



STUDY GUIDE

*Art of*  
**DA'WAH**  
*Part 2*

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From the series:  
*Art of Da'wah*

# COURSE OUTLINE

## COURSE TOPICS

1. Lessons and benefits from the Da'wah of the Prophet (pbuh) while in Madinah
2. Lessons and benefits from the Da'wah of the Sahaabah (ra)
3. Lessons and benefits from the Da'wah of the Salaf (Pious Predecessors)
4. Use the Qur'an and the Sunnah in your Da'wah
5. The Fiqhi ruling of Da'wah

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Understanding the wisdom that is needed for Da'wah
2. Look at examples from the life of the Prophet (pbuh), the Sahaabah (ra), and the Salaf in their Da'wah

# COURSE OUTLINE

## QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

## TRANSCRIPTS

## ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions  
Match the Columns  
True or False

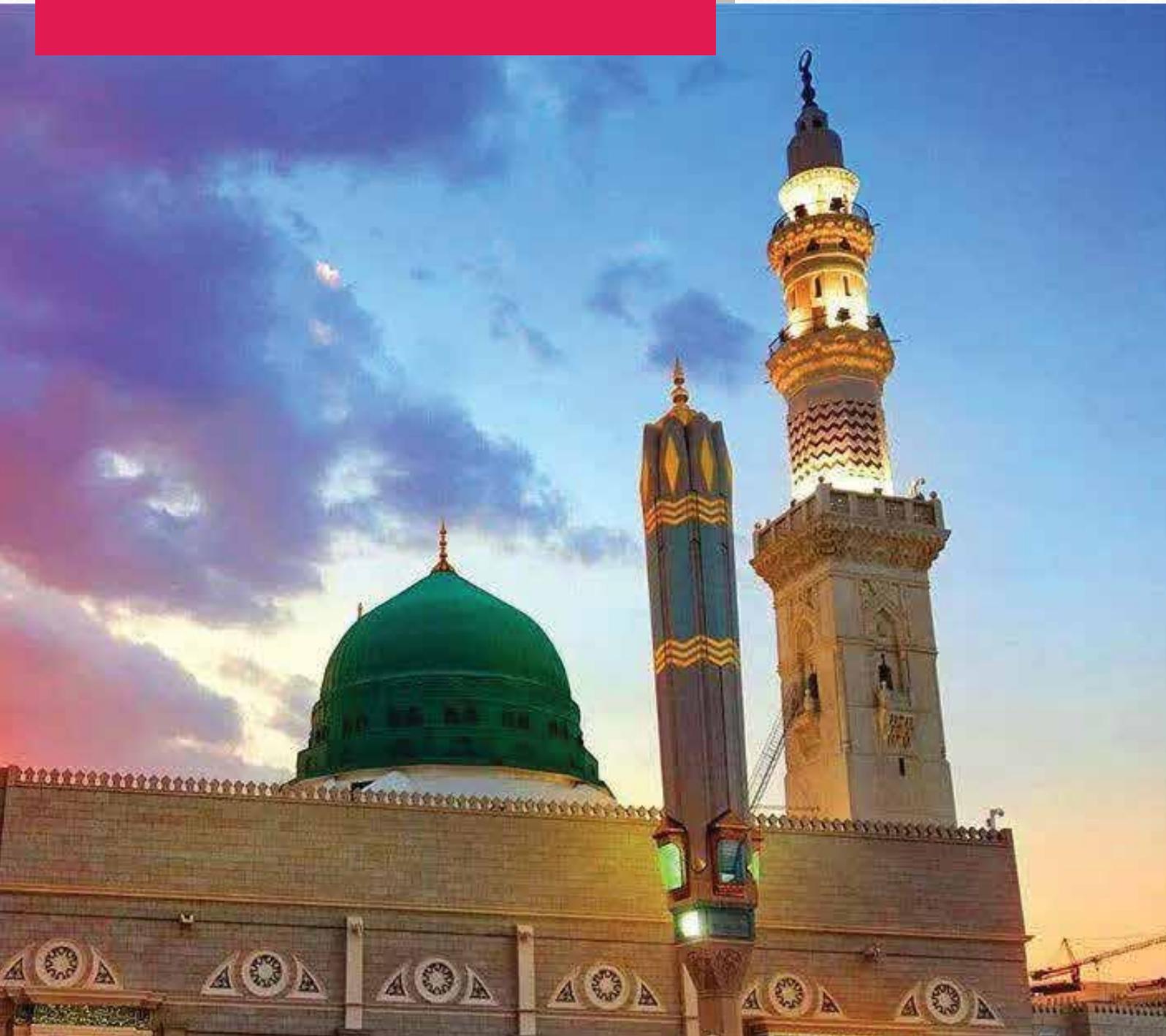
## COURSE DURATION

Video	- 1hr 30 min
Study Guide	- 35 min
Assessment	- 10 min
Total Duration	- 2 hrs 15 min



## LESSON 1

# PROPHET'S (PBUH) DA'WAH IN MADINAH





# 1

## LESSONS AND BENEFITS FROM THE DA'WAH OF THE PROPHET (PBUH) WHILE IN MADINAH

The Madinan period is the time after the Hijrah (emigration) of the Prophet (pbuh) to Madinah.

The Hijrah of the Prophet (pbuh) from Makkah to Madinah was a very important trip and is considered as a turning point in Islamic history.

Among some of the important lessons learnt from the Da'wah of the Prophet (pbuh) in Madinah are:





## **a** THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM IS FOR EVERYONE

Even though the society might have rejected certain people, we, Muslims, shouldn't reject anyone. We should give the message of Islam even to those who are looked down upon by the society.

When the Prophet (pbuh) migrated towards Madinah, he met two known thieves. When they accepted the Da'wah of the Prophet (pbuh), he asked them about their names. They replied, "We are called Al Muhaanaan (the two despised ones)." Upon hearing this, the Prophet (pbuh) said, "No, you are not Al Muhaanaan (the despised ones), but you are Al Mukramaan, (the two honourable ones)."

