

3 DAYS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

The International Islamic Conference titled 'Intellect and Revelation' - 'Relations and Ijtihadi Implications' was held from the 10th to 12th of March 2023. The Conference was organized by The Islamic Education Department of the World Federation in collaboration with the Africa Federation through its Tabligh Board (AFTAB), and hosted by KSI Jamaat of Dar Es Salaam. The Conference aimed to bring together Islamic scholars, intellectuals, and experts to discuss the relationship between intellect and revelation, and its implications for ijtehad.

The Conference was attended by a large number of participants from different parts of the world. The keynote speakers included renowned Islamic scholars and intellectuals who presented their research on various topics related to the Conference theme.



The event was well-attended by Resident Aalims of Africa Federation constituent Jamaats, Sheikhs from Bilal Muslim Mission from Kenya, Tanzania and other institutions from various African countries. The presence of a large number of invitees added to the success of the Conference.

The Conference provided a platform for scholars to share their research and engage in meaningful discussions with attendees. The Q&A sessions allowed for further clarification and discussion of the presented topics. The panel discussions and workshops provided opportunities for attendees to engage in collaborative learning and exchange of ideas.

It was an immense privilege to have the esteemed presence of the Chairman of Africa Federation, Alhaj Amine Nassor, Vice Chairman Alhaj Aunali Khalfan, Hon. Secretary Alhaj Zuhair Jaffer, Chairman of AFTAB Alhaj Sajjad Walji, the President of World Federation Alhaj Safdar Jaffer, and the President of Dar Es Salaam Alhaj Mohammed Raza Dewji in our midst.

A welcome address was delivered by the President of KSI Jamaat of Dar es Salaam, Alhaj Mohamedraza Dewji who spoke on the importance of maintaining good relationships with National Muslim Council of Tanzania and also with the local communities which the Jamaat have been striving for several years, he mentioned that the Hon. Mufti of Tanzania, Sheikh Abubakar Dr. Zubeir Bin Ally was invited for the opening of the Conference as Chief Guest, unfortunately he was unable to attend due to ill health.



The President of Dar es Salaam Jamaat Alhaj Mohamedraza Dewji addressing the gathering at the Opening Ceremony.



The Chairman of Africa Federation Alhaj Amine Nassor addressing the gathering at the Opening Ceremony flanked by Hon Secretary Alhaj Zuhair Jaffer

Alhaj Amine Bhai delivered a brief address, expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to participate in this conference. His words were filled with the utmost respect and admiration for the importance of this conference, stating that it is filled with the light of Islamic knowledge and the luminaries of our organizations worldwide.

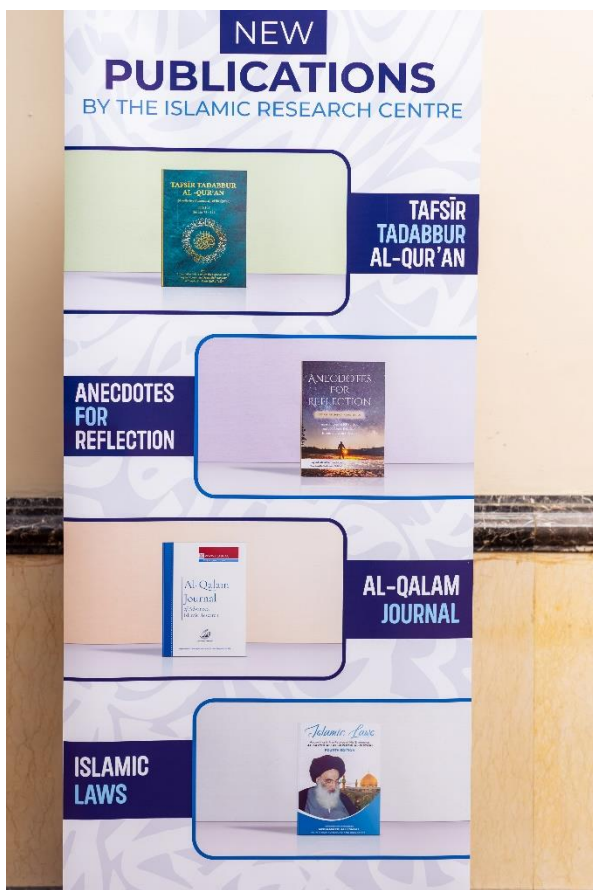


The President of World Federation Alhaj Safder Jaffer addressing the gathering at the Opening Ceremony.

