

# Summer Courses 1439 (2018)

## Essentials of Islamic Theology

**Schedule:** Shawwaal 25 to Thul-Qa'dah 5, 1439 (July 9 to July 18, 2018), 09:15 PM - 10:00 PM EDT

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**Topic:** A study of as-Sa'dee's classic 65-lined poem on creed, methodology, and manners.

**Course Goal:** To become well-versed in core issues of Islamic creed through the study, understanding, and appreciation of a highly beneficial, concise poem written by a leading scholar of Islam, Shaykh 'Abdul-Rahman ibn Nasir al-Sa'dee.

### Course Objectives:

- To gain appreciation of the poem and its style, rhythm, content, and academic value
- To understand each line and the canonical evidences behind it
- To adopt core beliefs and manners that were previously not known to the learner
- To review previously known core beliefs and manners
- To gain stability in Islamic creed and practice through grounded knowledge

**Required Reading:** Summer Courses 1439 (2018) Workbook, Amazon.com (to be released). Additional slides and handouts (provided through private Facebook group to registered students).

**Primary English Resources:** The text of the "*Manhaj al-Haqq*" Poem, by 'Allaamah as-Sa'dee, as found in the Summer Courses 1439 Workbook, Bakkah Publications (in production).

**Primary Arabic Resource:** The *Manhaj al-Haqq* Poem (منهج الحق)

**Secondary Resources:** Sh. 'Abdur-Razzaaq al-Badr's explanation

### Course Schedule:

Date	#	Lines	Topics Covered
July 09th	1	1-4	Introduction to poem and author, Allah's Oneness, Majesty, and Ascension, love and humility as worship
July 10th	2	5-10	Praises due to Allah, denouncement of partners, likenesses, or deficiencies, affirming divine Attributes without false explanations

July 11th	3	11-14	Allah's Loftiness, His Closeness, al-Hayy, al-Qayyoom, His Generosity and Limitless Bounties, His Knowledge, Capability, Seeing, and Hearing
July 12th	4	15-23	Allah's Dominion, Wisdom, Descending, & Sending of Messengers, the superiority of Muhammad, the Companions, the Speech of Allah
July 13th	5	24-27	Belief in Qadr, the definition and fluctuation of Eemaan, the affairs of the Day of Judgment,
July 14th	6	28-36	Contemplating the creation, signs all prove His Greatness and Bounties, the actions of the people of Paradise and Hell
July 15th	7	37-43	Fulfilling religious duties and avoiding disobedience, sincerity, conformity, tawakkul (placing trust), patience, fear and hope, purification of the heart
July 16th	8	44-48	Companionship of righteous vs. wicked people, overlooking offenses, distance from worldly indulgences
July 17th	9	49-65	Remembering Allah, benefits of thikr, supplicating for success, conclusion of the poem (these verses were studied in the March visit)
July 18th	10	N/A	Make-up and/or review session

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is expected of students in all their classes (including lecture, tutorials, group work, etc.). Students who are unavoidably absent due to illness or disability should notify to their instructors of their situation.

**Evaluations:** Mid-level exam (15MC), final exam (25MC), project (10pts).

**Project Options:** Organizing and memorizing the evidences, memorizing the poem, collecting 40 Hadeeth about the topics studied, compiling organized notes/commentary, other projects may be suggested, done in small teams of three or pairs.