

Basics of Islam Course



Lesson 1

Course Aim

Learn the basics that every Muslim needs to know about Islam (beliefs and worship).



Course Outline

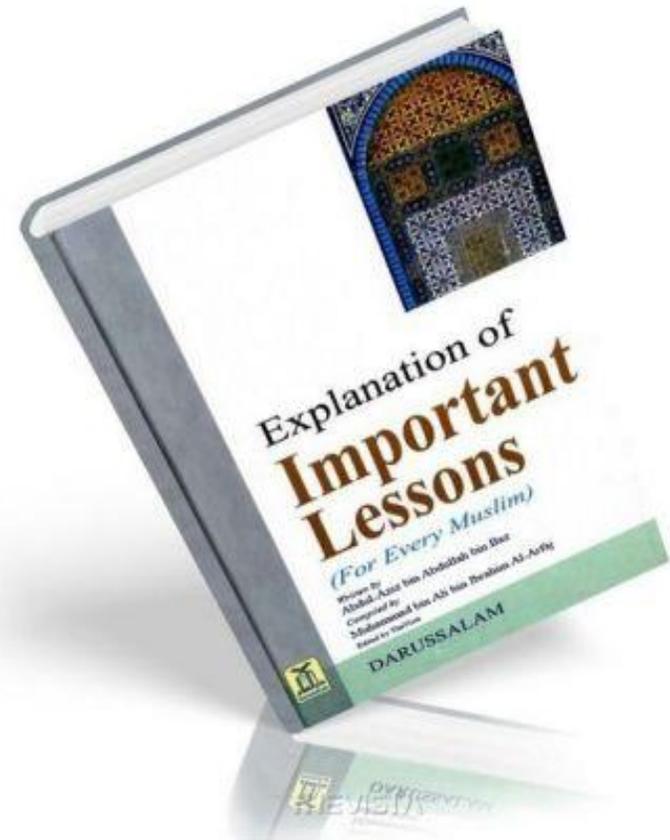
- Week 1 - Seeking Knowledge and Intro to the Basics
- Week 2 - Pillars of Islam and Pillars of Faith (Emaan)
- Week 3 - Tawheed (Monotheism) and Shirk (Polytheism)
- Week 4 - Basics of Ablution (Wudhu)
- Week 5 - Basics of Prayer (Salah)
- Week 6 - Clarification on Sects

NOTE: This is a foundational course at beginner level.

The course is based on this book and will be a reference point for further reading:

‘Explanation of Important Lessons for Every Muslim’

PDF link for the book is in the description or chat



Learning Objectives



1. Understand the basics of seeking Islamic knowledge
2. Define the terms 'Islam' and 'Muslim'
3. Have a snapshot of the basics

Renew your intentions

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

“Whoever follows a path in the pursuit of knowledge, Allah will make a path to Paradise easy for him.”

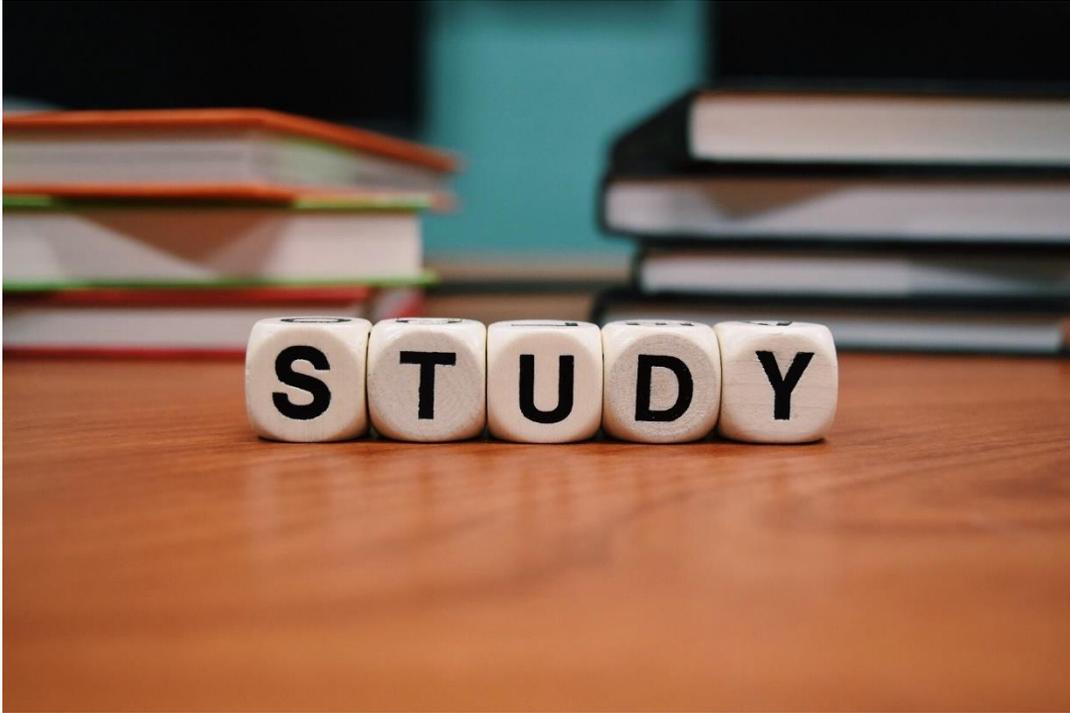
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Tips for seeking knowledge



