

#### THE MUSLIM ROADMAP

Navigating Life Through Revelation



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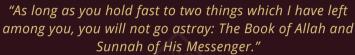


## THEME



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[Al Muwatta Imam Malik, Book 46, Hadīth 1628]



As Muslims, we strive on the path to paradise, looking to the Qur'an and Sunnah to guide us. Our deen encourages us to become the best versions of ourselves, so we hasten to worship Allah (SWT) and follow His command. At times, we may feel overwhelmed by the distractions of this Dunya (material world); yet, we persist with patience and look forward to the moment in which we enter the gates of Paradise. After all, Allah (SWT) does say, "Verily With Every Hardship Comes Ease."

(Our'an 94:5)

It is inevitable that perfecting ourselves in our faith will be difficult, but the struggle is what is admired. Allah (SWT) did not leave us to navigate our lives blindly, but He blessed us with beautiful sources of guidance. The Qur'an captivates our hearts by relaying the words of Allah (SWT) and becomes a light that guides us to the straight path. The Sunnah of the Prophet (SAW) is a living interpretation of the Qur'an that teaches us how to implement the commandments of Allah (SWT). Together as revelation they provide an outline for how we should live a life that is pleasing to Allah (SWT).

Thus, we have **The Muslim Roadmap**. The strength and unity of the Qur'an and Sunnah give us direction in practicing our faith.

Join us at Texas Deen Intensive to learn how we can navigate our life using Revelation to protect our Deen and strengthen our connection with Allah (SWT). Insha'Allah, we will be able to apply what we learn this weekend to lead a lifestyle that can inspire others. Ameen.

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## SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY 2/18

#### UNION BALLROOM

6:00 PM Registration & Check-In

6:30 PM Maghrib Prayer & Quran Recitation

7:00 PM Welcome Session

**Finding Your Spiritual Identity** 7:30 PM

8:30 PM The Muslim Roadmap

9:30 PM Isha Prayer

10:00 PM Dinner | Courtyard

11:00 PM Fireside Chat | Nueces Mosque

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Sh. Mikaeel Smith

Mufti Abdul Wahab Waheed

Sh. AbdulNasir Janada

Ust. Ravat/Imam Qamar

lmam Suleiman Hani

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Sh. Mikaeel Smith

#### SATURDAY 2/19

#### UNION BALLROOM

9:30 AM Check-In & Breakfast | Union Patio

10:30 AM Welcome Session

11:00 AM The Door is Always Open

12:00 PM The Everlasting Miracle

1:00 PM **Dhur Prayer** 

1:30 PM Lunch

2:15 PM The Walking Quran

3:00 PM Parallel Workshops

\* What We Owe Each Other

\* Islam is NOT a Religion

\* In His Footsteps

4:15 PM **Quran as a Compass** 

5:15 PM **Asr Prayer** 

5:45 PM The Limits of Rationality

6:45 PM Maghrib Prayer & Dua

The Path of Purification 7:15 PM

8:15 PM Isha Praver

8:45 PM Dinner

10:00 PM Entertainment Night

Mufti Abdul Wahab Waheed

Sh. Fahad Tasleem

Imam Suleiman Hani

#### SUNDAY 2/20

6:00 AM Fajr Prayer | Nueces Mosque

10:00 AM **Nueces Brunch** 

11:00 AM Where Do We Go From Here?

12:00 PM **Final Remarks**  MAIN MALL

**Imam Anwer Imam** 

**DI Committee** 

#### SPEAKER LINEUP



#### SHEIKH ABDULNASIR JANGDA

The founder, director, and an instructor at Qalam. He has completed an extensive study of the life of the Prophetalus on the Seerah Podcast. He annually teaches the Seerah Intensive and leads groups on the Seerah Umrah tour and a visit to Masjid Al-Aqsa. While teaching at the Qalam Seminary he travels around the country teaching classes, seminars, and giving lectures. Born and raised in Dallas, he currently resides there with his wife and three children. He memorized the Qur'an in Karachi at an early age. After high school, he returned to Karachi to study the Islamic sciences full-time at Jamia Binoria. He graduated from the rigorous 'alim program in 2001 at the top of his class. He also obtained a B.A. and M.A. in Arabic from Karachi University while completing a Masters in Islamic Studies from the University of Sindh. After returning home, he taught Arabic and Islamic Studies at the University

of Texas at Arlington, worked with various Islamic schools and served as the Imam at the Colleyville Masjid in the Dallas area.



