

"About the Founder"

Dr. Farhat Naseem Hashmi

PERSONAL DATA

- **Name:** Dr. Farhat Naseem Hashmi
- **Date of Birth:** December 22, 1957
- **Nationality:** Pakistani
- **Marital Status:** Married
- **Religion:** Islam
- **Languages Known:** Arabic, English, Punjabi and Urdu
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- Ph.D. in Islamic Studies with specialization in Hadith Sciences from the University of Glasgow, Scotland in 1989.
- M.A. in Arabic, University of Punjab, Lahore in 1980.
- Arabic Teacher Training Course from Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad.
- Extensive study of Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh and Arabic Grammar books under the supervision of specialized local and foreign scholars.
- Special courses in Arabic and English languages.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Govt. College for Women, Sargodha (1981-83)**

Lecturer in Arabic

- **International Islamic University Islamabad (Feb 1983-90)**
Lecturer, Faculty of Arabic Language
- **International Islamic University, Islamabad (Since 1990)**
Lecturer and Assistant Professor, Faculty of Usul-al-Din
- **Women's Section in International Islamic University.**
Gained administrative experience as Student Advisor and Officer-in-Charge

TRAVELLING

- Traveled extensively to famous international libraries and universities in **Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, and U.K** for education and research purposes.
- Continues to undertake regular trips for the sole purpose of dawah and tabligh, to different cities all over Pakistan and has visited **Bahrain, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Norway, UAE and USA.**

CONTRIBUTIONS

- Founder and Chief Executive of Al-Huda International Welfare Organization (Regd.) since 1994.
- Organized a series of lectures in **Glasgow** during her Ph.D, which continues to date. She continues to take personal interest in this project and visited Glasgow in **1993 and 1999.**
- Wide range of her audio cassettes and CDs is available worldwide on a variety of topics e.g. Taleem-al-Quran (Word-to-word Urdu translation and detailed explanation of the Holy Quran), Fahm-al-Quran (Urdu translation and brief commentary), Fahm-al-Hadith (Urdu translation and explanation of some parts of Riyadh-as-Salihin and Sahih al-Bukhari) as well as including a variety of other lectures related to family life and social problems.
- Delivered a series of lectures in person, on TV and radio.
- Wrote papers on the rights, roles and responsibilities of a woman in the light of Quran and Sunnah and contribution of Muslim women scholars in dissemination of al-Hadith-al-Nabawi.

SERVICES

Hailing from a religious family of scholars, she and her learned husband have dedicated their lives to eradicate as much as possible, ignorance, increasing materialism and spiritual deprivation from society by spreading the light of the Quran. Their brainchild, Al-Huda International has proved to be highly effective.

ACADEMIC AND NATIONAL AWARDS

- First class, first position from class 6 to Masters level.

- KHALIFA M. HASAN Atichison Gold Medal and FS JAMALUDDIN Silver Medal by the University of Punjab in 1980.
- Merit scholarship for higher education from Government of Pakistan.
- First position and cash prize in 1996 & 1997 Annual National Seerah Conference held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Islamabad.
- Hazrat Khadija tul Kubra Award for outstanding achievements for contribution in Religious Affairs by the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club Pakistan in April 2000.

AL-HUDA INTERNATIONAL

Al-Huda International, Karachi and Islamabad, with branches and ventures all over Pakistan is a non-political, welfare, educational, training and research oriented Islamic Organization. It is one of its kind due to the unconventional modern teaching methods, moral and ethical training, effectiveness in promoting true Islamic learning and thought, and the revival of Islam's humanitarian spirit. It has been the turning point in the lives of hundreds of women.

For the past seven years it has been organizing one-year diploma courses based on fundamental Islamic teachings and their practical application. It also conducts correspondence courses, summer crash courses, Ramadhan programmes, and cassette classes in many cities, home and abroad. It undertakes various social welfare works as well.

Harnessing modern techniques to propagate Islamic teachings is a primary aim and new developments include the launching of Al-Huda website:

<http://www.alhudapk.com>

where the translation of the entire Quran and its brief interpretation is now available in audio format. The driving force behind all this, Dr. Farhat's untraditional style of teaching and vast knowledge, aided by informative and stimulating lectures by other scholars which presents an altogether different view of Islam and the Quran making it practical and relevant to today's world and the key to success. She has helped motivate and redirect the lives of women and girls of today so as to achieve success and spiritual satisfaction not only in this world but in the hereafter as well.