As Muslims, we must not differentiate on the basis of race, creed or class. Everyone deserves the message of Islam.





## IMPORTANCE OF BROTHERHOOD AND MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS

Every religion, every idea is only as strong as its followers, if its followers are strong, then that religion and idea is strong.

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**The Prophet (pbuh) said:**

**“None of you shall have true faith until you love for your brother what you love for yourself.”**

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Among the first things that the Prophet (pbuh) did after arriving in Madinah is that he brought the two warring tribes together and built a relationship of brotherhood between the Muhajiroon (immigrant Makkans) and the Ansaar (Madinan residents), a system in which people would help each other.

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**“And they give preference to others over themselves, even though they are in dire straits.”**

**Al Qur'an 59:9**

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You give that which is beloved to you and prefer your brothers over yourself.



## ISLAM PROSPERS IN PEACE



**“Indeed, we have given you a clear victory.”**

*Al Qur’an 48:1*

The victory that Allah (swt) is referring to in the above verse is about the treaty of Hudaibiyah (peace treaty) between the Muslims and the Quraysh.

In less than two years after the treaty, when only 1400 people went from Madinah with the intention to make Umrah to 10,000 Muslims during the conquest of Makkah, all because the Muslims were able to spread the Da’wah in the Arabian Peninsula without any fear of attacks.



## DEALINGS WITH MUNAFIQOON (HYPOCRITES)

The way that the Prophet (pbuh) dealt with the Munafiqoon during Da'wah is very important.

Even though the Prophet (pbuh) knew who the real hypocrites were, he did not judge them upon their internal beliefs but judged them according to what they portrayed.

