

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH & WORKS OF
SHAYKH-UL-ISLAM DR MUHAMMAD TAHIR-UL-QADRI
WITH HIS CHAINS OF CLASSICAL ISLAMIC AUTHORITY
AND AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF
MINHAJ-UL-QURAN INTERNATIONAL



Shaykh-ul-Islam Dr Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri was born on 19 February 1951 in the historic town of Jhang, Pakistan. From a young age, he was educated in both the Islamic and secular fields of knowledge. Dr Qadri graduated with a first class honours in law at the Punjab University, Lahore, in 1970 and followed this with an M.A. in Shariah sciences, receiving a Gold Medal for his academic performance. In the meantime, he had completed his classical Islamic studies, having spent over ten years under the tutelage of his father and other eminent Islamic scholars of the time, achieving an unparalleled understanding of the classical Shariah sciences and the Arabic language. Following a period of legal practice, he taught law at the University of Punjab from 1978 to 1983 and then gained his PhD in Islamic law from the same university in 1986. He was afterwards appointed as Professor of Islamic Law and Jurisprudence at the University of Punjab.

Dr Qadri founded Minhaj-ul-Qur'an in 1981 and established its headquarters in Lahore. In less than 30 years, Minhaj-ul-Qur'an has expanded and spread to more than 70 countries around the world; and in terms of its comprehensive and all-encompassing sphere of activities, including welfare, educational, cultural and spiritual, Minhaj-ul-Qur'an is probably one of the largest non-governmental organisations in the world.

Dr Qadri is currently the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Minhaj University of Lahore (Pakistan), chartered by the Government. He has been engaged in intensive research work, having authored around 400 published works in his lifetime, together with around 1000 unpublished works. He has delivered thousands of lectures around the world on a vast variety of subjects. The following represents a selection of his works:

Works on Qur'anic Tafsir - exegesis (in number totalling 80 works) include:

- Irfan al-Qur'an (the Meanings of the Qur'an — Urdu and English versions)
- Tafsir Minhaj al-Qur'an (al-Futuh al-Madaniyya — 14 volumes)
- Tafsir Sura al-Fatiha (partly published, totalling 7 volumes), the largest available publication on this subject.

- Kashf al-Ghita `an Ma`rifat al-Aqdam li-l-Mustafa (Tafsir in the Arabic language on the excellence of the Holy Prophet — blessings and peace be upon him).
- Development of Human Personality
- Islamic Philosophy of Human Life
- No Coercion in Religion

Works on Hadith compilation and the science of Hadith (in number totalling 80 works) include:

- Jami' as-Sunna fi ma Yahtaj Ilayhi Akhir al-Umma (a comprehensive compilation of 25,000 ahadith, totalling 20 volumes)
- al-Minhaj as-Sawiyy min al-Hadith an-Nabawiyy (a hadith collection of 5000 ahadith over 5 volumes compiled in the pattern and style of Imam Nawawi's Riyad as-Salihin and al-Khatib at-Tabrizi's Mishkat al-Masabih relevant to the modern age). al-Minhaj as-Sawiyy was published with compliments and tributes of Shaykh al-Azhar as-Sayyid Dr Muhammad Tantawi, a renowned Muhaddith of Egypt, ash-Shaykh Dr Ahmad `Umar Hashim, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Jami'a al-Azhar, Cairo, and Grand Mufti of Egypt ash-Shaykh Dr `Ali Jumu'a and others
- al-`Ata fi Ma`rifat al-Mustafa (4 volumes — a collection of 5000 ahadith on the subjects of the excellence, habits, morals, specialties and miracles of the Holy Prophet — blessings and peace be upon him — in the pattern and style of ash-Shifa of Qadi `Iyad)
- Hidayat al-Umma `ala Minhaj al-Qur'an wa's-Sunna (2 volumes — another collection of ahadith, numbering 3000)

Works on `Aqida – Islamic theology (in number totalling 100 works) include:

- Majmu'at al-`Aqa'id (25 volumes — an unprecedented compendium on Islamic Faith and Theology)
- Kitab at-Tawhid (a detailed treatise on the concept of the unity of Allah running into 2 volumes)
- Kitab ar-Risala (2 volumes — a detailed treatise on the excellence of Prophethood and highly esteemed station of the Holy Prophet — blessings and peace be upon him)
- Kitab as-Sunna (2 volumes — a comprehensive treatise on the authority, science and compilation of hadith and sunna)
- Kitab al-Bid'a (a comprehensive work on the concept of 'innovations' in Islam)

Works on the Sira – biography - of the Holy Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) and his virtuous characteristics, among many others, include:

- Sirat ar-Rasul (a collection of 14 volumes, the largest collection ever written in the Urdu language)
- Muqaddima as-Sira (2 volumes — an unprecedented work in Islamic history in the pattern of Muqaddima Ibn Khaldun)

Works on Islamic law and jurisprudence (totalling around 60 works) include:

- Islamic Penal System and Philosophy (Shaykh-ul-Islam's doctoral thesis)
- Islamic Concept of Law
- Salient Characteristics of Islamic Law
- Islamic Concept of Crime
- A Comparative Study of Islamic and Western Concepts of Law
- Islam and Criminality
- Legal Character of Islamic Punishments
- al-Hukm ash-Shar'i (a book on Usul al-Fiqh [Islamic jurisprudence])
- Sources of Islamic Law
- Philosophy of Ijtihad and the Modern World

Works on Tasawwuf (Sufism) and spirituality (totalling around 50 works) include:

- Kitab al-Ihsan
- Reality of Tasawwuf
- Practical Code of Spirituality
- Obedience to Allah
- Pearls of Remembrance of Allah
- Love of Allah
- Wariness of Allah
- The Beauty of Pious Deeds
- al-Fuyudat al-Muhammadiyah

Works on human Rights and modern Sciences, among many others, include:

- Human Rights in Islam
- Islam on the Rights of Women
- Islam on the Rights of Children
- Islam on the Rights of Senior Citizens
- Islam on the Rights of Non-Muslims
- Islam on the Rights of the Disabled

Miscellaneous works, among many others, include:

- Islam in Various Perspectives
- How to end Extremism and Sectarianism
- The Real Concept of Jihad
- Jihad: A Charity
- True Knowledge: a Creative or an Interpretative Phenomenon
- Reformable Aspects of Religious and Secular Sciences