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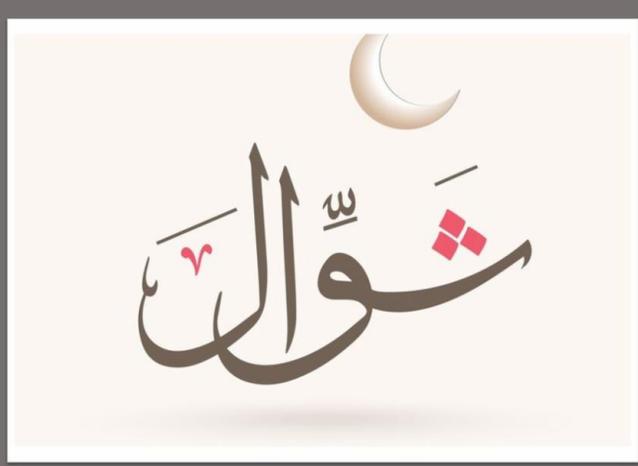
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SEEK THE BLESSINGS OF SHAWWAL AND BEYOND

The Prophet (saw) said "Whoever fasts Ramadan, then follows it with six days (of fasting) of Shawwal, it is as if he fasted the entire year" (Muslim)

Why is it like fasting a year? Because Allah, Most High, multiplies the rewards of good deeds tenfold.

This month provides us with the opportunity to continue seeking Allah's mercy and earning reward. It is especially important to keep up the good habits that we built up during Ramadan.



*The Reward of Fasting a year:*

1 month of Ramadan  $\times$  10 = 10 months

6 Days of Shawwal  $\times$  10 = 60 days (2 months)

10 + 2 = 12 months.

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As Muslims, our race towards good and the pleasure of Allah never ends. While we may exert ourselves with more dedication during Ramadan, the other 11 months are just as important in building our relationship with Allah. Ramadan carries its blessings when it comes to worship - we naturally gravitate towards giving our best, surprising even ourselves with what we are capable of with the long fasts, hours of prayer, and acts of service and charity.

Once we enter Shawwal, we may find our energy and enthusiasm waning - we need to remember that Allah still deserves the best that we can give in all seasons. These months after Ramadan may require even more effort from us. However, among the blessings of this deen is that Allah has given us so many avenues, big and small, to seek His rewards.

The Prophet (saw) said "Take up good deeds only as much as you are able, for the best deeds are those done regularly even if they are few." (Ibn Majah). He also said. "The most beloved of deeds to Allah are those that are most consistent, even if it is small." (Bukhari). Consistency then is key. Even if we might not be able to engage at the same level as we did in Ramadan, we should still strive to continue our training.

Keep praying more than the obligatory even if it's just 2 sunnah rakats a day. Don't let your Quran gather dust - keep reading even if it's just a few ayat daily. Earn the reward of voluntary fasts - such as every

Monday and Thursday, the 13th, 14th and 15th of the month (Al-Ayyam ul Beed), or at the very least special days like the Day of Arafah or Ashura. Make dhikr and remember Allah with your morning and evening supplications. Keep giving your time and what you have been blessed with - choose a favorite charity you can support with an ongoing donation or find one place you can volunteer regularly.

On a daily basis, we can find ways to be a better Muslims. Let's be consistent and continue our race towards good until next Ramadan.

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Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

We are greatly humbled by the generosity of all our supporters this past Ramadan. It was wonderful to see donors demonstrating their faith in our mission and we pray that our platform for authentic education will continue to have tremendous impact across the world.

This year in particular is especially critical for us as we all face the impacts of a global pandemic. Despite the challenges it may bring to both our institution as well as to our students have been personally affected by COVID-19, we trust in Allah's infinite kindness and mercy.

We also continue to encourage you to participate in our \$1 a day, \$30 a month, \$360 a year donation plan, creating a habit of daily giving and daily blessings.

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## FACULTY BOOKSHELF: DR HATEM AL-HAJ UMDAT AL-FIQH

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Alhamdulillah, Dr Hatem's two-volume book **Umdat al-Fiqh Explained** was recently published. In a recent message, Dr Hatem briefly explains the purpose of this book:

**Umdat Al-Fiqh Explained: A Commentary on Ibn Qudamah's The Reliable Manual of Fiqh**

I am passionate about this book. I do not collect royalties from its sales. This would not clear me of other equally or more inferior self-interests. However, I genuinely believe that it will help many

readers love the Sharia and recognize its mercy, relevance, and coherence. So, I will be posting about it periodically in-sha-Allah.

Here is its conclusion:

The Sharia, based on the holy revelation (the Qur'an and Sunnah), sets out the way for believers to sustain a devotional relationship with their Creator and to treat His creation with justice and graciousness. In 'Umdat al-Fiqh, Imam Ibn Qudāmah has produced a valuable resource by summarizing all the rules according to the Ḥanbali school; in these volumes, I have translated his authoritative manual and written a commentary on it. My commentary includes the views of the other schools of fiqh where warranted, and it addresses some contemporary issues, particularly those pertaining to Muslims living as minorities in non-Muslim societies. I augmented it with proofs from the revelation, as well as rational arguments, and expounded on some of the wisdoms of the legislation. Moreover, I used symbols and bullet points, as well as charts, tables, and graphs for simplification.



This, I hope, will allow for the book to be utilized with ease and referred to as a primary source of fiqh. *وصلی الله علی محمد والحمد لله رب العالمین*

*Buy the book here: [http://iiphonline.com/Umdat\\_Al-Fiqh\\_Explained](http://iiphonline.com/Umdat_Al-Fiqh_Explained)*

*Videos of classes based on the book can be found [here](#)*

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## SUMMER SEMESTER BEGINS MAY 30th

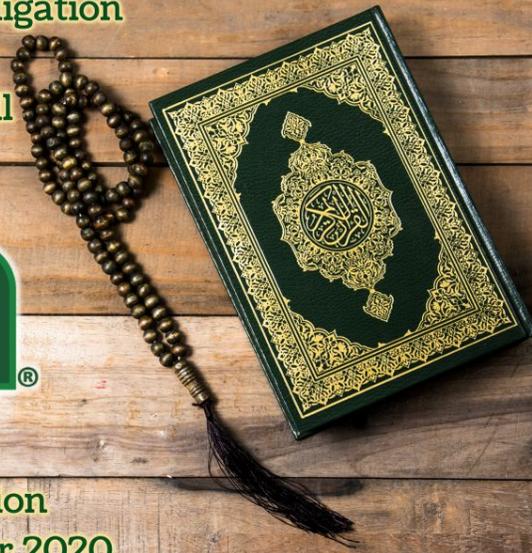
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Alhamdulillah our Summer Semester begins on Saturday May 30th inshaAllah. What better way to continue the spirit of Ramadan than to immerse ourselves in studying the deen. May Allah keep us steadfast in our love for Islamic knowledge throughout the year.

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