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Assalamu Alaikum

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health. We believe that the time has come for us as a community to take an active stance in forging a proactive, positive Muslim identity in the West, rather than allowing it to be decided for us. Prior to 11th September, 2001, we existed with few long-term plans or strategies to develop our identities as Muslims in the West. Now, it is imperative to have a detailed plan for our future and for that of our children.

We are pleased to inform you that IAA has embarked and successfully fulfilled the following programs:

- ◆ Islamic Public Library (English, Urdu, Arabic, Turkish, Bosnian etc.)
- ◆ Children's Quran and Islamic education classes
- ◆ Arabic language classes (Accredited by Department of education, Victoria)
- ◆ Public Education Program (Islamic awareness-raising programs directed at businesses, schools, social workers, interfaith networks and government departments)
- ◆ Public lectures and Women Islamic studies classes
- ◆ Islamic Website for Islamic Information (www.irca.org.au)
- ◆ Publishing, Translating and Distributing Islamic Literatures
- ◆ *Qurban/Wakil* Services (sending money overseas to do Qurban and distribute meat to poor and needy people)
- ◆ Full-time Quran *Hifz*, Diploma and Degree programs in Islamic studies
- ◆ Community Social gathering Program
- ◆ 70-bed Hospital in Pakpattan, Pakistan
- ◆ Sponsored thousands poor and orphan children (education, health and living costs)

In addition to supporting these important efforts and programs, we must strive to

establish accessible classical and contemporary Islamic education, philosophy, and ethics to bring about the much-needed

Muslim renaissance. Reinstating the pursuit of knowledge and excellence as a driving force among Muslims is our primary goal at the *Tayiba* Institute (the Islamic educational branch of IAA).

For the past six years, *Tayiba* Institute has provided Islamic education through classes, lectures, research, and publications on a national and international scale. In 2003, we accelerated our efforts by offering *Hifz-ul-Quran* classes and the 2-year full-time Diploma in Islamic Studies, and expanding our successful *Da'wa* Program. Our long-term goals include offering an **intensive curriculum to produce Muslim scholars, and building the first accredited Islamic University in the West.**

We invite you to join us as partners in making this vision a reality by becoming one of 500 supporters making a contribution of \$50 per month (for one year) to the *Tayiba* Institute. **The Prophet (upon him be peace) said: "The best actions are those that are consistent even if small."** Steady, reliable contributions from you will allow *Tayiba* Institute to grow strategically and to achieve the ambitious goals highlighted herein. As an incentive, monthly contributors will receive a **special gift.**

The American public as a whole gave over \$200 billion in charity last year, most of which was in the form of small but regular donations. We too have the resources and the opportunity to become strategic philanthropists, visionary leaders and cultivators of the knowledge that is desperately needed by our *Ummah*.

We believe this coming year will be a rewarding one and invite you to become a part of it.

As a *Tayiba* Institute supporter, you will enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to strengthen the position of Muslims in the West and will be able to assess your generous investment through **annual reports.**

Your donation can be made by:

- ⇒ CREDIT CARD
(Go to www.irca.org.au and follow the links - using PayPal)
- ⇒ DIRECT DEBIT
(request us to send you an EzyPay direct debit request form)
- ⇒ CHEQUE & CASH DEPOSIT
into *Tayiba* Institute's bank account.

If you require a receipt, please let us know and one will be issued to you. Please note, receipts are ALWAYS made for EVERY donation, however we need only your details to send it to you (which also costs 50 cents).

We look forward to building our community with you. May Allah Sub'hanahu wa ta'llah bless you and increase you in all that is good, Ameen.

In partnership,

Hafiz Muhammad Abdul Wahid

Allama Riaz Ahmad Tahir

TAYIBA INSTITUTE **DIPLOMA IN ISLAMIC STUDIES**

(2 year *Alim* Course)

Admission open for **March 2006**

~~(Enrolment close 25th Feb 2006)~~

- ◆ Arabic Language & Grammar
- ◆ *Hadith* Methodology
- ◆ *Fiqh* (Islamic law)
- ◆ Islamic History & *Seerah*
- ◆ *Ilm al-Nafs* (Science of the Self)
- ◆ Quranic Sciences
- ◆ Comparative Religion
- ◆ Australian Law & Society
- ◆ Islamic Trade & Commerce
- ◆ Information Technology
- ◆ International Relations
- ◆ *Aqida* (The Islamic Creed)

The end of this years' Weekend School was celebrated with a Presentation Day. Students that excelled in Quran, Islamic Studies and Arabic Language were rewarded with certificates of achievement and presents. The junior Islamic Studies class entertained everyone with the songs: La Illaha Ila Allah and Sing, Children of the World. Thank you to all the Mums that cooked the cakes and sweets



Abdullah Arya receiving award from Haji Abdul-Salim.



