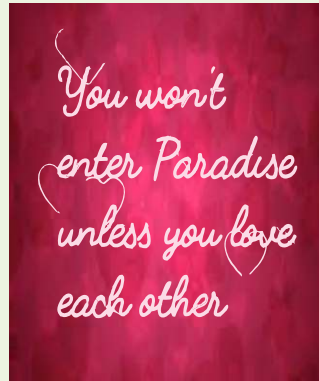
Yasmin Khakwani: To indulge in the habit of self analysis and analyze my shortcomings. My tolerance level is increasing and the habit of forgiving others is developing. I have so much to say and so much is the change in the heart and soul that my pen fails to express what Al-Huda has taught me.

Shazia Nawaz: Being gentle in your dealings is like spreading fragrant flowers in the environment.

Dr. Kanwal Kaisser: Al-Huda changed my perception for good. One cannot understand the efforts and contributions of this organization to society until one develops a deeper understanding of it and removes the mind blocks.

Saadia Bukhari: The best use of my life is to dedicate it in spreading the word of the Quran. Qur'an has helped me understand that when I help others overcome their problems, Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala helps me overcome mine. It has taught me to be more patient and tolerant, feel strongly about injustices being done towards others and to help the disadvantaged. Alhamdulillah, Al Huda provided me with an excellent platform to do all of the above.

Rahat Aman: To help humanity so that they can get the biggest gift of this life which is peace of heart and soul.



Areej: After I started attending this institution, I became more involved with community work. I helped out with and led several philanthropic projects such as, coat drives, food drives, a tree planting event for the One Million Trees initiative, and much more. My effort, time management skills, and overall marks at school also dramatically improved. And that was all because of what I learnt at Al-Huda.

Dr. Sama Bilal: All my life I have been the best social animal, I achieved almost all of my goals, met the perfect criterion of success. I considered myself as the cream of the society and suffered from the complex of having superior knowledge, until that day when Allah had planned to show me my real worth.

It was two years back when I happened to visit Al-Huda where about eight hundred students were reciting duas, and it was to my astonishment that I could not pick up even a single du'a. I found myself lost in a state of total ignorance with regard to my deen. Alhumdulillah, I decided to study the Quran, and Allah blessed me with this

NOOR and liberated me from the shackles of worshipping my nafs and this dunya.

It was through this journey that I realized the sanctity of human life; that my patients are my brothers in Islam and I will be accountable to Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala for my treatment of them.

I plan to continue my profession and carry myself with the message of Deen and take this message to my colleagues. Indeed this Quran has a right upon us; to be studied and understood.

AL-HUDA Institute for Men (AIM)

by Taimoor Iqbal

Workshop: While the Qur'an is a complete guide for humanity, it is always better to learn from experiences that further unveil the beauty of its miracles. M. Salman Farooq of Etsko Schuitema conducted a one-day training session for the students of AIM on the subject of Leadership Care and Growth Model. This was second workshop of the sort where students are exposed to non-conventional learning environment.

Blood Donation:

"...and whoever saved one life, it is as if he had saved mankind entirely..." (al-Maidah: 32). Inspired by this verse, the students of AIM visited Shifa International Hospital and donated blood for the sake of Allah ﷻ.

Picnic – Taleem Al-Qur'an (Batch 3):

The students at AIM do not only grow academically and spiritually but with that they are provided fair opportunities to build mentally and physically. Students of Taleem Al-Qur'an course Batch 3 had a great fun day at Lake View Park where they boated, raced, ate the burnt barbeque (just the way men do) and above all enjoyed the jaw-dropping sight at the Birds Aviary.

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