



# SUGGESTED TOPICS

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan Legacy Competition

## LET'S GET STARTED

Here is a list of topics for you to get started on your research. Good luck and feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

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## LINK TO PDFS OF BOOKS OF MAULANA

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## Topic 1: REALIZATION OF GOD

Realization of God, ma'rifah is integral to all of Maulana's material. He said, the realization of God is the essence of religion. The position of ma'rifah in God's religion is that of the seed. Just as a seed grows gradually into a full tree, similarly ma'rifah shapes the entire personality of a person. Without ma'rifah, religion is reduced to a spiritless form. With ma'rifah, religion is like a lush green tree and without it, religion becomes like a dried up tree.

Realization or discovery of God means the discovery of a Being who is at once Creator, Master and Sustainer of all creation. Everything has been made by God and God alone and receives eternal sustenance from Him. There is nothing which can exist without Him. Discovery of God is the direct apprehension of a Being who is all-seeing and all-hearing, and who is the repository of all wisdom and might. Consciousness of this discovery and faith in God go hand in hand. A man of faith begins to look upon himself as a servant of God.

Submission to God means entrusting oneself to Him entirely, making all one's hopes and aspirations, fears and entreaties only to Him. It means witnessing the glory of God in every blessing he receives. It means living in the remembrance of God and living instead of a self-oriented living.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Discovering God | The Concept of God | The Way to Find God | Man and God | Realization of God | Attributes of God | Remembrance of God | God-Oriented Life

### Topic 2: ISLAMIC THEOLOGY

Elucidating Islamic theology in modern times, Maulana covered two major themes associated with rational reasoning that is essential to address the minds of individuals in the contemporary world. The first theme is the affirmation of Islam, that is, to prove Islamic concepts in the light of rational arguments. Some of Maulana's books on the subject are: Fikr-e-Islami, Kitab-e-Marefat and Izhar-e-Deen in Urdu and Religion and Science, God Arises and Islam: The Voice of Human Nature in English. These books prove religious concepts based on the inferential argument, which is the same used to prove all scientific truths. The second theme is the rational interpretation of the teachings of Islam that is clarifying the Islamic teachings in the light of accepted rational arguments.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

God Arises | Religion and Science | Vision of Islam

### Topic 3: QURAN WISDOM

The Quran is the Book of God that has been preserved in its entirety for all time to come. The teaching of the Quran can be summed up under two headings: Oneness of God, monotheism (tawheed): believing in One God and worshipping Him alone; and Brotherhood of Mankind, justice (qist) that is regarding all human beings as equal and giving equal rights to all. The Quran tells us that God has given innumerable blessings to humanity. Man is duty-bound to offer thanks to his Benefactor, love and fear God more than anyone or anything else, and consider himself accountable.

The main theme of the Quran is to make people aware of the Creation Plan of God, and remind about the life after death. The Quran emphasizes on the formation of one's character through introspection and moulding oneself to the will of God, to developing purified personalities (tazkiyah).

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Quran Translation | Quran Commentary | Discovering the Quran | The Quran: An Abiding Wonder | The Quran for All Humanity | Quran Pocket Guide | The Good Life | A Treasury of the Quran | Quranic Wisdom

## Topic 4: THE CREATION PLAN OF GOD

Maulana explains that the main theme of the Quran is to make people aware of the Creation Plan of God. All the prophets came to the world to explain the Creation Plan regarding life to mankind that is God created man as an eternal creature, with the first brief span of his life in the pre-death period for the purpose of testing him, and the rest of his eternal life in the post-death period for the purpose of reward or punishment based on how he performs in his test. According to this plan, God created man and settled him in the present world, on the planet earth. God gave man the opportunity to stay here without applying any curbs on his freedom. Man has the right either to use his freedom in a rightful manner, or to misuse it as he pleases. This is his test of man.

When human history has run its course, it will terminate with the Day of Judgement. Then the Creator of man will manifest Himself in order to mete out rewards or punishments commensurate with the record of human deeds on earth. Those who have passed the test will be blessed with eternal paradise, while those who have failed the test will be cast into eternal hell. The Quran (and Islam) guides man on how he can bring about an intellectual revolution in himself by performing tazkiyah so that he may be held deserving of eternal Paradise in the world of the hereafter.

### BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC

Search for Truth | The Seeker's Guide | In Search of God | Man: Know Thyself | The Reality of Life | The Purpose of Life | The Creation Plan of God | God and Life Hereafter | Reflections of Life and Death | The Final Journey | Life, Death and Beyond | The Purpose of Creation

## Topic 5: PROPHET MUHAMMAD: Prophet of Peace

In his books, Maulana not only describes the life of Prophet Muhammad but also analyses in depth the message conveyed to us through the Prophet's life. He explains that Prophet Muhammad went out of his way to follow a policy of peace throughout his life, contrary to the misconception that a significant part of his life was spent on warfare. As a result, Prophet Muhammad was supremely successful at both religious and secular levels. The exemplary life he lived can serve as an unflinching guide to right thinking and right living even in this modern age.

Dr. Michael Hart in his book entitled *The Hundred* in which he mentions the one hundred people he believes to have exerted the greatest influence on human history, places Prophet Muhammad in the number one position, writing: “He was the only man in history, who was supremely successful on both the religious and secular levels.” In making Prophet Muhammad the greatest figure, and consequently one of the most resplendent landmarks in human history, God has bestowed his greatest favour on mankind. Whoever seeks guidance for this life till the Hereafter cannot fail to see him, for he stands out like a tower, a mountain on the horizon, radiating light like a beacon, beckoning all to the true path. It is inevitable that the seekers of truth will be drawn up to the magnificent pinnacle on which he stands.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Muhammad: A Prophet From All Humanity | Prophet Muhammad: A Simple Guide to His Life | Muhammad: The Ideal Character | Words of Prophet Muhammad | An Islamic Treasury of Virtues | Prophet Muhammad Pocket Guide

### Topic 6: REVIVAL OF ISLAM IN THE MODERN AGE

Islam is God-centered religion that has been preserved forever in the pages of the Quran and in Prophetic Sunnah. However, slowly but surely, it so happens that the human distortions, obscure the real image of religion as it was originally revealed. At such a stage, purging it of human interpolations to refresh and revivify its original image, is termed, the ‘Revival of Islam’.

The religion of Islam is destined to be a guidance for mankind, for all times to come. Changed situations in every age demand that efforts be made towards adaptation of the injunctions of Islam to meet new exigencies. In the past this change was carried out through the Prophet. Today ijtiḥad or reapplication of Islamic injunctions in the modern age is carried into effect by the Islamic scholars. Revival of Islam in the modern age is synonymous with refreshing, renovation, exposition or elucidation of the original message of Islam.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

The Vision of Islam | Islam Rediscovered

### Topic 7: REDISCOVERING ISLAM FROM ITS ORIGINAL SOURCES

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan rediscovered Islam from its Original Sources—Quran and Sunnah. In his writings he presented Islam as it is, drawing on its original sources rather than judging it by the later day interpretations and commentaries or the practices of present-day Muslims in different parts of the world. Using the scientific approach, he made a distinction between Islam as presented by Prophet Muhammad and his Companions (information about which is

available to us in the Quran and the Sunnah) and Islam as represented by later Muslim generations—both in theory and practice. Islam is the religion of nature. When presented in its original form, people would turn to it quite naturally. Unfortunately, a section of the Muslims is engaged in violent and aggressive activities, wrongfully indeed, in the name of Islam. Maulana attempts to introduce Islam as it is, making a distinction between Islam and the practices of the Muslims by judging Muslims in the light of original Islamic sources—The Quran and Sunnah, and not vice versa.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Islam Rediscovered | Islamic Activism | Islam and Sultan | The Man Islam Builds

### Topic 8: ISLAM IN THE MODERN AGE

Islam is a manifestation of exactly the same universal law according to which, as demonstrated by science, the entire universe is functioning. Islam is a religion of nature. It remains eternally alive, just like the sun. Any cloud can temporarily veil the brightness of the sun, but no sooner does the cloud disappear, than the face of the sun emerges, bright and shining as earlier. The traditional interpretation of Islam in the modern scientific age is like the veiling of the sun. Once Islam receives scientific argument in its support, it shines bright like the sun once again.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Religion and Science | Islam: The Creator of the Modern Age | Islam and the Modern Man | Islam in History | The Revolutionary Role of Islam | Islam Stands the Test of History | The Shariah and Its Application | The Vision of Islam

