

# Course Organisers

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## Course on Methodology 2005-2006

The objective of the course is to alert the scholar, student, researcher and thinker to a new and beneficial approach to the study of the fundamental sources of our faith.

For too long now the Qur'an and the Sunnah, great sources of strength, purity, knowledge and inspiration have not been tapped. Skirting their peripheries or over-dwelling on one or two of their multifarious facets has done a disservice to their immense potential. Now that Muslims are increasingly becoming aware of their intellectual crisis, revisiting these two sources is essential. Earlier generations derived their guidance from them. There is a universal call for new Ijtihad to meet contemporary challenges. This can be achieved only through a new methodology to help study the Qur'an and Sunnah as the foundation for the building of human civilization.

It is obvious, therefore, that examining the issue of methodology is crucial to our project of focusing attention on the ever changing nature of human society and the role Islam can play in steering towards moral and spiritual goals.

5-6 DECEMBER 2005

9AM-5PM

Issues in Methodology

### AIMS OF THE COURSE

- ♦ Define the concepts and terms.
- ♦ Recognize the need for developing a contemporary methodology for dealing with the Qur'an, the Sunnah, and human heritage.

6-7 FEBRUARY 2006

9AM-5PM

Methodology in Dealing with the Qur'an

- ♦ Highlight the crisis that is engulfing contemporary Islamic thought and elucidate its intellectual and methodological dimension.

6-7 MARCH 2006

9AM-5PM

Methodology in Dealing with the Sunnah

- ♦ Define the facets of the existing methodological crisis in Muslim and non-Muslim thought.
- ♦ Explain the manner of formulating an Islamic research methodology. Understand the issues of causality and faults and how to overcome obstacles in reconstructing the social and human sciences.
- ♦ Identify the still commonly used sources and references that are related to the undertaking.

*More details to be posted on website*

THE COURSE WILL BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN THE THEORETICAL ASPECT, WORKSHOPS AND ASSIGNMENTS.