

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

- A PhD candidate at the Faculty of Language and Translation, Islamic Studies (in English) department, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt. Title of my thesis is: *Methodology of Qur'an in Da`wah and its Role in Promoting the Islamic Discourse in the West - A Thematic and Analytic Study.*

- M.A. in Islamic Studies, Birkbeck College, University of London, November 2004. Title of the main submitted dissertation is: *Justice in Human Relations According to The Holy Qur'an*

- Licentiate of Islamic Studies (in English), Faculty of Language and Translation, Al-Azhar University; May 1997.

Occupation (Current):

- Imam at one of Nasr City mosques under the Egyptian ministry of religious endowments.

- A Visiting Imam at *Woking (Al-Birr)* and *Margate mosques UK* for about two months on a yearly basis.

Occupation (Previous):

- Head of Research and Translation at Net Horizons Company (Egypt), a global media company based in Cairo and working mainly for Exploring Islam Foundation UK and the IIDR (Islamic Institute for Development and Research) from June 2011 until May 2015.

- Teacher of Arabic language for English Muslims at the Egyptian Association in Britain and visiting Imam at *Margate Al-Birr Mosque and Islamic Centre – UK*. This was in the period from August 2010 until April 2011.

- A Full Time Senior Translator and Reviewer - for Islamic subjects Arabic/English - at Net Horizons Company (Egypt), a branch of Exploring Islam Foundation UK, from July 2009 until August 2010.

- A freelance senior translator - for Islamic subjects Arabic/English - for Harf Information Technology Company – Egypt since March 2009 until January 2010.

- Senior full-time translator - for Islamic subjects Arabic/English - at Harf Information Technology Company - Egypt since December 2007 until March 2009.

- Imam of Basingstoke Mosque (UK) from October 2005 to October 2006.

- Imam at the Islamic Cultural Centre and London Central Mosque from August 2001 to August 2005.

- Imam at one of Nasr City mosques under the Egyptian ministry of religious endowments from January 2001 to August 2001.

- Technical translator - from English into Arabic - at “Future Soft” from May 1999 to January 2001.

- Technical translator - from English into Arabic - at “Saudi Soft” from September 1998 to May 1999.

- English language Teacher from September 1997 to September 1998.

Professional Experience

Writings, Researches, Courses, and Lectures:

- Translating, editing, compiling and writing many Islamic materials and using them in delivering *KHUTBAS* and speeches both in Arabic and English at different places in the UK and the USA.

- Writing the following researches in English:

- Justice In Human Relations According to The Holy Qur’an
- The Concept Of *Naskh*
- Imam Ibn Taymiyah
- The Concept of *Khilafah* and *Shurah* in Islam
- The Moral Teachings Of The Quran
- *Khul’*
- Who Is Muhammad?

- Teaching different educational courses and lectures in a simplified dialogue that can be easily understood by Muslims in the west. These courses include: Teaching Arabic language for non-native speakers of Arabic including the beginners`, intermediate and advanced levels, Tajweed course (in English), Qur’an Interpretation lectures (Arabic & English), Classes in Islamic faith and morals & Biography of the Prophet -PBUH- (Arabic & English).

- Organizing the Curriculum for *Madrasa* classes (Qur`an and Arabic classes for English-speaking children).
- Teaching Arabic language and the Holy Qur`an for children.

Administrable Tasks:

- Arranging talks, discussion groups, seminars, social subjects and open days to create harmony and unity among the Muslim community; in places where I worked as an Imam in the West.
- Answering queries and Fatwas both in Arabic and English.
- Resolving family and social disputes among Muslims living in the UK.
- Meeting people who would like to know more about Islam or who would like to embrace Islam, explaining the basics of Islam to them, answering their questions, helping them with the conversion process, and issuing the certificates of conversion to Islam for new Muslims.
- Performing and issuing Marriage, Divorce, and Revocation of Divorces Certificates (in the UK).

Short Da`wah Activities:

- Visiting Imam at *Margate mosque and Islamic Centre – UK* during the period from the 15th of June to the 1st of August 2018.
- Visiting Imam at *Woking (Al-Birr) mosque and Islamic centre – UK* during the blessed month of Ramadan corresponding to May/June 2018
- Visiting Imam at *Woking (Al-Birr) mosque and Islamic centre – UK* during the blessed month of Ramadan in the years 2017, 2016 and 2015.
- Visiting Imam at *Woking (Al-Birr) mosque and Islamic centre – UK* during the blessed month of Ramadan corresponding to June/July 2014.
- Visiting Imam at *Woking (Al-Birr) mosque and Islamic centre – UK* in September and October 2013.