#### SHEIKH FAHAD TASLEEM

Fahad Tasleem is a research fellow and instructor at Sapience Institute. Sapience Institute is an organization dedicated to academically articulate the message of Islam and develop intellectual and spiritual leaders in this important work. Fahad's research areas at Sapience focus on Islamic Theo-Philosophy & Spirituality. He holds a BA in Economics, Graduate Studies in Middle Eastern Studies with a focus on Islamic Theology and an MSc in Business. Fahad is a student, researcher and teacher of various Islamic sciences.



#### MUFTI ABDUL WAHAB WAHEED

Mufti Abdul Wahab Waheed was born and raised in Ann Arbor, MI. He began Islamic studies at Jaamiah al-Uloom al-Islamiyyah in Canada where he became a Hafiz at the age of 11. Upon the completion of his Tahfeedhul Ul Quran, Mufti Abdul Wahab decided to continue his studies in Islamic sciences. He started his 7 year Shariah program in Toronto, Canada and went even further to pursue higher education of Hadith in Karachi, Pakistan. Mufti Abdul Wahab completed his Hadith Intensive in the renowned Islamic University founded by Sheikh Yusuf Binori RA known as Jamia Binoritown, where he had the fortune of studying under teachers who had received their Ijaazat from Al- Azhar, Madina Univsirty, and Ummul Qura. Upon graduation, Mufti Abdul Wahab wanted to pursue his passion in understanding and education in the field of Islamic Jurisprudence and Law. He started his studies at Al Ihsan institute located in Vancouver, B.C., specializing in Islamic Jurisprudence and Ifta' under his professors while simultaneously teaching Fiqh and Hadith in the same school. During this time period, he was also serving as a Khateeb and lecturer in the province of British Colombia. He also traveled extensively across North America for Dawah purposes. Throughout his travels, Mufti Abdul Wahab addresses communities across the United States on a wide range of Islamic topics and Inshallah, continues to do so with the Tawfiq of Allah SWT. Mufti Abdul Wahab Islamic Institute.



#### IMAM SULEIMAN HANI

Imam Suleiman Hani is the Director of Academic Affairs at AlMaghrib Institute, a research scholar for Yaqeen Institute, a resident scholar at the Islamic Cultural Association, and an adjunct lecturer at the Islamic Center of Detroit. At the age of 14, Suleiman completed a 10-month Qur'an memorization program and began his intensive studies under numerous scholars, earning dozens of traditional religious certifications in the process. He later earned a master's degree from the University of Jordan's College of Shari'ah, ranking first in his class, and a master's degree from Harvard University, where he studied religions, philosophy, political science, and psychology. Over the past decade, he has served as an Imam and community leader in Michigan, lectured in dozens of countries, published a number of books and articles, and was featured on the largest Islamic TV stations worldwide.

#### SPEAKER LINEUP



#### SHEIKH MIKAEEL SMITH

As an instructor at Qalam, he is an Islamic scholar, writer, and activist striving to meet the spiritual and educational needs of the DFW community. Imam Mikaeel previously served as a resident scholar at the Islamic Society of Annapolis and the Islamic Society of Baltimore. He grew up in a deeply spiritual Christian home in Buffalo, NY. At the age of 18, he embraced Islam after reading the Qur'an and the Autobiography of Malcolm X. Imam Mikaeel enrolled at the Dar ul-Uloom al-Madania in Buffalo, NY, where he completed his memorization of the Qur'an. He continued his studies in Jami'a Abu Noor in Damascus, Syria. In 2012, he completed his hadith studies of the Sihah Sitta (six most authentic collections of Prophetic traditions) and Qur'anic Tafseer (commentary). He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Studies at the Dar ul-Uloom Canada in Chatham, Ontario. He moved to Maryland to become the scholar-in-residence at the Islamic Society of Annapolis where he taught tajwed (Qur'an recitation) and the foundational Islamic sciences. He has also taught at the Makkah Learning Center in Gambrills, MD, and served as a full-time instructor at the Al-Rahmah Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Imam Mikaeel is currently pursuing his BA in psychology, while writing translations of classical Islamic texts.



