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## HADITH OF THE MONTH

*There is no greater wealth than wisdom, no greater poverty than ignorance; no greater heritage than culture and no greater support than consultation.*

-Imam Ali

*Nahjul Balagha*

## LEADER CALLS MUSLIMS TO UNITY 5/12/09

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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei urges Iranians and Muslims in general to resist enemy efforts to fuel sectarianism.

"Those who are targeting our national unity using faith as an excuse... they are the elements of the enemy," the Leader said in the western Iranian city of Sanandaj on Tuesday.

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"The miserable Salafi and Wahhabi groups who are fed petro-dollars to carry out terrorist acts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and elsewhere, many of them are not aware that they are mercenaries of the enemy."

Speaking in the Kurd and Sunni majority province of Kurdistan, Ayatollah Khamenei went on to say that Shias who insult Sunni beliefs, and vice versa, are also working for the interests of world powers and adversaries of Islam.

Moderate Sunni and Shia Muslims are of the belief that the Wahhabi ideology, which leaders of groups such as the Taliban and al-Qaeda seek to promote, bears no resemblance with Islam.

Comments made by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at a congressional hearing confirm that Washington supports groups as part of its pursuit of its regional interests.

"And great, let them come from Saudi Arabia and other countries, importing their Wahhabi brand of Islam so that we can go beat the Soviet Union," she said on the Taliban's creation in the 1980s.

During the Tuesday speech, Iran's most senior official said that the Iranian nation would defend its territorial integrity against powers that do not want a united Iran.

Kurdistan is the Iranian province where PJAK separatists, offshoots of the internationally-recognized terrorist group the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), seek to gain ground by carrying out violent attacks.

According to a November 2006 article published by *The New Yorker*, the US military and Israel provide PJAK with equipment, training and vital intelligence to destabilize the Iranian government.

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## THE HIDDEN TRUTH

Hujjat al-Islam Ghulam Hurr Shabbiri has started a blog on the online version of the Houston Chronicle (chron.com) entitled, "The Hidden Truth". The purpose of the blog is to open a dialog with anyone who wishes to develop an understanding of the philosophy and practice of Islam and to explore the hidden truth about Islam.

Maulana Shabbiri has explored a few topics so far in his blog with the following topics

- Islam and Ideological Freedom
- "Lord, Increase me in Knowledge"
- Should "Freedom of Speech" mean "Freedom to Insult"

The blog can be found in the Belief channel at <http://www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/thehiddentruth.html>

The IEC community is welcome to frequent the blog and provide comments for the benefit of the readership.

An extract of the blog entry on "Islam and Ideological Freedom" is included below:

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful  
Peaceful coexistence seems to be an oxymoron in some parts of the world today. One of the most tragic examples of violence in recent times has been the bombing of churches, mosques



and other places of worship. In the wake of these senseless acts, questions have been raised about the Islamic perspective on tolerance of other faiths.

The fact is that living among people with different views and beliefs is a given in any society. Even if it were possible to isolate oneself from all those who are considered different, based on any criteria, it is inevitable that differences would exist even within a homogenous community. This is a reflection of human nature. Since Islam is based upon a clear understanding of human nature, it is illogical to assume that it recommends that differences among people be resolved through violence.

To the contrary, Islam decrees that, "There is no compulsion in religion" (Holy Quran, 2:256). In other words, one is free to choose one's faith and no one is entitled to force it upon you. If other faiths have a right to exist,

then what is Islam's approach to the important issue of coexistence? Taking one example, Islam respects all Divine religions and calls the followers of the Divine Scriptures to engage in dialogue with mutual respect, as is clear in the verse of the Holy Quran (3:64), "Say: Oh People of the Book! Come to a word common between you and us that we worship none but Allah, and that (we shall) not associate anything with Him...". Similarly, the Holy Prophet of Islam, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) adhered to the policy of peace and rational adjustment with non-Muslims, and it is expected that all Muslims will adhere to this policy also.

**REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING 2009 MUSLIM CONGRESS CONFERENCE IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN**

**Imam Ali (a.s.)  
The Perfection of Humanity**

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MICHIGAN**



# Open Enrollment for 2009-10 at Al Hadi School

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- National Future City Competition (SIM City)
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- Private School Interscholastic Association Meets
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Established in 1996, the Al Hadi School of Accelerative Learning is a full-time, private Islamic school offering instructional classes and after-school care for students in Preschool through Grade 12. The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), which is recognized by the US Department of Education. Al Hadi was granted the **exemplary** status by SACS during its 2007 review.