Mariam Barakzai receiving award from Haji Abdul-Hakim

QURAN

| AWARDS | BOYS | GIRLS |
|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Finished Yaser-nul-Quran (Rules of Reading Quran) | Abdullah Arya Massi Arya Qais Barakzai Waleed Malik Mohammed Ridwaan | Narmeen Malik Farhana Abbas |
| Completed Quran | Abdul-Rahman Mohammed Hafiz Usodo | Zhuha Sohail |
| Most Improved | Waleed Malik | Zarreen Hussain Amina Sohail |
| Most Surahs Memorised | Abdul-Rahman Mohammed Farouke Hamja | Zhuha Sohail Mariam Barakzai |



Hafiz Abdul-Wahid & Hafiz Usodo

ARABIC

| AWARD | Level 1 | Level 2 |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Highest Marks | Aser Marei | Mujahid Adem Abdul-Rahman Mohammed Anas Abdul-Rahman |
| Best Handwriting | Alaa Marei | (Not applicable) |
| Most Improved | Faiza Hoda Mariam Barakzai | Narmeen Malik |

ISLAMIC STUDIES

| AWARD | Level 1 | Level 2 |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Highest Marks | Alaa Marei Aser Marei Farhana Abbas | Anas A.Rahman |
| Best Adhab | Faiza Hoda | Fatima Bi Abbas |
| Most Improved | Mariam Barakzai | Abdullah Arya |

Unfortunately, I.A.A. is unable to continue with the Weekend School due to circumstances beyond our control.

However, classes must continue if we want to produce future *Alims* and *Hafiz* from this country. **Strictly 50 places** will be reserved for only the **MOST SERIOUS & DEDICATED** students. Parents must take a serious role in the Islamic development

of their children. We need the full cooperation of parents to achieve positive outcomes. It will require them to commit to bringing their children **3 days per week** for study (after school).

The **proposal** is as follows:

50 select students will be divided into 2 classes – 25 students per class.

SUMMER TIMETABLE:

CLASS A Monday – Wednesday 5:30pm – 8:00pm

CLASS B Thursday & Friday 5:30pm – 8:00pm and Saturday 10am – 1pm

If anyone would like to contribute their thoughts, please feel welcome to discuss it with anyone on the IAA committee. Please voice your opinions before 15th January (when the program will be finalised).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our education programs mostly rely on the generosity of committed volunteer teachers. Some teachers have shown their unselfish dedication and strong commitment for over 4 years. Teaching is such a rewarding job – seeing students complete the Quran, watching their good *adhab*, listening to their Islamic knowledge. This is compounded by the many *Ahadith* that tell us that teaching and learning the Quran brings many rewards in this life and the hereafter.

We need more volunteers to teach **Quran** (even teaching the alphabet), **Arabic Language** and **Islamic Studies**. The more teachers we have, the more one-on-one attention students receive. This will enable students to excel in their learning, inshaAllah. Even **1.5 hours** a week is much appreciated.

Interested? Please contact us A.S.A.P.

ASK A SCHOLAR

Question: How many kinds of Hajj are there?

Answer: There are three kinds of Hajj: Ifrad: Single Hajj without Umrah is called Ifrad.

Qiran: If one adopts Ihram with the intention of Hajj, and Umrah at his homeland during the Hajj time and performs Hajj and 'Umrah in the same state of Ihram. It is called Qiran

Tamatto: if one puts on Ihram with the intention of 'Umrah alone at "Meeqaat" and after having observed rites and ceremonies of "Umrah" puts it off and redons it for second time in Makkah for Hajj, it is called "Tamattu".

Question: What is Ash-hare-Hajj?

Answer: these are the months of Hajj. Shawwal and dhul-Qa'dah (Zeeqad) complete and first ten days of Dhul Hajjah.

Question: What is day of Turwiyah?

Answer: it is the day from which the rituals of Hajj start that is 8th Zul Hajj

Question: What is day of Arafat?

Answer: it is the day when Hajj congregation takes place in Arafat that is 9th Zul Hajj

SUMMER QUARTER SHORT COURSES

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INTRODUCTION TO THE THREE BRANCHES OF ISLAM

(Aqida, Shari'a and Tasawwuf)

With Brother Riyadh Asvat

This course will aim on very important issues of beliefs such as What is Aqida?, As a Muslim what are my beliefs?, What is Sharia's (Islamic law)?, What were societies like when they lived by the Shari'a?, What is Tassawwuf? And where will a clear understanding of Aqida, Shari'a and Tasawwuf lead? The following books will be used in this course

1. Al-Aqidatut-Tahawiyya – This book outlines the Islamic aqida as explained by Imam Abu Hanifa and his two most important students, Imam Abu Yusuf and Imam Muhammad al-Shaybani, may Allah be pleased with them all.

2. Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence – This book by Dr. Mohammad Hashim Kamali from the International Islamic University of Malaysia provide a detailed explanation of Usul al-Fiqh (Sources of Islamic Law).

3. Al-Futuhah al-Ilahiyya fi Sharh al-Mabahith al-Asliyya – This book by Shaykh Ahmad ibn Ajiba explains the basis, the benefits and the rules of Tasawwuf.

