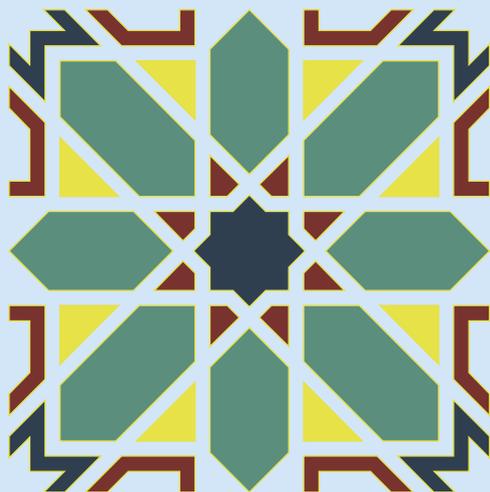


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AHADITH ABOUT THE ULAMA



Hazrat Abu Darda رضي الله عنه reports that Rasulullāh ﷺ said:

“ The one who proceeds in the morning to seek the knowledge of Deen, and learn it for the sake of Allah, Allah opens a door for him towards Jannah and the angels spread out their wings for him. The Angels in the sky and the fish in the ocean seek forgiveness on his behalf; and the virtue of an Aalim over an Aabid is like the superiority of the moon on the fourteenth night over the smallest star in the sky. The Ulama are the heirs of the Ambiya. The Ambiya did not leave behind Dinars and Dirhams (in their legacy), rather they left behind the knowledge of Deen. Whoever has acquired it, really he has acquired his share (of Allah’s bounties). ”

Hazrat Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin al-‘As رضي الله عنه
reports that Rasulullāh ﷺ said:

“ Allah does not take away the knowledge, by taking it away from (the hearts of) the people, but takes it away by the death of the religious learned men till none of the (religious learned men) remains; people will take as their leaders ignorant persons who when consulted will give their verdict without knowledge. So they will go astray and will lead the people astray. ”

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday, 11 Shawwaal 1441, 3 June 2020, at approximately 11 pm, a great scholar and pious personality of the Ummah, Hazrat Maulana Haroon Abasoomar Saheb (*rahmatullah alayh*) departed from this world, shortly after being admitted to the Ethekwini Hospital in Durban that afternoon. His sudden demise at the age of 68 came as a great shock to the community and all those who had known him or known of him. I had just spoken to him at around 6.30 pm that night and he sounded his normal self. We had a friendly conversation and exchange of duas for good health, etc. It came as a great shock to learn of his demise a few hours later. His Salat-ul-Janazah took place after the Fajr Salah at the Isipingo Beach Masjid where he had served as the Imam for many years and he is buried at the nearby Dayal Road cemetery in Clairwood, Durban. With the Taufeeq (guidance) of Allah Ta'ala, the night after, I delivered a talk on some aspects of his life which was later on transcribed and is now being published as a little booklet titled: **“Lessons from the Life of Hazrat Maulana Haroon Abasoomar (*rahmatullah alayh*).”** Therefore, the style is not formal, but rather informal and easy flowing. This is not intended to be a detailed or

comprehensive biography, but only a short booklet on his life, based on my personal relationship and interaction with him over many years. A detailed biography will follow soon by his close associates, Inshallah. However here, we discuss various aspects of his life from which we can gain inspiration, from which we can take lesson and from which we can try to emulate some of his wonderful qualities and attributes. May Allah Ta'ala grant him forgiveness and entry into Jannatul Firdaus. May Allah accept this booklet and make it a means of benefit for the readers and reward for him. May Allah Ta'ala reward all those who assisted in the publication of this book in any way.

With a humble request for dua

Mufti Zubair Bayat
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Sha'rawaal 1441 / 13 June 2020

DEDICATION

This humble servant dedicates all his writings to his parents, Asatiza and Mashaikh. May Allah reward them abundantly and elevate their ranks in Jannah.

