

## IST Quran Study Night

This is a weekly class for anyone who can competently read and preferably write English. It will be held as a large group study format. Everyone should bring their own Quran translation and a notebook. The preferred translation is Yahiya Emerick's with commentary or Abdul-Haleem for just clear translated meanings w/o footnotes.

Everyone will be sitting at tables for the class. I will present a power point explanation of each verse linguistically and then adding valuable insights from both classic and modern commentaries such as Al-Tabari, Ibn Katheer, Ibn Atiyah, Al-Razi, Al-Qurtubi, Al-Naysaboori, Al-Baydawi, Al-Suyooti, Al-Shawkani, Ibn Ashoor, Al-Sa'dee and Al-Sha'rawi.

The program will not be a list of theoretical interpretations. Rather it will be focusing on practical guidance for our daily lives highlighting articles of faith, divine law and character development. We will conclude with the take home guidance from each verse as well as the subject matter of the group of verses we took from that night. People will be encouraged to ask questions and give reflections at different times during the class.

The first ten classes will be as follows – 1) Quranic concepts that will help us in our studies such as Makki vs. Madani, Muhkam vs. Mutashabih and the concept of tafseer and its authority + the Bismillah 2) Why we will not study the Quran according to its revealed order + Al-Fatihah 3) 2:1-5 4) 2:6-10 5) 2:11-15 6) 2:16-20- 7) 2:21-24 8) 2:25-27 9) 2:28-30 10) 2:31-33

When and Where: Starting the Second Day of Eid Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's 7-8pm in the Youth Room and Sunday's 11-12pm at Peace Academy. Child Care Available \$3 per child. The same material that is presented on Tuesday will be repeated on Sunday. Whoever missed can catch up iA.

We will get the necessary tools to strengthen our faith, get a better understanding of divine law and improve our character from the best of all books. This class will enable us to develop religious literacy that will make us better people as individuals, families and as a community. It will also enable us to confidently and comfortably present Islam to others according with a firm foundation!