Islamic Studies: A Progressive Guide

Islamic Studies is the academic study of Islam. It covers various aspects of the religion, including its history, beliefs, practices, ethics, and laws, drawing from primary sources like the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Akhlaq (Qur'an, Hadith & Sunnah)

This term focuses on a comprehensive review and deeper application of Akhlaq, possibly involving more complex scenarios and ethical dilemmas.

Akhlaq (Islamic Ethics and Morals) - Advanced Application

- **Comprehensive Review of All Akhlaq Principles:**
  - Truthfulness, Honesty, Patience, Justice, Kindness, Compassion, Forgiveness, Modesty, Respect for Elders/Parents, Generosity, Cleanliness, Respect for Life, Good Neighbourliness, Self-Control, Humility, Purity of Intention, Brotherhood, Seeking Knowledge, Responsibility.
- **Application in Modern Contexts:**
  - **Environmental Ethics:** Responsibility towards the environment, conservation, avoiding waste.
    - **Qur'an:** "And do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption." (Qur'an 2:205)
    - **Hadith:** "The world is green and beautiful, and Allah has made you its stewards." (Muslim)
  - **Business Ethics:** Honesty in trade, avoiding cheating, usury (interest), fraud, fair wages, ethical marketing.
    - **Qur'an:** "O you who have believed, do not consume one another's wealth unjustly but only [in lawful] business by mutual consent." (Qur'an 4:29)
  - **Social Media Ethics:** Avoiding backbiting, slander, spreading rumors, cyberbullying, promoting hate speech online. Promoting positive and beneficial content.
  - **Interfaith Relations:** Respecting other religions, engaging in dialogue, finding common ground, avoiding compulsion in religion.
    - **Qur'an:** "There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion." (Qur'an 2:256)
  - **Leadership and Governance:** Justice, accountability, consultation, service to the people.
  - **Global Citizenship:** Understanding one's role as a Muslim in the global community, promoting peace and justice worldwide.

- **Developing Self-Awareness and Self-Correction:**
    - **Muhasabah (Self-Accountability):** Regularly reflecting on one's actions and intentions, identifying weaknesses, and striving for improvement.
    - **Tawbah (Repentance):** Sincere turning back to Allah from sins, seeking forgiveness, and resolving not to repeat them.
- **Importance of Akhlaq in Achieving Falah (Success):** Emphasize that true success in Islam encompasses both this life and the hereafter, and good character is paramount for achieving it.