

# THE DYNAMICS OF SALAT

*A concise guide to:  
Outer Discipline & Inner Discipline*

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## THE DYNAMICS OF SALAT REFORMING POWER OF PRAYERS

"Establish Regular Salat and do not be among those who associate false gods and demigods with Allah."(Q. 30:31)

Salat is the main and central pillar and the core worship in Islam. Its acceptance is vital for spiritual elevation. This Book deals with the basic requirements for the validity of our Salat, which are essential for its acceptance. It covers various ways, to improve the quality of our prayers to the levels required to attain the state of "Me'raj", the spiritual elevation, as the Prophet (s) said. If we fail to attain that stage, we lose the core benefits Salat can bring in us, which are, among others, mental tranquility, self-reformation and self-purification. (Q. 13:28)

Two chapters on Salatul Jama'ah and Salatul Jumu'ah have been included as both of these salats form important features of our daily and weekly worship and a strong spiritual and social structure of Islam. The Chapters contain common and essential "Masael", explained in simple and plain words, for the validity of our Salat. It is extremely important that we learn these rules.

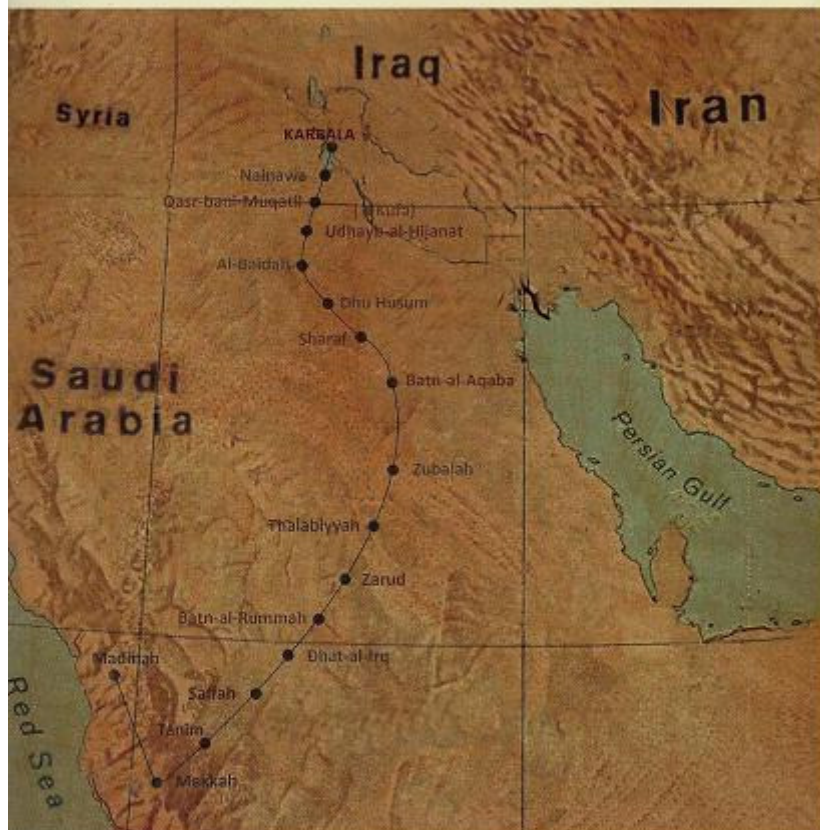
Otherwise, the validity our prayers will be at risk.

An outline commentary of Surahs Al-Hamd and Al-Qadr, recited most commonly in our Salat, the Du'as usually recited after the regular Daily Salat, their explanatory translations, and two model Khutbahs of Salatul-Jumu'ah have been included as Appendixes. We need to study them in-depth in order to understand their inner meanings and philosophy.

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### About The Book

Many Muslims and non-Muslims are aware, to various degrees, of the tragedy of Karbala in present-day Iraq. It was in 61 AH (680 AD) when Imam Husein (as) - the second grand-son of the Holy Prophet of Islam - and his small group of supporters were mercilessly, cruelly and brutally murdered by the forces of Yazeed, the leader of the Muslims at the time.