DEMISE OF MANY SENIORS RECENTLY

In the recent few weeks (Ramadan 1441/May 2020), a number of senior Ulama and great personalities have departed from this world. Each one of them is actually a light or a lamp or a lantern that has become extinguished. What happens when a lantern becomes extinguished? We are plunged into darkness. This is the reality of the matter, that when these great personalities leave, a darkness follows, a darkness fills the world. They are a vacuum that cannot be filled once they leave this world. They leave behind a void and that is why it has been said, “Mautul Aalim, Mautul Aalam” - The death of a scholar is actually the death of a realm. Because it's not one person who has passed away, but actually the services that he was rendering to so many people, all of that goes when that Aalim leaves this world.

In our own country, recently we had the demise of some of our senior Ulama, particularly from Stanger, Hazrat Maulana Yusuf Tootla (*rahmatullah alayh*) and Hazrat Maulana Dawood Padia (*rahmatullah alayh*), and globally there were a number of great Ulama who passed on. Hazrat Mufti Saeed Ahmed Palanpuri (*rahmatullah alayh*), Hazrat Allamah Khalid Mahmood (*rahmatullah alayh*) and a few others as well, now yesterday, the demise of one of the great Ulama in our own country, Hazrat Maulana Haroon Abasoomar (*rahmatullah alayh*), right here in the city of Durban. Maulana Haroon passed away last night into the mercy of Allah Ta'ala. Indeed, his demise is a great loss

for the Ulama of this country and for the Ummah in general. We make dua Allah Ta'ala grant him complete Maghfirah. In fact, all our pious elders who passed away Allah Ta'ala grant them all complete Maghfirah. Allah fill his Qabr with Noor. Allah grant him high stages in Jannatul Firdous and all our pious elders who passed away and indeed all the Muslim brothers and sisters who passed away, Allah Ta'ala grant them all Maghfirah and grant all entry into Jannatul Firdous.

BACKGROUND AND EARLY LIFE

Hazrat Maulana Haroon (*rahmatullah alayh*) hails from a small town called Carolina, in the Mpumalanga province. He took admission as a youngster to the famous institution of knowledge and learning at that time, Mia's Farm, which is known as the Waterfall Islamic Institute and completed Hifzul Qur'an under a perfect Wali and Ustadh, Hazrat Hafiz Abdur Rahman Mia (*rahmatullah alayh*). Thereafter he proceeded to Karachi in Pakistan to the world famous institution of learning, Al Jamia-tul Uloomul Islamiyyah, "Newtown Madrasah" as it is famously known, established by the great Muhaddith of the time, Hazrat Allamah Yusuf Binnori (*rahmatullah alayh*), under whom Hazrat had the good fortune of studying, as well as under many other great Ulama who were his illustrious teachers.

Who was Hafiz Abdur Rahman Mia (*rahmatullah alayh*)? Who was Allamah Yusuf Binnori (*rahmatullah alayh*)? Many hours of discussion can be held about these great Walis of Allah, who

were the Ustadhs of Maulana Haroon. Volumes have been written about these great personalities. Maulana Haroon had the great fortune of studying under Allamah Yusuf Binnori (*rahmatullah alayh*) and many other great luminaries of the time including Mufti Wali Hasan (*rahmatullah alayh*) and Maulana Idrees Saheb (*rahmatullah alayh*). He was also the Khalifah of Aarif Billah Hazrat Maulana Shah Hakim Muhammad Akhtar Saheb (*rahmatullah alayh*).

MashaAllah, he excelled in his studies in his student days, to the extent that he took the first position in the Wifaqul Madaris Examination, which is a national examination written in Pakistan by all students in the final year of all the affiliate Darul Uloom. From all these students, there must have been thousands of them, Hazrat Maulana Haroon took the first position! That is an indication of his brilliance and intelligence and his hard work and his dedication to his studies.

SERVICE TO DEEN

After completing his studies, upon his return to South Africa, Maulana engaged himself in the Khidmah of Deen till the last days of his life. He was the Imam at the Isipingo Beach Masjid in Durban for the last 43 years! Whenever our seniors came to South Africa and when I introduced Maulana, I would say to them that this is a most amazing Shaikhul Hadith of his time, that not only is he a Shaikhul Hadith, but he is also an Ustadh of primary Maktab, teaching little children the Deen.