### Topic 9: REVEALING THE TRUE FACE OF ISLAM

Telegraph, London published an article on Islam in 2001, 'A Religion That Sanctions Violence'. Due to Muslim militancy, Islam has become synonymous with global political jihad today. Islam is often mistaken for orthodoxy. In his writings Maulana Wahiduddin Khan removes various misconceptions about Islam to reveal its true face as presented in the Quran and the Prophetic traditions such as: Why are Muslims conducting jihad? Does the Quran ask Muslims to kill non-Muslims? Does Islam ask Muslims to establish an Islamic State? What is ISIS? Who are Kafirs? What are Fatwas? What was the Satanic Verses controversy? Does Islam degrade women? What is the role of woman in Islam? What is Fatwa? What is the importance of peace in Islam? Does Islam give religious freedom? Does Islam place curbs on freedom of expression and enquiry? Using the scientific approach, Maulana corrects the position of Islam based on its original sources.

**BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Islam Pocket Guide | The Political Interpretation of Islam | The True Jihad | Islamic Fundamentalism  
| Islam and Human Welfare

**Topic 10: CALLING PEOPLE TO GOD**

An important theme in many of Maulana's books is calling people to God. Calling people to God is taking the prophetic mission forward. It is to convey the message of God to those who are still unaware of it. From the viewpoint of real status, a Muslim is a *dayee* and all other nations are his *madu*. That is to say that God has made the Muslims the trustee of His final book, the Quran. Now it is their responsibility to convey the message of this book to all humanity. The success of both the worlds, the present world and the hereafter, lies in their fulfilling this duty.

The Call to God aims at bringing people closer to their Creator and Sustainer. It is telling them that the only right way of life for them on this earth is to become true believers in God. Man has only two ways of leading his life in this world: the self-oriented way and the God-oriented way. The self-oriented life way is one in which all activities centre on one's self. Such a life is led according to man's own thinking, based on one's own whims and desires. On the other hand, the God-oriented life is one in which man considers himself subservient to God. He moulds his feelings and emotions according to God's commands. To such a person, a successful life is one in which one lives and dies in accordance with God's pleasure based on the Creation Plan of God.

**BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

The Call of the Quran | Calling People to God | Re-Planning of the Islamic Mission in Modern Times |  
The Prophetic Role of Noah | Dawah: The Mission of the Muslim Ummah | Dawah Made Simple

**Topic 11: THE END OF HUMAN HISTORY: THE FINAL CALL TO HUMANITY**

The history of religion tells us that from the time that God created man, He has been sending prophets for man's guidance. During the age of the prophets, the knowledge of reality was transmitted at the level of revelation. This process continued until the age of the modern scientific revolution. Now, the reality, which was being presented to man at the level of revelation, has become a proved fact to the ultimate extent at the level of human knowledge. For the first time in human history the divine book, the Quran, and human knowledge are totally in consonance with each other. This has made it possible for seekers of truth to find it at the level of full conviction and realization, leaving no margin of doubt. Now man has reached the end of human history. All that is left to happen now is for Doomsday to take place and Almighty God to come directly into man's view. The study of the Quran and Hadith tells

us that before the end of human history on earth, some clear signs will appear, which will serve as the final warning for man. After the emergence of these signs, God will command the angel Israfil to blow the trumpet. Then, all of a sudden, human history, having passed through its temporary phase, will enter its permanent phase. That is to say, the blowing of the trumpet will mark the end of the phase of action and the beginning of the phase of reward. Those who do not awake today will be awakened by the trumpet of Doomsday, but the awakening will be of no avail to anyone.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Interpretation of Human History | Paradise: The Final Phase of the Human Civilization | Global Warming: The Divine Warning of Doomsday

### Topic 12: WISDOM OF LIFE

A tradition of the Prophet of Islam states, “Wisdom is the lost property of the believer. He should accept it wherever he finds it”. (Sunan al-Tirmidhi, Hadith No. 2687) This hadith explains wisdom is a common treasure house. Maulana spent his entire life extracting wisdom from the Quran, from the life of the Prophet of Islam, from human knowledge, from observing the universe and by interacting with others. His writings are a treasure-trove of wisdom of God realization, spirituality and life management.

#### **BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC**

Living in Hope: Opportunities Amidst Problems | Simple Wisdom | The Moral Vision | The Secret of Success | Quranic Wisdom | Leading a Spiritual Life | Secret of Success