



# LIGHT OF HIRA

A LIGHT OF GUIDANCE FOR ALL

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## **About Us**

Light of Hira is an organisation which aims to provide guidance and support to New Muslims and Non-Muslims interested in Islām, to help them in their spiritual quest and to promote a greater understanding and awareness of the teachings of Islām. This organisation is mentored by the founder of the Islamic Da'wah Academy, Shaykhul-Ḥadīth, Ḥaḍrat Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *ḥafīẓahullāh* and runs under his supervision.

It was the cave of Hirā, where Prophet Muhammad s first received revelation from Allāh ﷻ. This cave became the source from where the rays of knowledge, guidance and spirituality emanated and illuminated the entire world. It is with the hope of this comparison that the honourable Shaykh Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *ḥafīẓahullāh* named this organisation 'Light of Hira'. With this honourable name, we aspire to follow the footsteps of our beloved Prophet ﷺ and spread the teachings of our dīn.

Alḥamdulillāh, after being charity registered in September 2015, we moved into our new centre situated on Berners Street in Highfields, Leicester, which fortunately falls within very close proximity of the world renown Islamic Da`wah Academy. This centre holds all the present activities of Light of Hira. Alḥamdulillāh, Light of Hira has been instrumental in providing guidance to over a 100 new Muslims after their acceptance of Islām.

## **Aims & Objectives**

We offer help, support & guidance to new Muslims. We have an enquiry service for anyone with questions regarding Islām and mentoring those interested in accepting the faith. We aim to promote Islām's concept of mercy, tolerance & compassion for all.

## **Our Challenges**

It is 'relatively easy' to make someone recite the Kalimah after Allāh ﷻ opens his/her heart to Islām, but it is a very arduous task to walk with these new reverts through the gate of Islām and be with them from the time they are spiritually Muslim toddlers till the time when they are able to walk themselves without falling or stumbling. We all, and more so the reverts, need a helping hand. This is the greatest challenge.

It is a pity that in our communities, many new Muslims have been left alone to deal with their new lives and face their problems and families with their very limited knowledge. This has even caused some to wander astray. As for those who survive this difficult journey, wherever they may be, in a small village or in a city flat, they can bear witness that it is not easy to embrace this new life on your own. As Muslims being part of the Ummah of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ, we have many responsibilities including looking after and being there for our new Muslim siblings.

## **Islamic Classes**

Classes to new Muslims have been imparted for over a decade. We have catered for students according to their needs and personal commitments. The classes have always been accompanied with substantial advice and counselling as each new Muslim is in a world of his/her own facing his/her own personal challenges. Our classes run for both males and females. Males have classes from Monday to Thursday evenings and females have class on Friday evenings. All classes are run by authentic reliable scholars who have studied the full 'Ālimiyyah course and experienced volunteers.

## **Seminars**

We held a brief seminar in 2013 where we gathered new Muslims. Invites were sent out to all those who had accepted Islām and benefitted from the guidance of the Islamic Da`wah Academy and/or Light of Hira. We were very fortunate to have the company of our respected Shaykh Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *ḥafīzahullāh*

who addressed the gathering with his precious advices. The seminar concluded with a meal. We intend to have more seminars in the future.

### **Distribution of Da'wah Material**

We also distribute Da'wah material on relevant topics to those interested in Islam and to those who want to further their Islamic knowledge. We have sponsored the publication and distribution of approximately 20,000 copies of various relevant booklets prepared by the respected Shaykh Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *ḥafīzahullāh*.

We mainly distributed to prisons – Alḥamdulillāh 120 prisons this year - targeting our Muslim brothers and sisters hoping to reduce their re-offending, address extremism and increase the spirituality of the Muslim resident in the prison system in England, Scotland and Wales. The titles included Profit from Ramaḍān, Islām - a Message of Mercy, Luminous Prayers, Al-Mu'awwadhāt, Winning the Hearts of the People etc. We also distributed a book titled 'Inspirations' to the Muslim chaplains of these prisons which would aid them in their arduous tasks and inshā'allāh be of benefit to them.

We have also prepared material which is useful for all and especially new Muslims e.g. Ṣalāh Made Easy, Last 15 Sūrahs with Transliteration & Meaning etc.

### **Food Collection**

In 2015 our respected Shaykh Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat *ḥafīzahullāh* suggested the idea of starting a food collection service to help those who are homeless and those who are in need. Light of Hira undertook this project and has started a food collection initiative. These efforts were supported by various mosques and madrasahs in Leicester. Awareness was spread through flyers and posters distributed to 20 participating mosques and madrasahs. People dropped off their food items to our Centre on fixed dates and times. Each item was labelled as a gift and then all items were distributed between 5-7 organisations across Leicester including the Dawn Centre,

Women's Aid, Salvation Army's Homeless City Centre Facility, As-Salām Trust, Border House, Action Homeless etc. Alḥamdulillāh the response from the Muslim community has always been very positive.

### **Future Plans**

We hope to further our activities in the future by holding more seminars and get-togethers for new Muslims, increasing the distribution span for our literature and expand the food collection service. We also hope to introduce a new project called 'Anṣār' where new Muslims are introduced to Muslim families. We aim to help the new Muslims by offering them a sense of comfort, companionship and family.

### **Your Support**

After thanking Allāh ﷻ for His help and mercy, we extend our gratitude to all those brothers and sisters who have continuously supported Light of Hira, whether physically, morally or financially. However, we remain in constant need of your support. With your help, we aspire to increase our activities and consequently increase the field of our projects.

In order to become part of this noble cause, earn a lofty status and continual reward in the hereafter, you can help in the following manner:

- 1) Make du'ā for the success of Light of Hira and all its activities.
- 2) Refer those people to Light of Hira who may benefit from the various activities outlined.
- 3) Donate lillāh towards our activities generously. We also have a standing order form service where you can set a recurring donation starting from as little as £5.

Your help and generosity give us the chance to spread the teachings of our beautiful dīn far and wide to a much wider audience. It is an ideal opportunity to create a means of Ṣadaqah Jāriyah (continuous ṣadaqah) for ourselves. May Allāh S bless us with sincerity and accept all our efforts. Āmīn.

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