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

## Value Your Time

*In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful  
By time, indeed, mankind is in loss,  
except for those who have believed and  
done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and  
advised each other to patience. [Al-Asr: 1-3]*

### The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said

*"Take benefit of five before five:  
your youth before your old age,  
your health before your sickness,  
your wealth before your poverty,  
your free-time before your preoccupation,  
and your life before your death." [Mustadrak lil Hakim: 7916]*

## New Year - New Resolves

Another year concludes with the realization that the past year will never come again in our lives. It is time to assess what we accomplished and what we left incomplete; and plan to spend the New Year in the most productive way. When we analyze our lives, most of us fall short in one area: fulfilling the rights of fellow human beings.

'Abd Allah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'As رضي الله عنه said: "I saw the Messenger of Allah ﷺ performing tawaf around the Holy Ka'ba saying to it: 'How pure and good you are! How pure and good your fragrance is! How great and exalted you are! And how great and exalted your sanctity is! But by Him in Whose hand is Muhammad's ﷺ soul, the sanctity of a believer's blood and property in the sight of Allah ﷻ is greater than your sanctity!'" [Sahih al-Targhib wa al-Tarhib, Vol: 3, 276]

We must promise ourselves that we will uphold the sanctity of a believer's life, property and honor more than we venerate sacred months and places. We will think well about others and refrain from attacking their honor by back biting and slander and that we will try our best to improve our relationships. With that let us spend our time doing good deeds, following the practices of our beloved Prophet ﷺ.

Dr. Farhat Hashmi

## Highlights

## Editor's Note

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Heartiest gratitude to all those who contributed in this Issue, your contributions are essential to the newsletter's success.

Congratulations to all teachers and students on the completion of their respective courses. We pray that your 'ilm and 'amal will take you a long way in both worlds. Special applaud for the prize winners of several competitions held in this period.

Our mission for all our educational activities is to provide beneficial knowledge to the humanity at large. To accomplish this mission, apart from our structured educational programs, several new books on different topics were published and a new App, "Understand Qur'an" has been introduced.

Our Welfare Services go side by side our academic endeavours through various projects. In these four months, our water project for the people of Tharparker, literacy promotion efforts in remote parts of Sindh and humanitarian aid to earthquake hit people of Naran valley are few humble examples.

As we enter year 2017, let's begin it with new resolve to serve humanity through educational and welfare services. The current achievements were possible with your cooperation. Please send your suggestions and valuable feedback at: [newsletter@alhudapk.com](mailto:newsletter@alhudapk.com). May Allah ﷻ make this humble effort a source of propagation of our Mission. Ameen

Tahira Khan

## Laying the Foundations of AIS

Alhamdulillah with your du'as and support, the construction work is progressing at the site of the new building of AlHuda International School Islamabad. The earth works and placement of concrete layer has been completed and now the work of water proofing and cutting, bending and fixing of raft steel is well underway.



## Winter Protection Drive

Al-Huda extends its care every winter to help those in need by distributing quilts, and warm clothes. Join us to share the warmth. Details inside.

## Sahih al-Bukhari Sessions Continue

Dr. Farhat Hashmi continues to enlighten the lives of many through her unique heart touching way of teaching. Details inside.

## Award of Excellence

Al Huda Elementary school Mississauga Ontario Canada was given award of excellence in 2016 Canadian National creative writing contest for young writers (aged 5- 11)

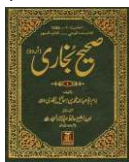
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- A tribute to Al- Huda Daisy
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- New arrivals by Al- Huda publications.
- Hamaray Bachchay new ventures.

# Educational Activities

## Sahih al-Bukhari Sessions Continue

Dr. Farhat Hashmi continues to teach "*Kitab Manaqib al-Ansar*" from *Sahih al-Bukhari* along with the weekly, reflective study of the book *Fiqh al-Qulub*. These sessions are broadcast live from Al-Huda Institute, Canada via our websites and facebook account. Understanding the *ahadith* not only in reference to the time of Prophet ﷺ but also relating it to our lives make these sessions very beneficial, providing practical solutions to many of our problems.



## Spreading the Light in Remote Areas

**Sindh:** With sincere efforts to spread the light of knowledge in remote areas, the Qur'an and Literacy Program team of Al-Huda Karachi, visited "Bashar Lashari" village near Sajawal city in October to observe the progress of classes which were initiated five years ago by two of Al-Huda graduates. A contented team member remarked: 'It was a pleasure to hear women reciting the words of *salah* and *duas* correctly'.

