

## Resources Guide for new Muslims

Congratulations. Now that you have entered Islam, it is important to further your knowledge about Islam from authentic resources. Islam calls us to seek knowledge. The Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) made seeking knowledge an obligation upon every Muslim. He also mentioned that the scholars are the heirs of the Prophets and that the Prophets did not leave behind dinars and dirhams (i.e., money), rather their inheritance was knowledge.

He (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever follows a path in the pursuit of knowledge, Allaah will make a path to Paradise easy for him.” (Bukhaari).

GainPeace has compiled a list of resources to facilitate you in the above task of gaining beneficial knowledge. The primary sources of Islam are the Quran, the word of Allah (The God) and the authentic example of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, known as the Sunnah. Every Muslim should make himself/herself familiarize with these two primary sources as we embark on our journey to enhance our knowledge of Islam.

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**TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBERS:** 24 hours hotline for non-Muslims and revert Muslims for questions on Islam

- 1-800-662-ISLAM (4752)

### MENTORSHIP RESOURCES

- [www.slideshare.net/Sabeel/](http://www.slideshare.net/Sabeel/)  
Effective Mentorship, Overcoming challenges, sample slides on Iman, Prayers, Tahara.

**NEW-MUSLIM CLASSES** – For info on classes, location, and timings offered by GainPeace:

- Send an email to [info@GainPeace.com](mailto:info@GainPeace.com)

### QURANIC RESOURCES

1. Quran translation: <http://www.islamicstudies.info/quran/saheeh/>
2. An annotated linguistic resource which shows the Arabic grammar, syntax, and morphology for each word in the Holy Quran
  - a. <http://corpus.quran.com/wordbyword.jsp>
3. Quran recitation/memorizing – various reciters  
[Quranexplorer.com](http://Quranexplorer.com)

**RESOURCES ON THE SUNNAH** – example of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him

1. The Sealed Nectar – book on the biography of the Prophet
2. Riyad us Saleheen – A comprehensive list of says of the Prophet

**LIST OF MASAJIDS (MOSQUES)** – This is a comprehensive list of Masajid in your area. Type in your zip code in the search to obtain the list of Masajid closest to you.

- [Islamicfinder.org](http://Islamicfinder.org)



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## **BOOKS ON ISLAM**

1. Muhammad - Mercy to Humanity - GainPeace - Saheeh International
2. Top 50 Questions about Islam – Obtain from the GainPeace.com store
3. New Muslim Guide - <https://www.newmuslimguide.com/>
4. Islam: Beliefs, practices and History - Hafiz Ikhlas Ansari.
5. Women’s Ideal Liberation – Rukaiyah Hill Abdulsalam
6. The Cross & the Crescent – Jerald F. Dirks
7. Gender Equality in Islam - Jamal Badawi

## **FULL-TIME ISLAMIC SCHOOLS**

- <https://theisla.org/>

## **MUSLIM BOOKSTORES**

1. Islamicfiner.org contains a comprehensive list of such store close to your place.
2. Some Masjid also has an Islamic store on the premises.

## **INTERNET BOOKSTORES**

1. halalco.com
2. iqra.org
3. soundvision.com
4. al-basheer.com
5. Amazon.com also contains a comprehensive list of Islamic items

## **HALAL/ZABIHA MEAT STORES**

- For a comprehensive, but an unverified list, go to [zabihah.com](http://zabihah.com) or the app the Muslim pro

## **MUSLIM NEWSPAPERS**

1. Muslim Observer
2. The Mirror
3. CIOGC newspaper

## **MAGAZINES**

1. The Message – by ICNA
2. Islamic Horizons – by ISNA
3. Impact International
4. Al-Jumma
5. Minaret
6. Noor – by ICNA Sisters
7. Companion – for Muslim Children

## **INTERNET SITES ON ISLAM**

1. GainPeace.com
2. ICNA.org
3. Icnasisterswing.com
4. <http://www.islamweb.net/en/>
5. <http://www.ediscoverislam.com/>



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## ISLAM APPS

1. iQuran – multiple translations, transliterations, reciters, memorizing, good interface
2. myQuran – word for word meaning, commentary, root words, etc.
3. Muslim Pro – Prayer timings, prayer direction, daily call for prayers, Quran with audio and translation, halal restaurants, daily supplication, Islamic calendar and live from Makkah.
4. Daily Duas for kids Muslim dua – a good app for kids to memorize and remember supplications – has Arabic, translation, and audio.

## DOCUMENTARIES/MOVIES:

1. The Message – story of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him
2. Lion of the Desert – story of struggle by the Libyan Muslims for independence – led by Omar Mukhtar
3. Al-Fateh (Animation) – Muslim conquest of Constantinople
4. The legacy of Prophet Muhammad (s).
5. ISLAM: An Empire of Faith
6. When the Moors rules Europe
7. Islamic Inventions and Contributions
8. Miracles of the Quran – Harun Yahya
9. Circling the House of God – Martin Links
10. Inside Islam – What a billion Muslims really think

# Glossary of Islamic Terms

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**AL-HAMDU LILLAH:** All praise be to Allah.