Any suggestions?



1. Remain **SINCERE**
2. Learn **GRADUALLY**
3. Start with the **BASICS**
4. Put in **MAXIMUM EFFORT**
5. **ASK** those of knowledge

The sources of knowledge



What are they? Where do we take Islamic knowledge from?

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

“I leave behind me two things, the Quran and my example, the Sunnah, and if you follow these you will never go astray.”

[Collected by Al Tirmidhi]

1. The Qur'an

- The final scripture containing the **speech of Allah** as a guidance for mankind.
- It was revealed by Allah to the Prophet Muhammad through the Angel Gabriel (Jibreel) **gradually**.



2. The Sunnah

- What is the Sunnah?
- The Sunnah is everything that has been related from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ of his **statements, actions, tacit approvals** and **physical appearance**.



2. The Sunnah

- Authors have compiled the Sunnah into collections of narrations (hadith).
- The most common are: Al Bukhari, Al Muslim, Abu Dawood, Al Tirmidhi, An Nasai and Ibn Majah



3. Learning from Scholars

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
said:

“The scholars are the inheritors of the Prophets.”

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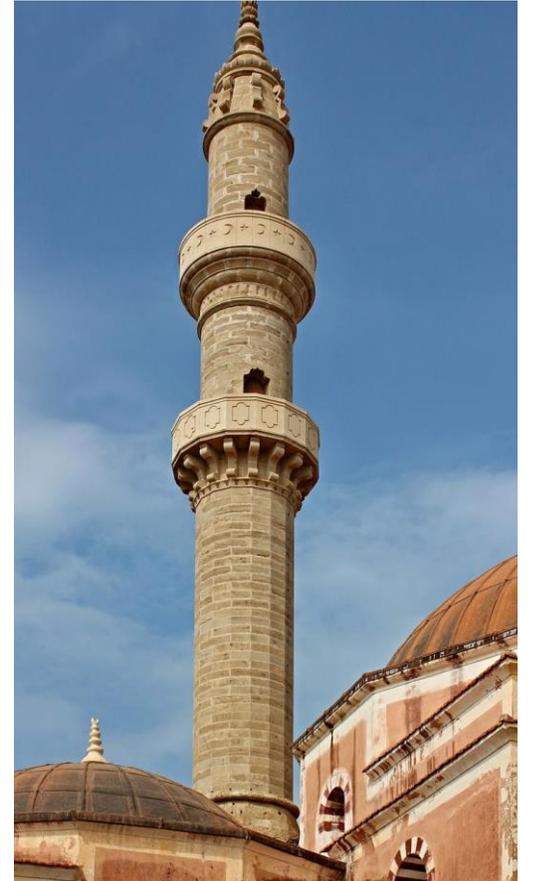
3. Learning from Scholars

- We follow and understand Islam according to the teachings of the righteous scholars.
- These scholars include the companions of the Prophet ﷺ all the way to the well known scholars of our time.

What is Islam? Who is a Muslim?



- The word Islam in English can mean
 - Peace; Submission; Obedience
- Then, who is a Muslim?
- The one who totally submits and is obedient to God (Allah).
- What does that mean in real life?
- You will gain **TRUE** happiness by submitting to your creator, Allah.



What are the Basics of Islam?



Angel Jibreel sent in the form of a man to teach the basics

A series of questions and answers between the Prophet ﷺ and the Angel Jibreel took place in the presence of the companions where the basics of Islam were summarised.

Summary of conversation:

- What is Islam? **5 pillars of Islam** i.e. worship (ibadah)
- What is Emaan (faith)? **6 pillars of faith** i.e. beliefs (aqeedah)
- These are the basics we will cover during this course.

**For further reading
refer to pages 94 - 97
in**

***‘Explanation of
Important Lessons for
Every Muslim’***