In Larkana and Shikarpur the team visited "Walid Mohallah School" and other small classes run by Al-Huda staff in nearby villages. A lecture was arranged for the teachers of private schools/colleges by Samina Rafique at the Shikarpur Gymkhana. She will also train 300 teachers on request of the EDO. The team met a group of motivated women (listeners of Dr. Farhat's Qur'an program via FM radio) in Jalbani.



**Haripur:** Islamabad Regional Office team attended the joyous occasion of Takmeel e Quran batch 2 in Haripur. Most of the graduates shared that they were lesser educated. 'It is a miracle that while doing the one year course, she was able to read, write and express her experiences with full confidence!' remarked Yasmin Khakwani about a student who was totally unlettered.

## Al-Huda Institute for Men

Amidst the intensive academic commitments, students take part in various extracurricular activities which help them discover their true potentials and strengthen the bond between them. After studying the ayah of the Qur'an which mentions that saving one life is like saving the whole humanity, they were motivated and went to donate blood at Shifa International Hospital. Lately, they had a trip to Faisal Masjid and Daman e Koh.

## Hamaray Bachchay

### Session September 2016 – May 2017

The theme based sessions for children are held every Friday. The curriculum in the current module include:

- \* Islam Hamara Deen book for 2-4 years old.
- \* *Sirat e Mustaqeem* book for 4-7 years old.
- \* *Stories of Bani Israel* for 7-10 old.
- \* *Islami Aqeedah* book for 10-13 years old.
- \* Juz 30 based on lessons from *Tadabbur wa Amal* book for youngsters of age 14+
- \* *Aina Shakiroon* book for mothers.

To instill the love of Allah ﷻ in children (1-2 years old), along with the weekly sessions, a pilot project is launched.

### Launching of Two New Ventures

- Islamic Studies Made Easy: A project to help 9<sup>th</sup> graders prepare for their board exams.
- *Ilm al-Tajweed* Course for Kids: The course aims to improve the Qiraat of kids (*Husne Qiraat*) and do *hifz* of selected surahs.

## Special Events and Days

### Takmeel e Qur'an Ceremony

Takmeel ceremony of Taleem al-Qur'an 1 batch 22, Taleem al-Hadith course batch 40 and Tajweed courses was organized by Islamabad Institute on 24<sup>th</sup> December. In the morning, Ustazah Dr. Farhat Hashmi had an online meeting with the students in which she congratulated them and advised them to acquire the qualities of "the people of the Qur'an". Commencing the ceremony formally, Uzma Nurain, Event Coordinator, warmly welcomed the guests. Maria Azeem, Director Institute, gave an overview of the events held during the year 2016. The passing out students shared their motivational experiences. 'I thought as a doctor I met all the standards of worldly success but when I read Qur'an, I came to know what really success is. Without this treasure, I was completely ignorant. Now I feel liberated from the shackles of fear, loss and rejection. Qur'an brought me to ease!' said Dr. Taqdees Abrar. The highlight of the program included short competitions of *hifz al-Qur'an* and *hifz al-Hadith* among the respective course students. The Confidence and preparation of the students amazed the audience, filling their hearts with the love of Qur'an and Hadith.



### Highlighting Student Talents

A Seerah Quiz and Art Competition was arranged by Al-Huda Academic Department Islamabad on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Sixteen students from Taleem al-Qur'an 2 participated in the quiz competition. In the Art competition, the participants highlighted various aspects of seerah in unique ways. Haiqa Choudhry and Sumaiyya Ijaz won the quiz and art competition respectively. Prizes were given to the first three position holders of both competitions.

### Calligraphy Competition

Al-Huda staff and students participated in the calligraphy competition organized by FAST University Islamabad on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The top three positions were secured by Al-Huda participants: Sarah Manzoor, Hafsa Sohail and Jamila Zia respectively. It was a source of pleasure for Al-Huda and the award winners.



### International Days

On International Literacy Day an awareness sessions for students was held at Al-Huda Islamabad followed by a drive to raise literacy in which staff and students donated useful books, notebooks and stationary. "World Teacher's Day" and "World Mental Health Day" were observed on 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October respectively, by creating awareness through putting up messages on Al-Huda website.

### Tree Plantation by Students in Canada

Students of Al-Huda Institute, Canada took part in a tree plantation drive. They planted around 100 trees in the vicinity of the institute.



## Trainings at ATEC

Al-Huda Teachers Education Center, organizes Teacher's trainings of varying durations for the benefit of pre-service and in-service teachers. From September to December 2016, it offered "Montessori Teacher Education Course", "Foundation Course for Professional Teaching", "The Art of Dealing with Hyperactive Children", "Learning Styles and Multiple Intelligence", and "Nurturing the Early Learners Mind".