Alhamdulillah, now in its 14th year of operation, the school continues to pursue its mission to *develop students' intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic potential in an Islamic environment*, enabling them to acquire academic excellence and build character so they become viable individuals ready to contribute to the society. We thank you for your continued support over the years, and invite you and your child to be a part of another exciting school year next Fall (August 2009). **Registration is currently in progress, and we have limited seats available in grades KG – 6th. Please enroll your child today.** We wish you and your children a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Current Year Achievements

- ⇒ Three graduates of Class of 2009 were accepted to University of Texas in Austin.
- ⇒ Dual credit program at the Houston Community College.
- ⇒ Initiated the AHS Lions Elementary Boys soccer team which competes in the West Houston Soccer League.
- ⇒ Elementary and Middle School won PSIA District Championships (2nd time in three years).
- ⇒ 7th & 8th Grade AHS SIM CITY Teams won 1st Place in Regional Future City Competition and advanced to National Competition in Washington, DC.
- ⇒ SIM City Team won 1st Place award for their Future City Transportation System from the US Department of Transportation.
- ⇒ AHS High School Debate Team won 2nd Place in University Interscholastic League (UIL) Competition.
- ⇒ Continued high performance of students in the ACT, SAT and ERB standardized tests.



*Bis' mi- Talla  
Inna lil- lahi WA Ina llahe- Rajoon  
"Iza Matal Aleemo-Maatal Alam" (The death of an Alim is the death of all world.)  
- Hadees Prophet Mohammad PBUH*

**Mourning for the demise of Ayatollah Mohammad Taqi Bahjat R.A.**

Today, the Islamic Ummah is in mourning with the demise of Ayatollah Bahjat, a great scholar, a Gnostic (Aarif) and a Grand Marja-e- Taqleed (Source of Emulation).

With utmost sadness, we express our condolences to the Imam of our time –Imam Mahdi A.S., the Wali-E-Faqi (Leader of the Muslim Ummah) and other Marajae-e-Taqleed in all the religious seminaries.

We pay tributes to his services to Islam and in educating future Ulema for many decades. His special commitment to the Islamic Government and Leadership is a great lesson for all other scholars around the world.

We pray to Allah S.W.T. to increase his rank among the momineen in the Hereafter and place him with the Holy Ahlebaith A.S.

To commemorate his demise, we declare three days of mourning in Houston, Texas. Momineen and Mominaat are requested to participate in the mourning sessions starting today and ending on Tuesday, at Islamic Education Center, Houston, Texas.

With deepest sympathy,  
Hurr Shabbiri  
Mohammad Hasan Shariati

May 17, 2009

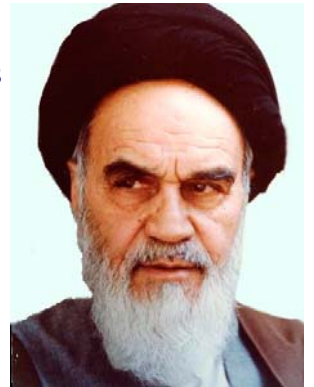
## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a new section we will be adding in Wahdat which will include our readers comments/ opinions on previous Wahdat articles. If you would like to contribute to this section and/or contribute any article please email [director.publications@iec-houston.org](mailto:director.publications@iec-houston.org)

We appreciate your input and contributions.

## DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF IMAM KHOMEINI

On Saturday evening, June 3, 1989 (the 13th of Khurdad, 1368 corresponding to the 28 of Shawwal of the lunar year 1409) Imam Ruhullah Khomeini (S.A.), the great leader of the Islamic revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran passed away ... With the demise of Imam Khomeini, the world lost a great revolutionary and a matchless leader who awakened the Muslims, revived Islam and restored to it its pristine grandeur...



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# Congratulations Class of 2009



## I.E.C. Sunday School Corner

Alhamdulillah, I.E.C. Sunday school had another successful year. The graduation commencement ceremonies were held on Sunday May 31, 2009. Mashallah with the support of the community, Sunday school staff and volunteers, almost 150 students, from pre-kindergarten to youth, received trophies and certificates. Maulana Shabbiri honored the gathering with his motivational speech. Sr. Zahra Shanarad distributed trophies to all the hard working and dedicated volunteers and staff. Hats off to: Sr. Fauzia Chagla's class for their colorful decorating and MCing the ceremony, Sr. Sadaf Ebrahim's class for preparing a wonderful power point presentation and Sr. Kaukab Jafry for getting the fabulous trophies.



This year's ceremony was very unique in its self. For the first time in Sunday school's 25 years history, two special grants were awarded. "Principal Kazim Begum Memorial Scholarship" of \$250.00 each was awarded to our very own dedicated Sunday school teachers, Sr. Zainab Kazimi and Br. Hassan Khalil. Special gratitude goes to all the past Sunday school staff volunteers, who have molded and guided us all these years with their selfless time, love and devotion. We couldn't have done it without you! May Allah (SWT) and the 14 Masoumeen bless and shower Their blessings on us all.