## IMAM MAHAD QAMAR & USTADHA SAFIYA RAVAT

Mahad Qamar and Safiya Ravat are an American couple from Houston, Texas – of Pakistani (Mahad) and South African (Safiya) heritage. They co-founded the SUHBAH Institute in 2018 and have been married for over a decade, with one son – Noah. Mahad and Safiya began their Islamic Studies journey in 2008 under Shaykh Isam Rajab at Arees Institute, and continued on to attend the Bayyinah Dream Arabic Program. They then pursued their Bachelor's degrees in Islamic Figh and Usul al Figh (Islamic Law and Jurisprudence) from the International Islamic University of Malaysia and finally completed their Master's in Pastoral Counseling in Marriage and Family Therapy. Safiya also holds a degree in Journalism from the University of Houston (Go Coogs!). After Malaysia, they served as the head instructors of Tafseer and Quranic Arabic at the Bayyinah Dream program in Dallas, and later served as the Religious Directors at Maryam Islamic Center in Sugar Land. Mahad and Safiya are currently the lead instructors at the Suhbah Seminary, pre marital training facilitators for Suhbah's Strong Couples program, and will serve as the inaugural Chaplains at the University of Houston's Muslim Students Association. Suhbah offers Islamic seminary courses, counseling, avenues for singles looking to get married, as well as pre-marital training for engaged couples and newlyweds. "Strong Couples" is Suhbah's state certified online Islamic pre-marital training course that combines pre-marital training from both the counseling and Islamic realm. "Conversations" is Suhbah's online singles platform and discussion based halaga. Mahad and Safiya have been teaching classes and offering seminars locally and nationally for over a decade. They have a zeal to help breakdown misconceptions, realign with the Prophetic model, and accompany and inspire individuals along their journey of growth by providing quality, nurturing and easily accessible Islamic learning and counsel that is applicable to our ever changing lives and circumstances whether that be in our relationships with others, with ourselves, or with our Lord.



#### **IMAM ANWER IMAM**



Qalam Seminary where he studied under a number of scholars and teachers including Shaykh Abdul Nasir Jangda, Mufti Husain Kamani, Shaykh Mikaeel Ahmed Smith, and Mufti Muntasir al-Zaman. Imam Anwer earned a sanad and ijazah (certificate of authenticity and traditional teaching license) in the memorization and recitation of the Holy Qur'an under Shaykh Uthman Khan. Imam Anwer has previously served as the Imam and Religious Director at the Islamic Association of Mid-Cities (IAMC) and is a former instructor in the Rufqa Program at the Taqwa Islamic Seminary. Imam Anwer graduated from Stony Brook University with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) from the Department of Biology with a concentration in Developmental Molecular Genetics and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from the Department of History with a concentration in Global History and Social Change. He then attended the University of Medicine and Health Sciences (UMHS) and graduated with honors as a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.). He currently serves as the Imam and Director of Religious Affairs at the Nueces Mosque

Imam Anwer graduated from the 'Alimiyyah (Islamic Scholarship) Program from the

#### LECTURE TOPICS

#### LECTURE 1 | SH. MIKAEEL SMITH FINDING YOUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

SHIRLEY BIRD BALLROOM

Many of us struggle with spiritual absence in our worship and in our daily lives. We know Allah (SWT) is close to us, but can't seem to make that personal connection with him. Join us as we explore how we can find "comfort in the remembrance of Allah." (Surah Ar-Ra'd)

#### LECTURE 2 | MUFTI ABDUL WAHAB WAHEED THE MUSLIM ROADMAP

SHIRLEY BIRD BALLROOM

We have been blessed by Allah (SWT) with two paths of guidance: The Qur'an and the Sunnah. They are the two forms of revelation that pave the way for Muslims to attain the pleasure of Allah (SWT). We will discuss how the Qur'an and Sunnah combine to make the perfect Roadmap to Jannah.

#### FIRESIDE CHAT | SH. ABDULNASIR JANGDA PROTECTING YOUR DEEN

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Maintaining a strong Muslim identity can certainly be challenging, especially on a college campus. The strife between our desires and our devotion to Allah is a challenge we all face. We will discuss practical and relevant ways to navigate life as a young Muslim.