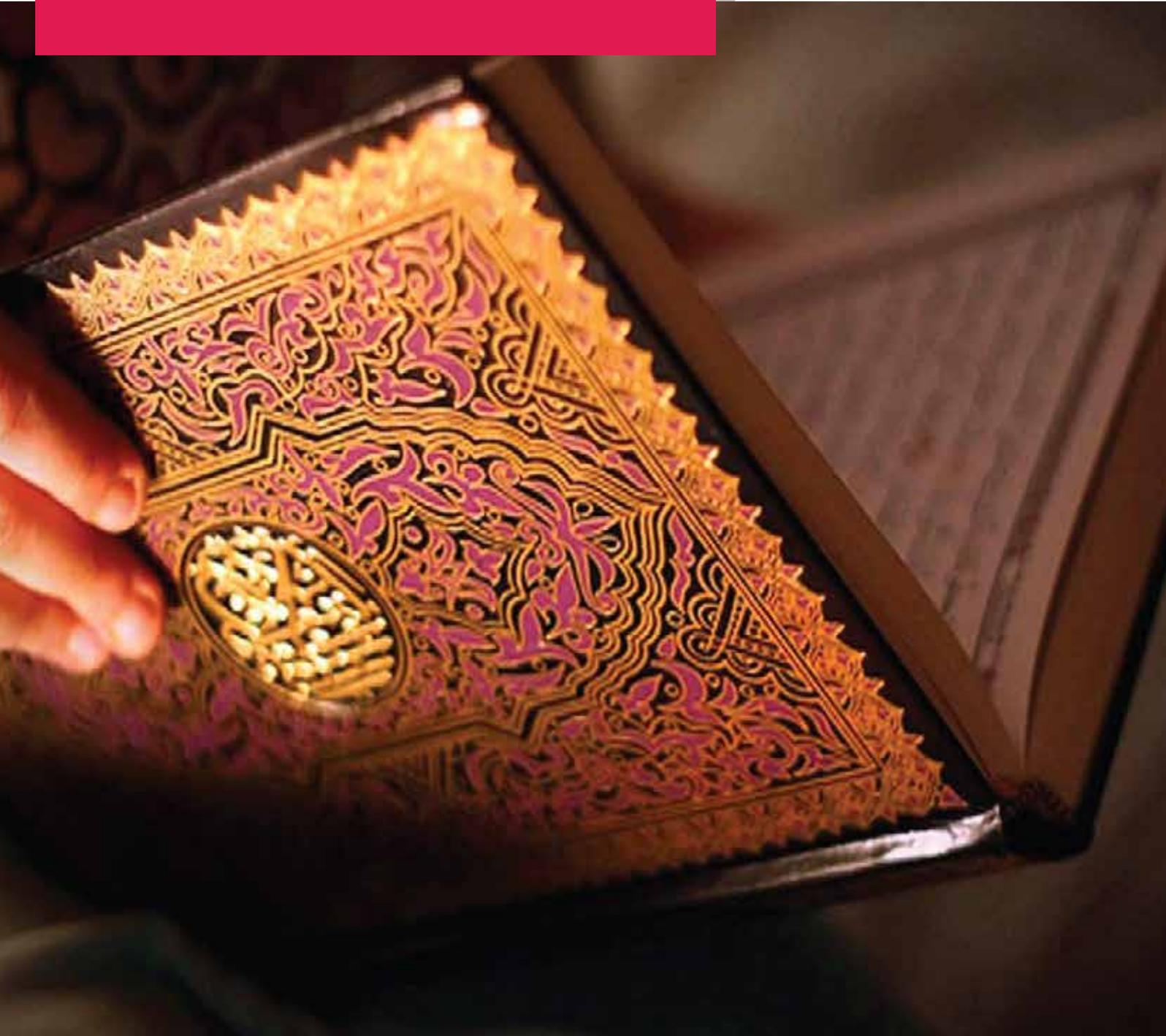
Judge people by what is apparent, we do not delve into the hearts of men and say, 'I think you believe in this, and you are a follower of that.'





## LESSON 2

# DA'WAH OF THE SAHAABAH (RA)





## 2

## LESSONS AND BENEFITS FROM THE DA'WAH OF THE SAHAABAH (RA)



### ABU BAKR (RA)

Abu Bakr (ra) was the first Khalifah of the Muslims after the death of the Prophet (pbuh). He and his family spent their entire lifetime for the purpose of Da'wah and in the service of Islam.

His daughter, Aa'ishah (ra) was one of the greatest scholars in Islamic history and the most knowledgeable of all the women amongst the Sahaabiyaat concerning the life of the Prophet (pbuh).

His daughter, Asma Bint Abi Bakr (ra), risked her life to bring food for him and the Prophet (pbuh) during their Hijrah to Madinah.

Amongst the lessons that we can gain from his Da'wah is:



## **a** PERMISSIBLE TO USE FORCE WHEN NECESSARY

It is permissible to make use of force during Da'wah if necessary to keep things under control.

When the Prophet (pbuh) passed away, some people were apostatising from Islam, some pretended to be prophets and messengers, while others refused to give Zakaah.

