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Place of Birth and Origin: Montreal, Canada

Religious Journey and Educational Pursuits

Ustadh Hasan was born and raised in Montreal, Canada. His pursuit of sacred Islamic knowledge has taken him across two continents in search of authentic learning and spiritual guidance. Recognizing the importance of studying with qualified scholars who maintain unbroken chains of sacred Islamic learning, he traveled to South Africa and Yemen to sit at the feet of esteemed Islamic scholars and teachers.

Qur'anic Studies in South Africa

During his initial stay in South Africa, Ustadh Hasan focused primarily on Qur'anic Studies, acquiring specialized knowledge in the sciences of the Qur'an, including recitation (tajweed), memorization, exegesis, and related disciplines. This foundational training in Qur'anic knowledge provided him with deep expertise in the Islamic scripture and its classical interpretive traditions.

Advanced Studies at Dar al-Mustafa

Subsequently, Ustadh Hasan moved to Tarim, Yemen, to pursue advanced Islamic studies at Dar al-Mustafa, one of the premier institutions for traditional Islamic learning. During his time at this esteemed seminary, he engaged in comprehensive study of various Islamic sciences, benefiting directly from instruction under several distinguished scholars and luminaries, including Habib Umar bin Hafiz, Habib Muhammad bin Abdullah al-Aydarus, Habib Hashim bin Aqil, Shaykh Umar bin Husayn al-Khatib, and others. Through these teachers, he acquired mastery in Islamic jurisprudence, hadith studies, Islamic theology, Islamic spirituality, Arabic language and linguistics, and other traditional Islamic disciplines.

Professional Leadership and Teaching Experience

Upon his return from Tarim in 2015, Ustadh Hasan became a faculty member at Al-Maqasid, an institution dedicated to advancing Islamic education and scholarship. In this role, he contributes to the comprehensive Islamic education of students pursuing knowledge in traditional Islamic disciplines.



He leads the Classical Arabic Program at Al-Maqasid, a comprehensive educational initiative designed to teach students the Arabic language as it is used in classical Islamic texts and traditional Islamic scholarship. Through this program, he enables students to access primary Islamic sources and engage directly with classical Islamic scholarship.

Areas of Expertise

His specialized knowledge encompasses Qur'anic sciences and recitation, Islamic jurisprudence, hadith studies, Islamic theology and creed, Arabic language and linguistics (particularly classical Arabic), Islamic spirituality and Sufism, and traditional Islamic methodology. He is particularly skilled in teaching classical Arabic to diverse learners, making the language of Islamic scholarship accessible to contemporary students whilst maintaining linguistic rigor and authenticity.

Current Focus and Mission

His present work focuses on advancing Islamic education through language instruction and traditional Islamic scholarship. Through his leadership of the Classical Arabic Program at Al-Maqasid and his teaching contributions, he endeavors to equip students with the linguistic tools necessary to engage directly with classical Islamic texts and traditions. His mission centers on bridging contemporary learners with the rich intellectual heritage of Islamic civilization by providing access to the language through which that heritage is expressed, whilst maintaining fidelity to classical Islamic learning and methodology.