- Visiting Imam at *Finsbury Mosque* – UK during the blessed month of Ramadan corresponding to July/August 2012.
- Visiting Imam at *Margate Islamic Centre* - UK during the blessed month of Ramadan corresponding to August/September 2009.
- Attending "How To Present Islam" Course held by Bridges Foundation – Egypt in the period between 23/10/2008 and 31/11/2008.
- Visiting Imam at *Margate Islamic Centre* - UK during the blessed month of Ramadan corresponding to September 2008.
- Visiting Imam at *Badr Islamic Centre* in Fresno (one of the towns of California USA) during the blessed month of Ramadan in the period between the 13th of September and the 13th of October 2007.
- Joining seven groups for Hajj as a religious guide for the British pilgrims guiding pilgrims through all the blessed rituals of Hajj and `Umrah as well as during the visit to Al-Madinah. This took place in the years 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2017 and 2018.
- Participating as a guest speaker for Shari`ah TV Programme presented in 2005 by Channel 4 – British TV.

Conferences and Group Meetings:

* Attending and contributing in numerous conferences and group meetings which relate to wide scope interests to the Muslims in the United Kingdom such as Social, Medical, Economical and Legal matters of general interest. Many of these events were joined by representatives of Muslim and non Muslim Institutions along with governmental and non governmental Muslim and British officials. Examples for some of the above are:

- Participating in one of the interfaith meetings organized by Hampshire County Council at the University of Winchester in March 2006.

- Participating in an exhibition organized by Basingstoke College Of Technology in March 2006.
- Participating in a conference organized by Margate Mosque under the Title “Discovering Islam” and giving a lecture on this subject in April 2006.
- Joining a conference held on 19/6/2004 at the Islamic Cultural Centre under the title (Problems of Domestic Violence and the Way to Overcome them).
- A symposium on 6/3/2004 organized by Union of Muslim Organizations in Britain entitled (Islam and Human Rights).
- Joining forum at the Muslim College in London on 8/6/2004. This forum was done on the honor of the Egyptian high delegation headed by his Eminence, the Grand Mufti of Egypt Dr. 'Ali Jum'ah and including the eminent Dr. Ja'far Abul Salam, the general trustee of the union of Arabic Universities, the eminent Dr. Muhammad Abu Laylah, head of the English language department and the Islamic Studies branch in the University of Al- Azhar in Cairo, and the eminent Dr. Zaghoul al- Najjar, the physical researcher and the well-known Islamic scholar. The forum was under the title (Giving Good Representation for Islam).
- Joining forum held on 12/6/2004 by the Islamic Cultural Centre during which the eminent Dr. Ja'far Abul Salam, the general trustee of the union of Arabic Universities, the eminent Dr. Muhammad Abu Laylah, head of the English language department and the Islamic Studies branch in the University of Al- Azhar in Cairo, and the eminent Dr. Zaghoul al- Najjar, the physical researcher and the well-known Islamic scholar gave brief speeches while the Grand Mufti of Egypt his Eminence Dr. 'Ali Jum'ah had a word followed by answering questions of the attendees.
- Receiving his Eminence, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais the Imam of Al-Haram Al-makyy Al-Sharief who gave the Friday Khutbah at the Islamic Cultural Centre on 18/6/2004.
- A symposium on 6/3/2004 organized by Union of Muslim Organizations in Britain entitled (Islam and Human Rights).
- A conference on 6/5/2004 held by some financial British foundations and discussing the requirements and needs of the Muslim community in Britain for Islamic financial services.

- A symposium held on 12/6/2004 by the Islamic Cultural Centre on the honor of the Eminent Saudi Minister of Da'wah and Irshad and entitled (Ways of improving da'wah work in the west).
- Visiting and delivering the Friday khutbah in one of the Prisons in Filtham County on 27/6/2003.
- A Forum organized by the Islamic Cultural Centre on 2/9/2003 in which Dr. Mohamed Abu Laylah – Lecturer at the Azahar Al Shareef's University delivered a lecture in Arabic and English languages titled "Problems Encountering Muslims in the west and How to overcome them".
- London Imams Forum in the Islamic College in London on 17/5/2003.
- Joining meeting of the General Union of Muslims in Britain and Ireland on 19/10/2003. This meeting was under the title (Ramadan Crescent).
- Participating as a member of committees for Quran Contests organized by London Central Mosque during the month of Ramadan on a yearly basis in the period between 2001 and 2005. Net Horizons Company (Egypt).