Upon realising the importance of the situation, Abu Bakr (ra) consulted the Sahaabah (ra) and decided to fight against these groups to preserve the Shariah because the principles of Islam were at stake.

Sometimes, it is necessary to be firm and strict, so that people realise their mistake and work towards correcting it.





## UMAR IBN AL KHATTAB (RA)

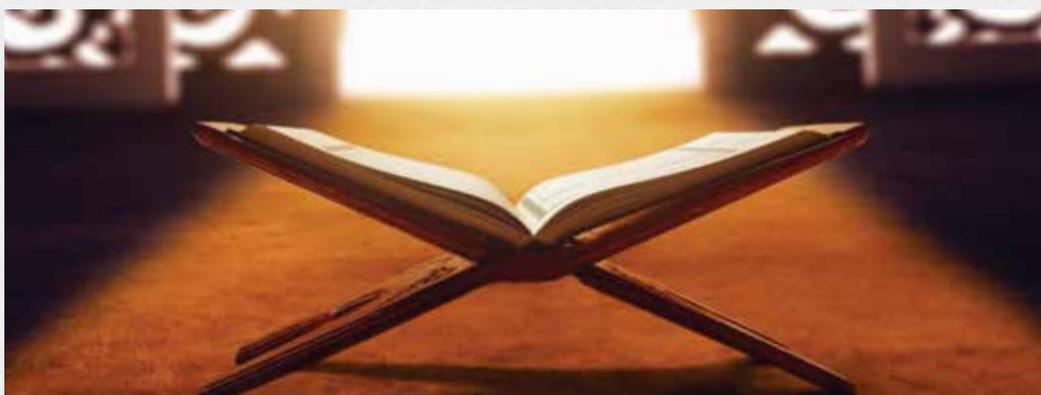
Umar ibn Al Khattab (ra) was among the most influential and strong men in Makkah. In fact, when he accepted Islam, the Muslims were able to go out and pray in the open. He was always in support of truth and didn't fear facing criticism for it.

Amongst some of the lessons that we can gain from his Da'wah are:



### ESTABLISH AUTHORITY AT THE BEGINNING

When the Prophet (pbuh) consulted with the Sahaabah (ra) about what should be done with the prisoners of war of Badr, Umar (ra) was of the opinion that they should be killed so that the Muslims could establish their authority as a nation and be respected in the land. And the same reasoning was approved of in the Qur'an by Allah (swt).





**“It is not fit for a prophet that he should take captives unless he has fought and triumphed in the land.”**

*Al Qur'an 8:67*



## DA'WAH STARTS FROM YOUR CLOSE ONES

When it comes to Da'wah, one must always try to start with themselves and their family first.



**“O you who believe, protect yourselves and your families from a fire whose fuel is men and stones.”**

*Al Qur'an 66:6*



**“And enjoin prayer upon your family and be steadfast therein.”**

*Al Qur'an 20:132*



When Umar (ra) was made the Khalifah, he made sure that his family always followed the rules and the laws.

In fact, he addressed his family and said: “I have allowed people to do certain things and prohibited them from others. If you ever do anything that I prohibit, or not do things I obligate the people to do, or if you go against the laws and orders that have been given, I will personally double the punishment for you because you are my family.”





## LESSON 3

# DA'WAH OF THE SALAF





# 3

## LESSONS AND BENEFITS FROM THE DA'WAH OF THE SALAF (PIOUS PREDECESSORS)

Among the lessons that we can take from incidents that occurred during the lifetime of the Salaf and how they did Da'wah are:



### MAKE USE OF EXAMPLES TO SIMPLIFY YOUR MESSAGE

When Imam Abu Haneefah was approached by atheists for a debate, he tried to use their own thinking against them and got his message across with the use of an example.

He said that a boat was sailing in the river Tigris, and all the merchandise and equipment were loading itself on the boat, getting across to the other side and unloading themselves on the other.