There are numerous books written by - and countless audio lectures on the Internet given by - eminent scholars, historians and educators on this subject; they are excellent in their objectives and for their target audience. The author felt the need for a book that is different in two aspects.

First, to really appreciate and understand the significance of the mission of Imam Husein (as), his campaign has to be put in context and not looked at in isolation. This can only be achieved by knowing what went on before, during and after this campaign.

Second, in order to attract a wider readership, the book is written in a simple narrative form, giving all the essential details, but not in the academic language and scholarly format. To this end, the book is purposely written using bullet points, short paragraphs and plain language to make the reading easy, quick, enjoyable and interesting.

The book is intended for people of different faiths and of varying age groups who have a passing or particular interest to get the complete picture of the tragedy of Karbala.







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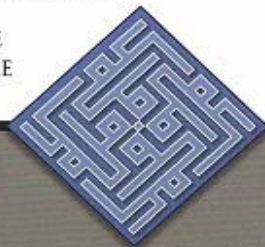
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The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as the 'founder' of Islam and the messenger of Allah's (God's) final revelation to mankind, is the interpreter par excellence of the Qur'an. His *Hadith* and *Sunnah* - his sayings and actions - are, after the Noble Qur'an, the most important source of Islamic belief and practice.

For many people, the earthly career of the Prophet ﷺ seems often 'too human' and 'too engrossed' in the vicissitudes of the social, economic and political aspects of daily activity to serve as a model for the ideal spiritual life. Because of this, many people who write of the great spiritual guides of humanity can not understand and interpret him without bias. The Prophet ﷺ participated in all aspects of social life - he married, had a family, was a father and moreover, was a ruler and a judge. He also had to fight many battles in which he experienced the painful outcomes of war - in essence, he had to experience all the difficulties which human life entails. However within all of these activities, his heart rested in contentment with the Divine and he continued to repose in the Divine Peace. In fact, his participation in social and political life was precisely to integrate this domain into a spiritual centre!

It was the function of the Prophet ﷺ to be not only a spiritual guide, but also the organizer of a new social order with all that such a system requires, and it is precisely this aspect of his being that veils his purely spiritual dimension from foreign eyes.

Outsiders have understood his political genius, his power of oratory, and his great statesmanship, but few have understood how he could be the religious and spiritual guide of humanity and how his life could be emulated by those who aspire proximity to the Almighty Creator. From the Muslim point of view, the Prophet ﷺ is the symbol of perfection of both the human person and human society. He is the prototype of the human individual and the human collectivity and as such, he bears certain characteristics in the eyes of the Muslims which can only be discovered by studying the accounts of conduct and behaviour - as seen in this monumental work, Sunan an-Nabi.

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The rituals of washing, shrouding and burying the corpse have also got to follow an exact order. The prayers for the corpse are prescribed, as are the procedures for burial itself. The journey continues through various stations in the Hereafter, and these are briefly explained.

Considerations, like the registration of death and burial paperwork are also mentioned.

All these aspects are explained in this book. Verses from the Qur'an and Ahadith from the Ahlul-bayt are cited where appropriate.

The types of actions that would continually benefit the souls of those who have passed away have also been mentioned and so are the methods of offering prayers for the departed souls.

The book is comprehensive and covers concisely all processes pertaining to death, (before, during and after) including etiquettes of conveying condolences to the bereaved family and visiting the cemetery.

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Questions have always been the key to unlocking the treasures of knowledge, and individuals and nations who tend to question less, acquire a reduced share from this vast treasure. Without doubt, it is the right of every person to ask questions and obtain their answers, and none can be deprived of this logical and rational privilege. The Noble Qur'an has repeatedly emphasized this right and in order to better understand our faith, we have been ordered to ask those who possess *knowledge*.

The breadth of this Qur'anic ruling reveals that Islam does not recognize any limits or restrictions as far as questioning is concerned and permits everyone to pose questions in connection with doctrinal, social, ethical, political and other issues. The obvious exception to this rule are misleading questions asked with the intention of ruining peoples' faith, and those asked merely to plant confusion in the minds of the people. In reality, these are not questions, rather they are destructive plots in the guise of questions.