Services to

*Humanity*

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]

### Eid Prayers in Masjid Hidayah Sanghar

By the grace of Allah ﷻ about one hundred and fifty people attended Eid al-Adha prayer in a masjid being constructed by Al-Huda in Sanghar village. In a letter to Dr. Farhat Hashmi, the Imam of the masjid congratulated Al-Huda's administration and expressed heart felt gratitude for providing an opportunity to offer Jumu'ah and Eid prayers to the people of such remote parts of Sindh.



### Water Provision Project for Tharparker

Considering water problems faced by thousands in Tharparkar, Al-Huda has initiated a project through which 4,500 people will benefit. In the first phase, Al-Huda plans to install 19 hand pumps whereas the final phase entails digging one well and installing 50 hand pumps in total.

### Earthquake Relief in Naran Valley

Batal is a well populated village of Naran valley. It was struck by an earthquake in October 2016, causing severe damage especially to the inhabitants of mud houses. Al-Huda extended help to 300 families by distributing quilts and ration bags with essential food items.



### Winter Protection Drive 2016

Each year in winters, Al-Huda extends help to those who struggle surviving in the piercing cold weather, especially people in the northern areas of Pakistan. This year with your cooperation Al-Huda distributed 1000 quilts in Attock, Gujrat, Sakardu, Abbotabad, Haripur, Mansehra and various areas of Azad Kashmir.



## Save Water

Water is a great blessing. In Pakistan dry weather conditions have led to severe shortage of water. The underground water has decreased to dangerous levels and the experts are predicting water crises if emergency measures are not taken immediately. We must act responsibly and adopt measures to avoid wastage of this blessing of Allah ﷻ

- ✳ Do not open full tap while using water in the kitchen or washroom.
- ✳ Do not waste water when washing vegetables/ fruits and use it to water plants.
- ✳ Do not waste cold water while waiting for hot water and save it for other use.
- ✳ Run washing machine with full load of clothes.
- ✳ Repair the leaking water pipes and defective valves.
- ✳ Spread this awareness among family, friends, institutions and community at large.

## Serving via Mass Media

### A tribute to Al-Huda Daisy

I came across [www.farhathashmi.com](http://www.farhathashmi.com) and I was amazed to see daisy books out here. I'm a visually impaired person and working to help blind community in Pakistan. I really want to encourage website admin. This is the 1st Pakistani website that presents daisy content. Please continue it. If any progress is made in daisy content then please let us know. We'll convey that message in all of our community. May Allah ﷻ let maximum people benefit from it.

Hamza

### Live Sessions on Al-Huda Facebook

Some latest sessions by Dr. Farhat Hashmi teaching the chapter, "Manaqib al-Ansar" from Sahih al-Bukhari have recorded highest number of views. Most prominently, the sessions on 7th and 8th December recorded almost 99k+ views, and 52k+ views respectively. The session on 16th November recorded 26k+ views. Join us at: <https://www.facebook.com/DrFarhatHashmi/>



### New App – Understand Qur'an

The app "Understand Qur'an" uses the teaching resources of our great mentor Ustazah Dr. Farhat Hashmi to develop an amazing bond with the Qur'an. It provides a perfect platform to revise and memorize the word for word translation of the Qur'an and to gain an in-depth understanding of its verses.



### Features:

- ✳ Word to word Urdu translation and tafsir of the Qur'an by Dr. Farhat Hashmi.
- ✳ Translation is also available in Hindi language. More languages like English, German, and French will be added soon in sha Allah.
- ✳ Root Words.
- ✳ Make any ayah your favorite.
- ✳ Share the text of any ayah and its audio.

### New at Al-Huda e-Campus

Various new courses have been introduced at our e-campus:

- ✳ Az Zahrawain Hifz e-Course: Hifz of Surah Al Baqarah and Ale 'Imran in a year's course with weekly classes.
- ✳ Ta'leem al-Qur'an and Fahm al-Qur'an courses in English, Urdu and German languages.
- ✳ Islamic Aqaa'id Course in English and Urdu languages.
- ✳ Saheeh al-Bukhari Hadeeth course in Urdu language.
- ✳ Tajweed courses of various levels in English and Urdu languages.