Mulla Sajjad Walji also spoke briefly and shared his thoughts on the significance of this Conference. He highlighted the fact that just being in the presence of Ulema is an act of worship and that we are fortunate to have such scholars across the globe.



Alhaj Sajjad Walji Chairman of AFTAB addressing during the Opening Ceremony



During the Islamic Conference, a number of publications were released. The first of these was Tafsir Tadabbur Quran, a book that provides reflective commentary on the Holy Quran. This book was the result of the hard work of a few scholars who were supervised by Shaykh Ghorbanpour and Shaykh Tahir Raza Jaffer. The second publication, Al-Qalm Journal, was written by Sheikh Ali Al Hakeem. The third publication, The Islamic Laws 4th Edition, which was translated and annotated by Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ismail was also released during the Conference. Lastly, Anecdotes for Reflection by Sayyid Ali Akbar Sadaqaat was also presented. It is worth noting that all of these publications were released with the utmost care and attention to detail.

At the Conference, attendees were privileged to receive a special address from Ayatollah Sayyid Ahmed Madadi. The keynote speakers, Sayyid Muneer Al Khabbaz and Shaykh Dr Murtadha Alidina, delivered insightful presentations on their respective topics. Additionally, a number of scholars presented on a range of subjects related to Intellect and Revelations.



Shaykh Dr Murtadha Alidina addressing the gathering during the Opening Ceremony.



Left To Right: Dr. Shaykh Mohammed Ali Ismail, Dr. Saeid Sobhani, Syed Adeel Raza, Dr. Mohammad Ghorbanpour Delavar, Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Reza Dodhiya



Alhaj Aunali Khalfan Vice Chairman of Africa Federation addressing during the Closing Ceremony



Dr. Kazim Dhalla, Chairman of Tabligh Board of Dar es Salaam Jamaat giving a vote of thanks during the Closing Ceremony



AFED Vice Chairman Alhaj Aunali Khalfan presenting an Appreciation Plaque to Dr Shaykh Mohammed Ali Ismail



AFTAB Chairman Alhaj Sajjad Walji presenting an Appreciation Plaque to Shaykh Rehani Yasini Ntigwambuka



Left To Right: Prof. Ali H. Al-Hakim, Alhaj Zuhair Jaffer, Dr. Kazim Dhalla, Alhaj Mohamedraza Dewji, Alhaj Aunali Khalfan, Alhaj Safdar Jaffer, Dr. Shaykh Murtadha Alidina, Alhaj Sajjad Walji.

For those who were unable to attend the Conference, you may view the same on the below links

Day 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LlhjuHBxzE>

Day 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smAKclFfazY>

Day 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5H5ayAf1-U>

Below is the schedule of three Days for ease of reference

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SCHEDULE DAY 1	
10 th March 2023	
19:30	Qur'an Recitation
19:40	Welcome Address Br. Arifali Hirji
19:50	Address by The WF President Alhaj Safdar Jaffer
20:00	Address by the Africa Federation Chairman Alhaj Amine Nassor
20:10	Address by the Head of AFTAB Mulla Sajjad Walji
20:20	Address by KSIJ Dar President Alhaj Mohamedraza Dewji
20:30	Address by the Head of WF Islamic Education Shaykh Dr. Murtadha Alidina
20:45	Address by Chief Mufti of Tanzania Shaykh Aboubakary Zubairy
21:00	Dinner

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SCHEDULE DAY 2 (SESSION 1) 11th March 2023

- 08:30 Qur'an Recitation
- 08:40 Special Address
Ayatollah Sayyid Ahmad Madadi
- 09:10 The Role of Intellect in the Perspective of
Imamiyyah Jurists
Dr. Sa'ed Sobhani
- 09:45 The Role of 'Aql in Qur'anic Exegesis: Traditional
vs. Critical Rationalist Perspective
Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Ali Ismail
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Panel Discussion
Q & A
- 11:20 An Analysis of the Place of Transmitted and
Intellectual Sciences Heritage in Shi'a Thought
Dr. Mohammad Ghorbanpour Delavar
- 11:55 What is the role of Intellect in Islamic thought?
Syed Adeel Raza
- 12:30 Salah Break
- 13:10 Lunch