#### LECTURE 4 | UST. SAFIYA & IMAM MAHAD THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

SHIRLEY BIRD BALLROOM

"All the children of Adam are sinners, and the best of the sinners are those who repent." [Tirmidhi] In this spiritually uplifting discussion, we learn to turn back to the Most Merciful when we fall into the temptations of the Dunya and find comfort in His guidance.

#### LECTURE 5 | IMAM SULEIMAN HANI THE EVERLASTING MIRACLE

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Every Prophet was gifted miracles by Allah (SWT) to express the truthfulness of the message they were delivering. Our Prophet Muhammed (SAW) was given the Holy Qur'an, a book full of literary, scientific, and historical miracles. We will get a brief glimpse into the beauty of the Quran, reaping from its guidance.

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## LECTURE 6 SH. ABDULNASIR JANGDA THE WALKING QURAN

When asked about the character of the Prophet (SAW), 'Aisha (RA) responded by describing him as "a walking Qur'an," as his character was an embodiment of the Qur'anic message. Join us as we delve into the life of the Prophet (SAW) and learn how we too can follow in his footsteps and embrace the teachings of the Qur'an.

UNION THEATRE

## WORKSHOP A | UST. SAFIYA & IMAM MAHAD WHAT WE OWE EACH OTHER

As Muslims, our interactions with family, friends, and community are guided through the Qur'an and Sunnah. The way we treat those around us and uphold their rights is a testimony of our faith. Join us in a workshop that demonstrates the character of our Prophet (SAW) as he interacted with those around him and learn how we can emulate his actions.

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## WORKSHOP B | SH. FAHAD TASLEEM ISLAM IS NOT A RELIGION

Since the late 17th century when modernity started to affect the lives of people across the world, ideologies running up against the Islamic paradigm began spreading. With the advent of the internet, these artifacts of contemporary thought exploded in their reach and scope and started causing major doubts in the minds and hearts of Muslims. This workshop will cover the first section of Sapience Institute's course dealing with these doubts called "No Doubt: Certainty in an Age of Uncertainty".

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## WORKSHOP C | SH. MIKAEEL SMITH IN HIS FOOTSTEPS\*

The Sunnah of our Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is a guidance that can help us attain our religious and worldy goals. From learning how to dress to communicating with others, the Sunnah is a part of our faith that is close to our hearts. Join us in a conversation with the Not Another Muslim Podcast on implementing the Sunnah into our everyday affairs.

#### LECTURE TOPICS

## LECTURE 7 | MUFTI ABDUL WAHAB WAHEED OURAN AS A COMPASS

SHIRLEY BIRD BALLROOM

The Qur'an is the ultimate source of guidance as it is the word of Allah (SWT). We can turn to the Qur'an to guide us in practicing our faith and becoming the best versions of ourselves. Join us as we work on strengthening our personal relationship with the Qur'an.

## LECTURE 8 | SH. FAHAD TASLEEM THE LIMITS OF RATIONALITY

SHIRLEY BIRD BALLROOM

Join us for the second part of our series covering Sapience Institute's course "No Doubt: Certainty in and Age of Uncertainty". In this part, we will proceed to show why one can obtain certainty only by way of the Islamic worldview which combines a prescriptive spiritual and intellectual path to certainty.

## LECTURE 9 | IMAM SULEIMAN HANI THE PATH OF PURIFICATION

SHIRLEY BIRD
BALLROOM

Allah (SWT) created death and life to test which of us is "best in deeds" (Surah al-Mulk). Challenges in life are inevitable and based on how we deal with them, can be a means of us drawing nearer to Allah or falling further away. Join us in learning about the life of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and how he dealt with the challenges in his life.

#### LECTURE 10 | IMAM ANWER IMAM WHERE WE DO GO FROM HERE?

**MAIN MALL** 

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) stressed the importance of community in connecting with Allah (SWT). In our concluding session, join us as we recap our weekend, summarize the best parts of DI, and discuss action items on how we can implement everything we learned over the weekend in our personal lives and communities.



## TEXAS MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Texas Muslim Students' Association is the embodiment of the hundreds of Muslim students attending UT Austin. Through our weekly educational, social, dawah, professional, and service-oriented programming, we create community, form bonds and memories to last a lifetime, and help students hold on to and grow in their deen in the college environment!

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