### New Arrivals by Al-Huda Publications

- ✳ Husne Anjam
- ✳ Fiqh al - Qulub Volume 6
- ✳ Hasool e 'Ilm awr Khawateen (Revised edition)
- ✳ Dhikr Ahlul Qur'an (Urdu and English)
- ✳ Wudu (Pamphlet)
- ✳ Washing and Shrouding the Deceased (Pamphlet)
- ✳ Surah al-Mulk (Card)
- ✳ Surah al-Kahf (Card)
- ✳ BarakAllah (Card)
- ✳ Supplications for Healing (Card)
- ✳ Better than Perpetual Dhikr (poster)
- ✳ BarakAllah Wedding (Banner)



## Pearls of Wisdom



Whoever has a wrong intention Allah ﷻ exposes it by wrong doings of that person because of that people assume about him that he has devalued himself and has changed (into a bad person) but actually it was his secret (a hidden wrong intention) which Allah ﷻ has exposed.

(Abdul Aziz Al-Tareefi)

It means that a person was intending bad internally all the time but he would show to people that he is a good person and this is a warning to us all. Our true intention is of more importance than the action we do. The reason is that if the intention is pure Allah ﷻ will put *barakah* in it *in sha Allah* and a small thing will go a long way but if the intention is evil then the most righteous of acts will be replaced by evil ones. So, it's not just a matter of dishonour in the hereafter rather dishonour will also come to such a person in the world. May Allah ﷻ save us from the evil of our own selves (Ameen).

### Al-Huda Islamabad Upcoming Courses

#### Diploma Courses:

- \* Taleem al-Qur'an (Urdu and English)

#### Advance Courses:

- \* Taleem-al-Hadith
- \* Taleem al-Tajweed

#### Certificate Course:

- \* Fahm al-Qur'an

## Student Reflections

**Deeds of Jahiliyyah and Islam:** Cakes, candles and horoscopes go hand in hand in our society. Our children remain confused when their peers talk about stars and horoscopes. In *Bukhari* class, in the chapter of "*Ayyam al-jahiliya*" we learnt that these are deeds of *jahiliyyah* and when someone talks about horoscopes / stars, be silent. *Subhan Allah!* We are so fortunate and happy to be Muslims. Solution to each and every matter pertaining to our lives has been clearly and precisely told to us around 1400+ years ago. We just need to switch in. (Qurat ul Ain Naeem)

**A beautiful blend of knowledge and 'amal:** I was left often flabbergasted at how Allah ﷻ answered the thoughts within me and I could feel the serenity infusing in that He cares and He loves. *Kitaab al-Manaqib* is a beautiful addition to knowledge and 'amal. Beside the personal traits of sahabah that we need to develop to be successful in life here and akhirah, I learnt beautiful duas that I never thought before to ask from Allah, it also gave me a thought of accepting people the way they are. Everyone is unique and blessed in his own beautiful way and we all need to connect together to be a better Ummah. *Manaqib al-ansar* seemed to me as a final message from Allah ﷻ that these should be the constituents of one's personality as now we will step out and serve the religion *in sha Allah*. (Tahira Ali)

**Allah ﷻ - The Best of Creators:** Understanding the chapter "creation of man" from *Fiqh al-Qulub* provided me the opportunity to reflect on Allah's ﷻ immense love and mercy for His creation. He indeed created human beings in the best form with each and every organ so perfectly designed for its role. The amazing cooperation among them enables us to live peacefully, without any worry, to manage our inner systems. The point to ponder is that are we grateful to our Creator and are we fulfilling the purpose of our creation? (Dr. Firdous Roohi)

## Eid al-Adha Celebrations

Eid al-Adha was celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the country. This year, with your cooperation, Al-Huda sacrificed 165 Cows, 159 Goats and 2 Camels in different areas of Sindh, Punjab, Baluchistan KPK and Azad Kashmir. The meat was distributed approximately among a hundred thousand people, which added to the joys of Al-Huda family and friends.

### Eid Festivities

The joyous occasion of Eid was celebrated by holding family events at Al-Huda centers. The second day of Eid featured slaughtering of camel at Al-Huda Islamabad. The gala entertained people with activities like horse riding, balloon shooting, tug of war etc. Many meatilicious food stalls served everyone's appetite. Students at Al-Huda Siraj ud-Daula Karachi shared the joys of Eid by having a meet and treat get together serving variety of home made dishes.

## Let's Perform 'Umrah

Al-Huda is taking 'Umrah group in March 2017, *in sha Allah*. The departure will be from Karachi and Islamabad on the same day. Training will be arranged on how to perform Umrah according to *sunnah*.



- \* Registration starts on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- \* Last date for registration: 31st January 2017.
- \* Registration forms are available at Al-Huda Islamabad and Karachi and also at Al-Huda website.
- \* The 12 nights package includes visa, ticket, transportation and hotel charges.

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