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SCHEDULE DAY 2 (SESSION 2) 11th March 2023

- 13:40 Panel Discussion
Q & A
- 14:20 Keynote Speech
Sayyid Muneer al-Khabbaz
- 15:00 Liberating Qur'anic Exegesis and Principles of
Ijtihad from Distortion: Between Contemporary
Humanism and Absolute Divinity
Prof. Ali H. Al-Hakim
- 15:35 Becoming Bani Adam – A Discussion on Humanity's
Alleged Evolutionary Ancestry and Origins
Aalima Fatemah Meghji
- 16:10 Joint Panel Discussion
- 17:10 Break
- 17:30 What are the recognised traditional methods,
approaches, and perspectives?
Shaykh Rehani Yasini Ntigwambuka
- 18:10 Q & A
- 18:45 Salah Break
- 19:20 Dinner
- 19:50 WORKSHOP
Principles of the science of Rijal (Biographical
studies of narrators)
Dr. Sa'ed Sobhani



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SCHEDULE DAY 3 (SESSION 1) 12th March 2023

- 08:30 Qur'an Recitation
- 08:40 The Role of Time and Place in Shi'a
Jurisprudence
Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Reza Dodhiya
- 09:15 Ibn Idris al-Hilli (d. 1202) and the transformation
of Shi'i law
Prof. Aun Hasan Ali
- 09:50 Panel Discussion
Q & A
- 10:30 Break
- 10:50 Keynote Speech
Shaykh Dr. Murtadha Alidina
- 11:20 What is the philosophy underlying the use of the
traditionally accepted principles and mechanics
of Quranic exegesis only, as opposed to
'Innovated' methods and personal opinions?
Shaykh Swaleh Maulid Husen
- 11:55 The policy of Ahl al-Bayt (a) in dealing with the
Issue of Tafsir based on one's opinion
(Tafsir bi al-raay)
Shaykh Mohammed Kamran
- 12:30 Salah Break
- 13:10 Lunch



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SCHEDULE DAY 3 (SESSION 2) 12th March 2023

- 13:40 Panel Discussion
Q & A
- 14:30 The Station of Imamah in the History of Shi'ism
from a theological, philosophical and mystical
perspective
Shaykh Dr. Mohammad Mahdi Gorjian Arabi
- 15:05 Monotheistic Rationality, the Basis of
New Islamic Civilization
Mohammad Jafar Danesh
- 15:40 A critical assessment of the accuracy of Shi' al-Ku-
layni in al-Kafi: His 'Iddas, triplet-chains, and
narrations from debated narrators.
Shaykh Afzal Merati
- 16:15 Break
- 16:30 Panel Discussion
Q & A
- 17:20 WORKSHOP
The basis of Islamic Spirituality
Shaykh Dr. Mohammad Mahdi Gorjian Arabi
- Navigating doubts in the Quran:
Questions Related to Science and Women
Aalima Fatemah Meghji (Ladies Only)
- 18:40 Salah Break



The quality of discussions and interactive sessions at the Conference was exceptional, with attendees engaging in thoughtful and stimulating conversations. The opportunity to network with other Islamic leaders was invaluable, allowing attendees to forge new connections and strengthen existing relationships.

The Africa Federation Tabligh Board records its appreciation to the World Federation for availing them an opportunity to have this important Conference in Africa and to the Dar-es-Salaam Jamaat for successfully hosting the Conference.

Our deepest appreciation goes to the Dar Es Salaam Jamaat Organizing Committee for the Conference, they worked tirelessly and spending sleepless nights to ensure seamless organization of the Conference and various related facilitations, like the meeting hall setting, equipment hiring, catering, transport and other services throughout the 3 days Conference. We are proud of their dedication and commitment to serve Islam and the Community, May Allah (SWT) grant them more Tawfeeqat.

We also wish to thank the AFED Secretariat staff and the AFTAB (Board) members for their dedication and efforts in planning, preparations and support they provided throughout for the successful culmination of the Conference.

AFTAB Secretariat

5th April 2023