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Duration: 18th Jan - 22 Feb 06

ANOUNCEMENTS

Shaykh Muhammad Abdul Wahid will lead *Eid Salat* at Gippsland Masjid, Baillie Street, Yallourn Victoria 8 AM, Also Islamic Lesson (*Dars* Program) on every last Friday of the month after *Asr salah* at Gippsland Masjid.

All are Welcome

IAA Sport activities every Sunday 6 PM at Dandenong North Rerverse,

Carlton Road, Dandenong. Contact Br. Saheen Sultan Ph: **0412655612**

QURAN MEMORISATION AND TAFSIR

With Shaykh Hafiz Muhammad Abdul Wahid

A well structured program of Qur'an memorization and its tafsir accompanied by Hazrat Allama Qazi Sana Allah Usmani Majadadi Pani Patti (rahimahullah) 's Tafsir Mazhari, Hazrat, Allama Karam Ali Shah Azhri's Tafsir Zia ul Quran and Hazrat Allama Nabi Baksh Halwai's Tafsir Nabwi. This course is designed for those students who are aiming to memorize and understand key Surahs of the Qur'an, this course will cover some selected Surahs of the Quran.

Mondays, 8:00 – 10:00pm

Duration: 16 Jan –27th Feb 06

WOMEN FIQH (TAHARA)

With Ustadah Amina Muhammad Abdul Wahid

An interactive and informal series on worship and practice in Islam according to the great jurists of the *Hanafi* School of law. Covering the basics of purification (*tahara*) and other issues of Islamic law (*fiqh*) with an orientation to women's concerns, this course offers an opportunity for women to gain essential knowledge of their religion in a way, in a space, and at a time that is structured for women's concerns.

Women-only please

Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Duration: 17th Jan - 28th Feb

Open to everyone -

No student will be turned away for lack of funds. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register . Registration \$20

IAA Annual Fundraising Dinner

this FEBRUARY

(date to be confirmed)

INTENTION (NIYYAH)

Br. Azeem Haqani

The importance of intention (Niyyah or Niyyat) is paramount in Islam. Perhaps it is for this reason that Imam Bukhari (Rahimallahu Alaihi) started his Sahih Bukhari with the following Hadith, narrated by Umar (Radi Allahu 'Anhu):

I have heard the Messenger of Allah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) saying: The deeds are only as per their intentions. For every person it is only that which he intended. So whose migration (hijrat) was for the purpose of getting some worldly benefit or for getting married to a woman then his migration was only for what he migrated (irrespective of what is apparently obvious).

The two particles of Arabic language that have been used in the first sentence of this Hadith (innama and bi) suggest that the intention and the act are intimately and inseparably linked. The act is always obvious, seen by everyone in whose presence the act is performed. The intention may or may not be obvious. It is to be expected that the doer of the act would know for sure what he wanted to get out of the act. However it is only Allah SWT who knows precisely about the intention behind the act.

The above point could be proven by reference to a couple of authentic ahadeeth which come to mind immediately. The first one is the hadeeth which informs us about the fate of a Shaheed, an Aalim, a Qari and a Sakhi (generous person) who were thrown into the hell fire on the Day of Judgment when Allah SWT declared that, contrary to what every one (including the Angels) thought or knew, the acts performed by these people were not exclusively for the sake of Allah SWT but were done for getting recognition and admiration from the people.

The difference between the intention and the action can also be clearly seen by referring to the Surah Almunafiqoon in Qur'an when Allah SWT declares that the munafiqoon were lying when they declared that the Prophet ((Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) was Allah's Messenger. Now what could be closer to the truth than this statement of the munafiqoon? However Allah SWT says that the munafiqoon were lying! Why? Because what they were saying with their tongue was not in accordance with what was in their hearts.

It is reported that in the days of Sahaba Kiram one day one Sahabi approached another one suggesting that both of them should go together to visit another Sahabi who was sick. The Sahabi who was approached took some time to say yes.

The first Sahabi asked why he took some time to decide upon this matter when visiting sick people is one of the most important and rewarding deeds for any Muslim. The Sahabi replied that he took time to make sure that there was no other purpose in his heart for this visit other than pleasing Allah SWT.

So the bottom line for all of us is very simple yet very demanding: For our acts and efforts to be of any value in the eyes of Allah SWT on the day of judgment these must be performed only and only for the sake of getting His pleasure and with no other objective or purpose. And off course these acts have to be in conformity with what the Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) has ordained through his all encompassing and pervasive Shariah.

May Allah SWT give all of us the tawfeeq for the above. (Aameen).

Wa akhuru da'wana Alhamdu lillahi rab-bil (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam)a'alameent

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IAA MEMBERSHIP

IAA membership 2006 now due

\$ 30 per Family

\$20 Single /Students

Contact Haji Abdul Hakhim

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CONGRATULATION

We Would like to convey our best wishes and congratulate all those performing Hajj and Make *Dua* for them that Allah (SWT) may accept their *Hajj* And *Qurban*

HIGHLIGHTS OF IAA COMMUNITY DAY



Eid Day Function 2005



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IAA BBQ at Jells Park

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