## CONGRATS TO 2009 GRADUATES!

We would like to congratulate all recent graduates in our community! We wish them the best in their future efforts and tasks.

### ON EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE...

*The best and most effective way to combat foreigners is to be armed with the knowledge of religion and of the world. Vacating this bastion and suggesting to lay down this weapon is treason to Islam and the Islamic state.*

*-Imam Khomeini*

*Every container becomes tightly packed with what is put in it, except for the container of knowledge, for surely it expands.*

*-Imam Ali (as)*

*Knowledge is too immense in scope for anyone to be able to contain it. So learn from each science its useful parts.*

*-Imam Ali (as)*

*"Islam's all-inclusiveness and finality as a religion demands that every field of knowledge that is beneficial for an Islamic society be regarded as a part and parcel of the "religious sciences."*

*-Martyr Murtada Mutahhari*

### INTERVIEW WITH SOME OF THE RECENT AL-HADI GRADUATES

**How did your experiences at Al-Hadi influence you academically and socially?**

**Aliya Isphany:** Al-Hadi helped me learn to balance my religious and academic life, teaching me to always prioritize Islam. Being at Al-Hadi was like being a part of a family; I will always remember the people who were there when I needed them to both laugh and cry.

**Ailia Ahmed:** Going to Al-Hadi has strengthened me as an individual because of the unique education I have been given.

**How do you feel about going to University of Texas?**

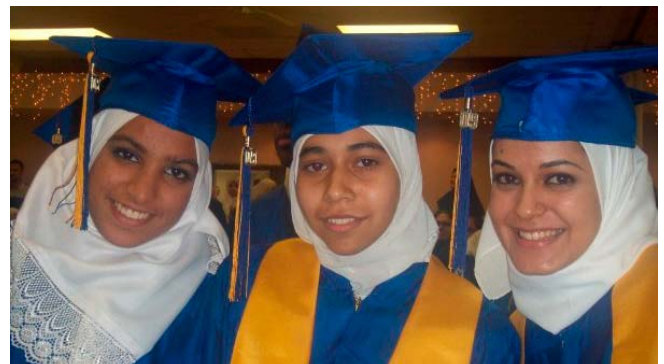
**Aliya Isphany:** I am very excited to join UT Austin in the Fall of this year. Right now I am in the college of Education. I want to earn my bachelor's as a K-4 generalist teacher and insha'Allah earn my masters in Business Administration.

**Ailia Ahmed:** The UT experience will be very interesting and exciting for me.

**Why is education important to you?**

**Aliya Isphany:** Education is important to me because I feel that I can give back to society better as an educated person.

**Ailia Ahmed:** Education gives us the tools to grow and change.



A few of the recent Al-Hadi graduates (left to right) Sara Dhanji, Ailia Ahmed (who has been doing the youth newsletter Haqq which appears in Wahdat for the past year), Aliya isphany. All three will be attending the University of Texas next year.

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Wafat of Imam Khomeini (RA)**  
**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> Jamadi Al Thani**  
**Actual Date: June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Quran recitation	7:15 pm
Youth Presentation / Quiz	7:30 pm
English Speech Maulana Hurr Shabbiri	8:00 pm
Maghribein Prayers	8:39 pm
Multimedia Presentation	9:15 pm
English Speech Maulana Abbas Ayleya	9:30 pm
Dinner	10:30 pm
(Estimated cost of program / dinner is \$2500.00)	

**Milad Javad s/o Makbul and Zehra Sajan**  
**Farhana d/o Naushad and Zareena Kassem**  
**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Quran Recitation	7:00 pm
Hadith-e-Kisa	7:15 pm
Qaseedas	7:45 pm
Speech by Maulana Hurr Shabbiri	8:00 pm
Maghrib/Isha Prayers	8:41 pm
Dua-e-Kumayl	9:15 pm
Tabarruk	10:00 pm

**Birthday of Hazrat Fatima Zehra (AS)**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Actual Date: 20<sup>th</sup> Jamadi Al Thani**

Quran recitation	7:00 pm
Hadith-e-Kisa	7:15 pm
Nikah Ceremony	7:30 pm
Qaseedas	8:15 pm
Maghribein Prayers	8:42 pm
Fund Raising	9:10 pm
English Speech	9:30 pm
Dinner	10:00 pm

**Wiladat of Imam Baqir (AS)**  
**Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>,**  
**\*Night of 1<sup>st</sup> Rajab.**

Maghrib / Isha Prayers	8:44 pm
Program starts	9:15 pm
Estimated cost of Tabarruk is \$ 1200	

**Martyrdom of Imam Ali Naqi (AS)**  
**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**\*Night of 3<sup>rd</sup> Rajab**

Maghrib / Isha Prayers	8:45 pm
Program starts	9:15 pm
(Estimated cost of Tabarruk is \$800.00)	