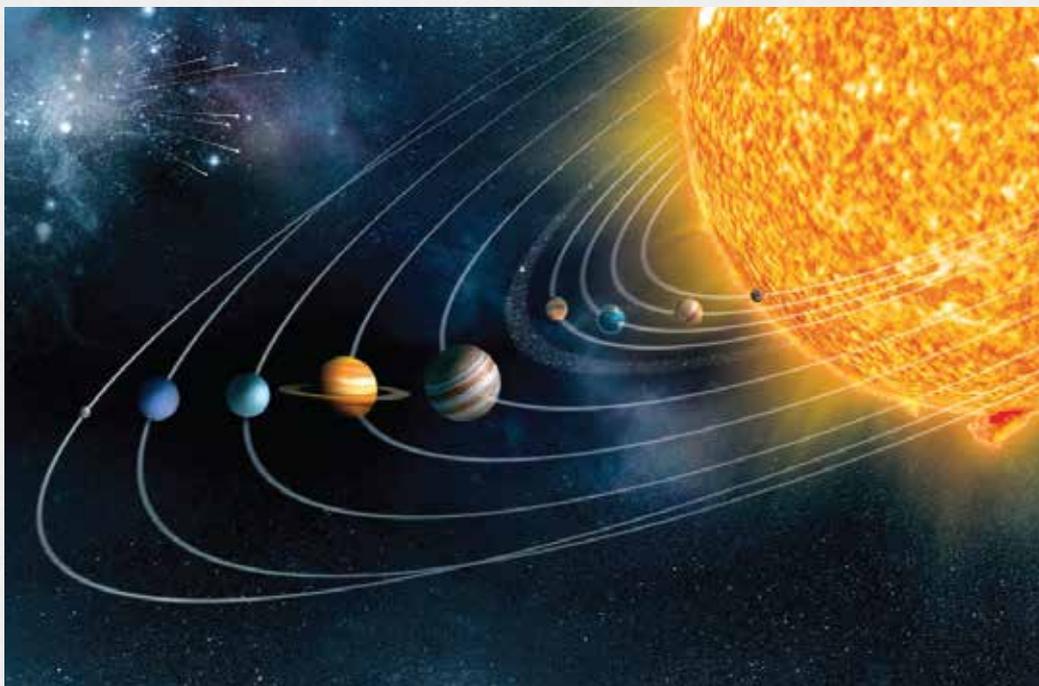




Like any sensible human, the atheists didn't agree to what the Imam said because inanimate things can't move by themselves.

The Imam then explained that when such small things can't happen by themselves how can one expect the entire universe to function itself without any Creator.

He made use of a simple example to get this point across and to easily explain to the masses.





## **LEARN AND DISCUSS BENEFICIAL MATTERS**

A philosopher came to Imam Ash Shaafi'ee and started discussing about the existence of Allah (swt). Imam Shaafi'ee asked him, "Do you know how many stars are in the heavens? Do you know how many strands of hair are on your head? Why are you discussing things that you can't even understand yourself?" He then asked him questions about Wudoo', and when the philosopher did not know the answers, Imam Shaafi'ee explained to him that rather than concentrating on philosophical matters, it would be better if he used his time and efforts on things that are important and beneficial for everyday life.





## RESPECT DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

In the field of Da'wah, there are going to be differences of opinion, whether related to Fiqh, or other matters. One needs to learn to distinguish between differences that are acceptable (those with satisfactory proofs) and those that are not acceptable.

When you call someone towards something, or ask them to abstain from an act, the first step is to ask yourself whether you know the rulings concerning the particular issue or not.

It is important to understand that there are differences amongst the scholars, and if there are differences that are backed by proofs then it's not permissible for anyone to force others to follow a certain opinion.





## LESSON 4

# QUR'AN & SUNNAH IN DA'WAH





## 4

### USE THE QUR'AN AND THE SUNNAH IN YOUR DA'WAH

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The Qur'an and the Sunnah teach us the best ways of Da'wah, and how to call people towards the truth without offending them.



#### ANSWERS TO MOST QUESTIONS ARE IN THE QUR'AN AND THE SUNNAH

One of the best ways to learn Da'wah, and to have answers to questions that non-Muslims ask about is to read the Qur'an. It is full of information and dialogues relating to Da'wah.

Allah (swt) taught the Prophet (pbuh) to answer the different questions of the non-Muslims according to the situations he was in through the Qur'an.

For example, when you call a non-Muslim towards the message of Islam, and he/she retorts back with, "You say, I and my forefathers practised the wrong message, and that they will be in Hellfire."

