

Personal Search of Noorallah G. Juma, Ph.D., P.Ag.

MY RESEARCH & TEACHING INTEREST IN SPIRITUAL SCIENCE



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I have a research interest in religion and spiritual sciences and am a practising Shia Imami Ismaili Muslim and have been brought up in the Alid tradition of a thinking and spiritual Islam: an Islam which leads to the development of the human soul to its highest level as described by His Highness Aga Khan III (Noor Mowlana Imam Sultan Muhammad Shah (a.s.)):

"Islamic doctrine goes farther than the other great religions for it proclaims the presence of the soul, perhaps minute but nevertheless existing in an embryonic state in all existence in matter, in animals, trees, and space itself. Every individual, every molecule, every atom has its own spiritual relationship with the All-Powerful Soul of God. But men and women, being more highly developed, are immensely more advanced than the infinite number of other beings known to us. Islam acknowledges the existence of angels, of great souls who have developed themselves to the highest possible planes of human soul and higher, and who are centres of forces which are scattered throughout the universe. Without going as far as Christianity, Islam recognizes the existence of evil spirits which seek by means of their secret suggestions to turn us from good, from that strait way traced by God's finger for the eternal happiness of the humblest as of the greatest -- Abraham, Jesus, Mohammed."

(Source: Memoirs of Aga Khan, p. 177)

Focus and Content Development

The SalmanSpiritual.Com website was established in 1999. We are committed to promote and advance the development of spiritual and intellectual potential of human beings which leads to the inner vision of the Truth within oneself. We think that human beings have to first make peace with God within themselves and then extend this everlasting peace to their fellow human beings. The focus of this website is higher spiritual enlightenment within an Islamic & Ismaili context.

I have developed this website with the hope of actualizing the major concept of higher enlightenment described in the following excerpt from the Platinum Jubilee Message of Noor Mowlana Shah Sultan Muhammad Shah (a.s.):

"In these 70 years of my Imamatus, man's material condition has totally changed. There has been immense increase in power over nature but, as we see, with strifes everywhere spiritual power has not increased.

It is my hope that my Spiritual Children, the Ismailis, will, by the example of their own higher enlightenment and helpful cooperative movements amongst themselves, set to the world an example of better fraternity and brotherhood which alone can free men from the fear and dangers of moral and mental discord which leads to disaster for all."

The following teachings of Noor Mowlana Shah Karim Al-Hussaini (a.s.) also emphasize the central message of higher spiritual enlightenment:

In his firman made on December 13, 2008, Noor Mowlana Hazar Imam (a.s.) said:

"I convey to all my beloved spiritual children individually ... blessings ... for spiritual enlightenment to guide you in your lives ..."

In my opinion, Noor Mowlana Hazar Imam has set a new standard and raised the bar for the whole global Jamat since the launch of the Golden Jubilee on July 11, 2007. At that time, Mowla said in his last Dua:

"And I pray that you may live in peace, and with spiritual enlightenment to guide you."

I have made a concerted and sustained effort to share my understanding of the meaning of these duas and to encourage all the members of the global Jamat to create an enabling environment within their consciousness so that Noor Mowlana Hazar Imam's Light guides each one of us in all matters!

I also hope that the global Jamat prays and acts on the higher spiritual enlightenment firmans because this would actualize the glorious visions of Noor Mowlana Sultan Muhammad Shah (a.s.) and Noor Mowlana Shah Karim Al-Hussaini (a.s.) Hazar Imam. Ameen.

Scholarly Works

- Transliterated Hazrat Ali's Kalam-e Mowla (The Sayings of Hazrat Ali). Published by the Shia Imami Ismailia Association of United Kingdom in 1975.
- Transliterated Pir Hasan Kabirdin's [Ana\(n\)t Akhado, Ana\(n\)t na Nav Chhuga and Moti Venti](#) from Gujrati to Roman Script. Published by Salman Productions in 1994.

Teaching & Learning Experience: Face To Face Environments

I have taught principles of Ismaili Muslim faith to a wide variety of audiences in face to face environments over a period of 18 years (1977-1995) through the Shia Imami Ismaili Tariqah & Religious Education Board:

- Kindergarten
- Grade 8-12
- Manpower Teacher Training Program
- Ismaili Congregations in Canada
- Grade 6
- University Students
- Teachers camps
- Ismaili Congregations in USA, UK, and Singapore

Research, Teaching & Internet Experience: Online Virtual Environments

I then embarked in teaching Spiritual Science via the internet in 1999 and have sampled literature on the theme of higher spiritual enlightenment across 1400 years of Ismaili history starting from the teachings of Hazrat Amirul Momineen, Noor Mowlana Murtaza Ali (a.s.). The knowledge resources on SalmanSpiritual.com website are organized as follows:

- [Mission Statement](#)
- [Holy Qur'an Resources :: Online Searchable English Translations](#)
- [Qur'anic Treasures :: Text, Translation, Audio and limited Commentary](#)
- [Foundation of Faith :: Curriculum for Spiritual Enlightenment](#)
- [Higher Spiritual Enlightenment :: Educational Resources](#)
- [Resources for Holy Ramadan & Idd-ul Fitr](#)
- [Spiritual Knowledge Management & Dissemination Through SalmanSpiritual](#)
- [Candle Postings :: Motivational Gems for Higher Spiritual Enlightenment](#)
- [Knowledge Projects Executed by SalmanSpiritual.com](#)
- [Dhikr & Tasbi: Divine Remembrance](#)
- [Research Bulletins](#)
- [Holy Ginan Resources :: Online & in Print](#)
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Spiritual Knowledge Management & Dissemination

In his firman made in Vancouver in 2005, Noor Mowlana Hazar Imam (a.s.) has placed a great emphasis on the management of knowledge. This inspired me to compile the contents of SalmanSpiritual.com in order to illustrate my research in the field of spiritual science. This compilation can be seen on the [Spiritual Knowledge Management & Dissemination](#) page. I have executed [36 knowledge projects](#) over the past 10 years.

Global Outreach Program

There are 1160 members on the SalmanSpiritual.com mailing list. As the mailing list is open to the world, people of different faiths are represented. The outreach extends to more than 23 countries: USA, Canada, Guatemala, Brazil, England, Ireland, UK, Spain, Portugal, France, Syria, Iran, Turkey, UAE, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Japan, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa and The Gambia. Through web technology, spiritual and luminous gems of knowledge are being shared globally.

The SalmanSpiritual.com postings are also being carried by the following groups on Yahoo.com: [Ismailisoul](#) (4277 members), [Batunimurid](#) (4458 members), [Ismailiworld](#) (1369 members), [WorldIsmailis](#) (3047 members) and [Ismailism](#) (550 members).

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**O Lord, increase me in knowledge,
And lead me to
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Ameen!**