**ALLAH:** The Name of the Creator of the universe.

**ASR:** Late afternoon prayer

**AYAH:** Verse of the Holy Quran (also means a 'sign' of Allah)

**BIDAH:** Any innovated practice introduced in the religion of Islam.

**BISMILLAH:** 'In the Name of Allah', this statement is usually made by Muslims who are about to indulge in a lawful task.

**DAJJAL:** Anti-Christ.

**DA'WAH:** Propagation of Islam through word and action, calling the people to follow the commandments of Allah.

**DEEN:** Usually translated as 'religion.' Deen is a comprehensive word which means a total way of life, following the commandments of Allah.

**DUA:** Supplication: invoking Allah for whatever one desires.

**EID AL-FITR:** the three-day festival is marking the end of Ramadan - the 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar.

**EID-AL-ADHA:** The Feast of Sacrifice. This feast commemorates the Prophet Abraham's obedience to Allah by being prepared to sacrifice his only son Ishmael. A four-day festival that completes the rites of pilgrimage and takes place on the 10th-13th of Dhul Hijjah (the last Islamic month)

**FAJR:** Early morning prayer, done before sunrise



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**FATIHA:** The opening chapter of the Quran. Fatiha should be read in every prayer.

**GHUSL:** Full ritual washing of the body with water. Ghusl should be done after sexual intercourse, wet dreams, emission, menses, and childbirth.

**HADITH:** Sayings and traditions of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

**HAJJ:** Pilgrimage to the Holy city of Makkah.

**HAYYA –** Modesty of clothes, eyes, behavior, interactions – modesty in its most comprehensive way.

**HIJAB:** Veil worn by Muslim women for reasons of modesty and protection as commanded by Allah

**IMAM:** Leader. A person who leads the prayer and also used for a Muslim Scholar.

**IMAN:** Faith

**ISA:** Arabic word for Jesus Christ.

**ISHA:** Night Prayer

**ISLAM:** means 'submission to the will of Allah', and peace that comes with this submission.

**JAHANNAM:** Hell

**JANNAH:** Paradise.

**JIBREEL:** Angel Gabriel.

**JIHAD:** means struggling one's utmost to be a better person in the sight of Allah

**JINN:** a race of created beings that are made out of smokeless fire.

**JUMMA:** 'Friday,' the Muslim's day of gathering on Friday noon prayers.

**KAABA:** Holiest, and first shrine constructed for the worship of One God, Allah. Muslims face towards the direction of the Kaaba, Makkah.

**KAFIR:** Unbeliever, who have rejected the truth of Islam.

**KHALIFA:** A Muslim ruler of an Islamic State.

**KHUTBA:** Sermon.

**MAGHRIB:** Sunset Prayer

**MALAIKAH:** Angels.

**MASEEH:** A title which means "Anointed" or 'Christ' Title given to Prophet Jesus.

**MASJID:** Mosque, places of worship for the Muslims.

**MIRAJ:** The night journey of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) from Makkah to Jerusalem and then through the realms of the seven heavens.

**MUHAMMAD:** The name of the final Messenger and Prophet of God to Humanity.

**MUHARRAM:** The first month of the Islamic calendar.

**MUSLIM:** a person who 'submit to the will, of Allah, the Almighty.'

**QIBLA:** Direction in which all Muslims face when praying, which is the Kaaba, in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. The direction is North East from Chicago, USA.

**QURAN:** The last revelation of Allah given to Humanity, through his last Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad - peace be upon him.

**RAMADAN:** The month of Fasting, the 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar.

**SAHABI:** Companion of Prophet Muhammad - peace be upon him.

**SAJDA:** Prostration, as in prayer.

**SALAAM:** peace

**SALAAT:** Prayer. Muslims pray five times a day.

**SALLALLAHU ALAIHE WA SALLAM:** means 'may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. This phrase is recited whenever the name of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) is mentioned.



**SAUM:** Fasting

**SHAHADA:** The creed of Islam: 'I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. By consciously reciting the 'Shahada' and fully believing in it, is the way a person formally embraces Islam.

**SHAITAN:** Satan.

**SHARIA:** Islamic Law. It encompasses both the Quran and Hadith, the sayings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

**SHIRK:** Associating partners with Allah. The grave sin of Shirk is not forgiven if a person dies in that state.

**SUBHAN ALLAH:** means 'Glory is to Allah'.

**SUBHANA WA TAHLA** – Sometimes written as 'swt,' means 'Allah – The Glorified & Exalted.'

**SURA:** Chapter of the Quran. Quran has 114 Suras or chapters.

**TAHARA:** purification of body, clothing, and soul.

**TAQWA** – God consciousness, piety.

**TAWHEED:** The Divine Unity, in its most profound sense. Allah is One in His Essence and His Attributes and His Acts.

**TAYAMMUM:** Dry purification when water is not available or is detrimental to health.

**UMRA:** A pilgrimage to Makkah, but not during the Hajj period.

**WITR:** A prayer which has an odd number of Rakat (units). Usually referred to the last prayer of the night after the Isha prayer.

**WUDU:** Purifying with water before performing prayers.

**ZAKAT:** Obligatory Charity

**ZUHR:** Also spelled 'Dhur.' Early afternoon prayer, the second prayer of the five daily prayers.



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