Since the Noble Qur'an is a colossal encyclopaedia of Divine sciences and human affairs, on numerous occasions and in connection with various verses, there are questions that come to the forefront - a great number of which, due to lack of relevance of the subjects discussed, remained unanswered in the books of commentary of the Qur'an.

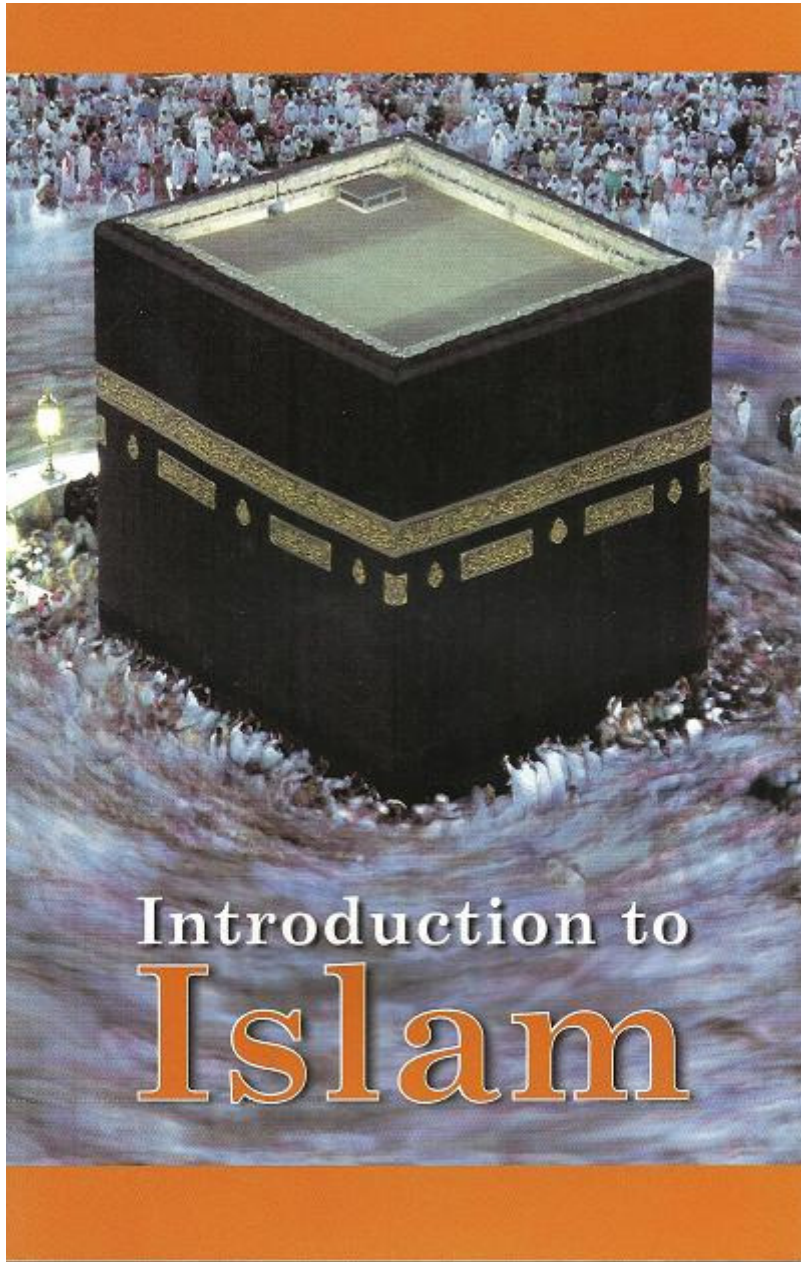
This book, which is presented in three parts, is a compilation of 180 questions and answers covering a wide spectrum of issues from the daily practical rulings of Islam (Fiqh), historical issues, theological beliefs and other topics, which Muslims have been perplexed about for hundreds of years.

It is hoped that this collection opens up a new avenue of learning for everyone - especially the Muslim youth - regarding issues pertaining to Islam and the Qur'an, and serves as a means of salvation for all of us on the Day of Judgment.



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