



Foundations of Faith

ITREB Canada Education Series



Leaf with Calligraphic Composition (Aga Khan Museum)

Qur'anic Inscription from Surat al-Isra', Aya 80 reads:

“And say, ‘Lord grant me a good entrance and a goodly exit,
and sustain me with Your power.’”

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ITREB Canada is pleased to announce a new educational series for the Jamat titled *Foundations of Faith*. This new standardized national curriculum provides an introductory exploration of the key principles and practices of our Tariqah through a structured religious education and engagement program.

The curriculum consists of 12 modules that will be implemented utilizing multiple rollouts over a three-year period, serving all segments of the Jamat, with particular focus on parents, young adults and post-secondary students. It offers members of the Jamat the opportunity to discuss issues and questions of relevance to them.

These interactive seminars are supplemented with additional readings and resources for personal study that are available online at iicanada.org.



The Alhambra Palace, Granada, Spain

Topics

Human Existence and Religious Quest: Explore the role of religion in the human search for meaning and the challenge of secularism to the religious worldview.

Islam and Muslim Civilizations: Learn about the emergence of Islam, the life of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.), and the flowering of richly diverse civilizations.

The Holy Qur'an: Examine the Noble Qur'an's historical context, form, content, and the multiplicity of its interpretations.

The Shi'a Ismaili Imam: Understand the centrality of Imam, rooted in the Shi'a interpretation of the Qur'an, the Sunna, and historical texts.

Islamic and Ismaili History: Look at key events and forces that have shaped our identity.

Ethics and Values of Islam: Discover the foundational sources for Muslim values and their application in making moral choices in our contemporary world.

Spaces of Worship and Jamatkhana: Explore the coexistence of diverse spaces of gathering and worship across Muslim societies.

Prayer – A Fundamental Expression of Worship: Understand our Du'a as a means to communicate regularly with the Divine and to express our beliefs and values.

Tariqah Rites and Ceremonies: Learn about the beliefs and values underpinning our congregational practices and expressions of worship.

Rites of Passage: Examine the rites and ceremonies that commemorate significant milestones, such as birth, marriage, and death.

Contemporary Muslim Landscape: Explore the diverse contexts in which Muslims live and the issues, challenges, and forces impacting them.

Contemporary Ismaili Community: Understand the forces that have shaped the contemporary Shi'a Ismaili community and its identity under the Imam's leadership.

“World and faith are inseparable in Islam. Faith and learning are also profoundly interconnected. The Holy Qur’an sees the discovery of knowledge as a spiritual responsibility, enabling us to better understand and more ably serve God’s creation. Our traditional teachings remind us of our individual obligation to seek knowledge unto the ends of the earth – and of our social obligation to honor and nurture the full potential of every human life.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam
Dhaka, Bangladesh, May 20, 2008



School Courtyard with Boys Reading and Writing (Aga Khan Museum)
India, 1590-95, folio of the *Akhlaq-e Nasiri* ('Ethics of Nasir' by Nasir al-Din Tusi)