

Renowned Islamic Scholar to visit Brisbane Australia on 5 May 2009 (Habib Umar)



Habib Umar bin Hafidh is a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and an erudite scholar and Da'ee.

al-Habib Umar is the son of Muhammad, bin Salim, bin Hafiz, bin Abdullah, bin Abu Bakr, bin 'Aidarus, bin Umar, bin Aidarus, bin Umar, bin Abu Bakr, bin Aidarus, bin Husain, bin Shaykh Abu Bakr, bin Salim, bin Abdullah, bin Abdul-Rahman, bin Abdullah, bin al-Shaykh Abdul-Rahman al-Saqqaf, bin Muhammad Mawla al-Dawilah, bin Ali, bin Alawi, bin Al-Faqih al-Muqaddam Muhammad, bin Ali, bin Muhammad Sahib al-Mirbat, bin Ali, bin Alawi, bin Muhammad Sahib al-Sawma'a, bin Alawi, bin Ubaydullah, bin al-Imam al-Muhajir Il-Allah (the Migrant to Allah) Ahmad, bin Isa, bin Muhammad al-Naqib, bin Ali al-Uraydi, bin Ja'far as-Sadiq, bin Muhammad al-Baqir, bin Ali Zain al-Abidin, bin Husain as-Sibt, bin Ali, bin Abu Talib and Fatima al-Zahra the daughter of Muhammad (pbuh), the seal of the Prophets.

A Brief Biography of Sheikh Habib Umar

He was born in Tarim, Hadramaut in the Republic of Yemen, Monday, the 4th of Muharram, 1383 AH (27/05/1963). He grew up there, and after having memorised the Quran as a child, he sought knowledge of the sacred Islamic sciences from the most illustrious minds and hearts of his time in Yemen and the Hijaz regions. His unique oratory style has left a permanent mark on many a listener. He is the founder of Dar al-Mustafa, an institute based in Tarim (Hadramawt), dedicated to the development of a generation able to actively balance their quest for knowledge, spiritual progress, and calling people to their Creator.

At a young age he received instruction in the sciences of Sacred Islamic Law including: the Qur'an, Prophetic Tradition (Hadith), Jurisprudence (Fiqh), Creed (Tawhid), foundations of Sacred Law (Usul al-Fiqh), the various disciplines of the Arabic language, and the knowledge of Spiritual travel from among the great scholars of Hadramaut. Amongst them was his father, al-Habib Muhammad bin Salim, the Mufti of Tarim. He began to teach and invite to Allah when he was 15 years old, while continuing to study and receive lessons.

When the situation became difficult due to the Communist Regime that existed in South Yemen at that time, he migrated to the city of al Bayda which is in North Yemen, in December 1981. There he persevered in study and invitation to Allah. From here he repeated visits to the two Noble Sacred Precincts of Mecca and Medina and took instruction from the learned Imams Abdul-Qadir bin Ahmad Al-Saqqaf, al-Habib Ahmad Mashhur bin Tahir al-Haddad, and the erudite scholar, Abu Bakr al-Attas bin Abdullah al-Habshi. He also took license to narrate from the chains of transmission in Hadith and in other sciences from the narrator of connected chains, Shaykh Muhammad Yasin al-Fadani and the erudite scholar, Muhammad bin Alawi al-Maliki as well as other scholars.

From here he moved to the City of As-Shihr in 1992 in the province of Hadramaut where he taught in the Ribat of al-Shihr for Islamic Studies and continued his Da'wah efforts in the region, Following this, he

moved to the City of Tarim where he settled and received a number of students from various regions of the world.

In 1994 he founded Dar al-Mustafa for Traditional Islamic Studies basing its existence on 3 objectives;

1. the first being learning the sciences of the Sacred Law and related sciences from those who are apt to impart them with connected chains,
2. The second purifying the soul and refining one's character,
3. And the third conveying beneficial knowledge and calling to Allah, Mighty and Majestic.

The official opening of the Dar al-Mustafa building took place on Tuesday, 6th of May, 1997. Students and visitors continue to flock to it from the various regions of the world. Graduates of Dar al-Mustafa have opened numerous centres of learning and invitation to Allah in a number of countries.

In concert with his unwavering quest to spread knowledge, he has established many gatherings, one of the most important of which is the weekly Monday gathering, which is conducted in the town square of Tarim and is attended by hundreds of the city's inhabitants. He also has made countless visits to the various regions of Yemen and has conducted many lectures in Yemeni universities, institutes and organisations.

His Writings and Publications

Habib Umar has many audio and visual publications as well as writings. Among them are:

1. Aid to Those Seeking the Pleasure of the Creator Through the Clarification of Noble Character (Is'af Talibi Rida al-Khallaq bi Bayan Makaram al-Akhlaq),
2. Advice to Students (Tawjihat al-Tullab),
3. Our Character (Khuluquna),
4. The Glorious Treasure (al-Dhakira al-Musharrafa),
5. The Summary of Prophetic Aid, a book of invocations (Khulasa al-Maddad al-Nabawi fil-Adhkar).
6. The Shimmering Light Mentioning the Birth of the Interceding Prophet (al-Diya al-Lami' fi Dhikr Mawlid al-Nabi al-Shafi')
7. The Pure Drink Mentioning the Life of the Fullest of Moons (al-Sharab al-Tuhur fi Dhikri Sirati Badri al-Budur),
8. The forthpouring of Spiritual Aid,
9. A compilation of sermons from the Friday prayer, the eclipse prayer, the prayer of rain and the Eid prayers (Fayd al-Imdad).

And a number of others

He also conducts many programs locally and internationally to raise religious consciousness as well as numerous lessons and interviews on a number of satellite channels. May Allah give him his enabling Grace, pardon him, give him His gentleness, and accept from him his endeavours.

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