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Course Information

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Course Description

This course will begin with a survey of the life and times of the Prophet Muhammad, followed by an examination of his teachings and the manner in which they were preserved and transmitted in the two centuries following his death. We will then go on to study the Prophet’s “image” as it has been articulated in a wide variety of doctrinal and devotional texts from the classical period of Islam to the present era.

Required Texts

Jonathan Brown, Hadith
Martin Lings, Muhammad
Al-Sulami, The Subtleties of the Ascension
Annemarie Schimmel, And Muhammad is His Messenger

Requirements and Due Dates (See Course Site for Details)

/25 Book Report May 23rd
/30 Test June 6th
/45 Research Paper June 20th
Schedule of Lectures and Readings

May 9th

*The Life and Legacy of the Prophet*

Readings:  *Muhammad*, Chapters 1-10  
*And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Introduction and Chapter 1

May 11th

*The Muhammadan Reality*

Readings:  *Muhammad*, Chapters 11-20  
*And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapter 7

May 16th

*“If You Love God …”*

Readings:  *Muhammad*, Chapters 21-30  
*And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapters 3-4

May 18th

*Inward and Outward Beauty*

Readings:  *Muhammad*, Chapters 31-40  
*And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapters 2 and 6

May 25th

*The Prophet as Healer and Intercessor*

Readings:  *Muhammad*, Chapters 41-50  
*And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapter 5

May 30th

*“Send Blessings and Greetings of Peace Upon Him”*
Readings:  And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 8  
June 1st

Annihilation in the Messenger

Readings:  Muhammad, Chapters 51-70

June 8th

Three Beloved Things

Readings:  Muhammad, Chapters 71-85  
And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 10

June 13th

The Ascension

Readings:  And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 9

June 15th

The Image of the Prophet in the West

Readings:  And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 11

June 20th

The Prophet’s Mirror

Readings:  And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 12