Rather than saying "Yes they will be in Hellfire" and offending the Mad'oo, learn to answer them in the manner the Qur'an would answer such questions.



“(Pharaoh) said, ‘Then what is the case of the former generations?’ (Moses) said, ‘the knowledge thereof is with my Lord in a record. My Lord neither errs nor forgets.’”

*Al Qur’an 20:51-52*

Whatever they did, they will get what they deserve. So, this is the best answer you can give in such a situation.



## **USE STORIES TO ATTRACT YOUR MAD’OO**

Everyone loves a good story, and it is one of the easiest ways to get the morals across.

No one interrupts in between; instead they wait until you finish, giving you an excellent opportunity to put across your complete point.

Similarly, when you read the Quran, you will realise that it's full of stories.



## HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Islam teaches us to have high expectations for ourselves and others. when you make Du'a for yourself or others, always ask Allah (swt) for the best.



**The Prophet (pbuh) said:**

**“In Paradise there are a hundred levels, what is between every two levels is like what is between the heavens and the earth. ‘Al Firdaus’ is its highest level, and from it the four rivers of Paradise are made to flow forth. So, when you ask Allah, ask Him for Al Firdaus.”**





## BE KIND AND GOOD NATURED

When you are doing Da'wah, make sure your Mad'oo (target audience) feels loved and cared for. Give them the attention they need because that is how the Prophet (pbuh) dealt with his Mad'oo.

Amr ibn al Aas (ra) said: "Every time the Prophet (pbuh) looked at me, he always smiled, so much so that I thought I was his favourite."

This was the way that the Prophet (pbuh) dealt with everyone, he made them feel wanted and cared for.





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## THE FIQHI RULING OF DA'WAH

Da'wah is Fard Kifaayah (communal duty) when there are people in the society who are doing it. But it becomes Fard Al 'Ayn (obligatory on every person) when no one in the society takes an initiative for it.





# **QUESTION AND ANSWER BUCKET**

**QUESTION**

**ANSWER**



1

IT IS RECOMMENDED TO DEAL WITH KINDNESS AND MAKE PEOPLE FEEL WELCOMED WHILE DOING DA'WAH. WOULD THIS APPLY TO SOMEONE WHO TRIES TO SPREAD MISCHIEF TOO?

Ans:

It is recommended to make the Mad'oo feel welcomed during Da'wah, but in certain cases, Hikmah (wisdom) requires the use of force or of being harsh and strict in certain matters so that the one who tries to spread mischief learns the lesson and abstains from repeating it.

During the time of Imam Maalik, a man came into the Masjid and asked, "O Imam, Allah (swt) says: 'Ar Rahmaanu 'Alal 'Arsh Istiwaa.' What is Istiwaa?"

Imam Maalik understood the intention of this man (wanting to spread mischief) by asking unnecessary questions about the attributes of Allah (swt) and replied to him,

**"Al Istiwaa Ma'loom, Wal Kaif Majhool, Was Su'aalu 'Anhu Bid'ah.'**

'The Istiwaa is known, and the 'how' (regarding Istiwaa) is unknown, and asking about it is an innovation', because the Sahaabah (ra) never asked the Prophet (pbuh) about it.



And after giving the man his reply, he had him expelled from the Masjid because he was trying to spread mischief amongst them.

2

IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO COMPROMISE IN MATTERS OF AQEEDAH DUE TO RESPECTING DIFFERENCE OF OPINION?

Ans:

One is supposed to be firm in matters of Aqeedah, and no compromise is allowed in such matters.

For example, During the time of Imam Ahmad, Al Ma'mun tried forcing the people to believe that the Qur'an was not the word of Allah (swt), but that it was Makhlooq (created). The 'Aqeedah of Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaah is that the Qur'an is the word of Allah (swt).

If Imam Ahmad wished, he could have agreed to respect his opinion, because in Da'wah it is important to respect the different opinions of the scholars.

But he didn't agree to it because there is no compromise in matters of 'Aqeedah.



3

### HOW DO YOU GET PEOPLE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEEN?

Ans:

One of the easiest ways to do Da'wah and have the Mad'oo feel concerned about his/her actions is to focus on matters of concern and importance to the Mad'oo.

Look at their personality, their likes, and dislikes, and try to speak to them by relating your Da'wah with the use of things that they like.



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