

QAWSAIN INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER LEARNING

Course Plan

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The course is designed to consist of 4 levels with each level consisting of sublevels.

LEVEL I

The first level is called the general level. This level aims at introducing the student to the Quranic methodology. Secondly, an introduction to the Quranic themes. These themes concentrate in particular on the ethical teachings of the Quran, emphasizing the fact that the Quran above all is a book of character. At this point the seven beautiful characteristics are introduced, with a little bit of detail on the first two characteristics: *Tawbah* and *Tahara* (Repentance, Candor).

The third subsection in this level deals with the study of man. It focuses on identifying the distinctive features of human beings which separates them from non-human beings. It explores the various human faculties, both innate and acquired. It further puts into perspective the tridimensional relationship between God, His word, and man.

The All Merciful. He taught the Quran. He created the human being. He taught him articulation. (The Quran, chapter *The All Merciful*, 55:1-4)

LEVEL II

1. Level 2 recapitulates all of the items in the past level with a little more depth.
2. It requires a basic understanding of Arabic language with bias to Quranic Arabic words. The attendees would need a copy of *Mukhtar Al-Sihah*, a basic grammar and conjugation book.
3. A more in depth study of the seven characteristics in both English and Arabic with a particular focus on the first two characteristics (*Tawbah* and *Tahara*).
4. This level also requires study of chapters *Al Mulk* and *Yasin* in both English and Arabic. The choice of these two chapters is based on the information they contain regarding the tridimensional relationship: God-word-man.
5. A brief survey of the five pillars of Islam.

LEVEL III

This level reviews all of the past level and consists of the following subsections:

1. Proficiency in Arabic language.
2. An in-depth understanding of the seven characteristics and their 14 components with references from the Quran, the Sunnah, and the Surah in both Arabic and English, and in Arabic only when there are no English translations available. The study material will be the seven books written on the seven characteristics called *Al-Shawahid* by Imam Fode, and a copy of the Surah of Ibn Hisham with the commentary of *Al-Suhaili's Al-Rawd al-Unuf*, and a copy of the abridged version of *Sahih al-Bukhari* with the commentary of Ibn Abi Jamrah (*Bahjah*).
3. An advanced study on the tridimensional relationship: God-word-man with a focus on chapters *Israa*, *Kahf*, and *Taha* using the *Lamahat* by Imam Fode as a source material on those three chapters.
4. Introduction to knowledge and wisdom and the methods of acquisition.

LEVEL IV

This level entails a review of all other levels and includes the following sub-levels:

1. An introduction into the science of the letters.
2. A basic level in reading, writing, and understanding the hieroglyphics and the ancient Egyptian language.
3. Study of the two chapters known as "*Az Zahrawan*" (the two brilliant ones) with a concentration on its major themes: dead and resurrection, ailment and health, darkness and light. A particular focus on the alternation between the two perceptions: '*ajhamah* and *kibriya* and their ultimate amalgamation - aggregation, segregation, and amalgamation - thereafter test the ability of the learner to analyze the various stories in the Quran in the light of their perceptions.
4. An overhaul of all the seven characteristics in the context of the brilliant duo.
5. A comparative study between the Quran and the Egyptian texts on the rite of passage from darkneses to light, often referred to as *The Book of the Dead*.