Maulana had been engaged in teaching the entire spectrum of Deen, from the basic fundamentals to advanced aspects of knowledge. This is his perfection and a sign of his acceptance and sincerity.

Maulana (*rahmatullah alayh*) fulfilled various roles at the Jamiatul Ulama KZN, serving as the Secretary of the Jamiat for a number of years, as well as the President of the Jamiat for a short period. He is the founder and the head of an institution that is called Darul Hadith Awwamah, which is ably run by his son, Maulana Muhammad. This is a unique institution, in that it specialises in the field of Hadith, wherein research in Hadith and the various aspects of Hadith, authentication of Hadith and related research is carried out.

Maulana Haroon is that personality who has served the Deen throughout his life in different roles. Rarely is Istiqamah (steadfastness) of this nature seen. This is an indication of how he was accepted by Allah Ta'ala. At the same time, he was also the Shaikhul Hadith in Madrasah Taleemuddeen, Isipingo Beach; Madrasah In'aamiyyah, Camperdown, and recently, Madrasah Hameediyah, Durban. So, he was the Imam of the Masjid, he was the Shaikhul Hadith teaching Bukhari Sharif, and amazingly he was also an Ustadh and Principal in the Maktab, teaching little children at elementary level.

Maulana was a person who was very well travelled. He has been to many countries where he delivered talks and lectures on the Deen, throughout his life. He visited the United States

on many occasions. He spent many Ramadans there, educating and teaching the people. Maulana has been for Hajj and Umrah many times throughout his life.

He leaves behind pious offspring, amongst them, as I mentioned, a very worthy son, Maulana Muhammad, who is a specialist himself in the field of Hadith - a worthy son of a worthy father, may Allah Ta'ala make him a Sadaqah Jariyah for his illustrious father.

Maulana has also been very dedicated to and supportive of the work of Tabligh and Dawat. He would always be seen in the forefront, attending programs, listening to the talks and encouraging people. He was a well-rounded personality. Maulana had combined in himself many attributes and capabilities and multiple services of Deen.

HIS QUALITIES AND TRAITS

It is most important to learn lessons from the lives of the pious. We should follow in their footsteps, take inspiration from them and emulate their wonderful qualities. We have to imbibe their attributes. This is most important. Therefore, I would like to touch on some of the amazing qualities of Maulana Haroon. Alhamdulillah, I thank Allah Ta'ala that I had opportunity of knowing him for a very long period of time - a relationship that goes back decades. At the time when he was the President of Jamiatul Ulama KZN, I was the

Secretary, so we had the opportunity to travel together for various meetings and we sat together in many meetings. Besides that, we had travelled together to Turkey in 1997 in the company of our illustrious Shaikh, Hazrat Maulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Saheb (*rahmatullah alayh*). Maulana Haroon was there and I had the good fortune of being present. In fact, we stayed together in one room in our stay in Turkey and we had also travelled to the United Kingdom after that. I also had the opportunity of meeting him frequently at many functions, Jalsas, Nikahs, Walimahs, and also during Hajj and Umrah. I had many opportunities to sit with him and to learn and benefit from him. The last time we were together was at the end of last year, December 2019, when we were together at the Bukhari Khatam Jalsa in Maputo. We were invited by Mufti Imtiaz Saheb (*hafizabullah*) who is running a wonderful institute in Maputo. We had the opportunity of being there and participating in the Bukhari Khatam. The final lesson was delivered by Hazrat Maulana Haroon Saheb (*rahmatullah alayh*). In fact, the very night on which he passed away, I had received a message from someone that he was in hospital. I called him and had a telephonic conversation with him, and he spoke calmly as per his usual style. I requested dua from him, and he made dua. He also conveyed Salam to his students, especially those who are working with us at Darul Ihsan and to some of his fellow colleagues amongst the Ulama, Maulana Shabbeer Kazi Saheb, Maulana Ahmed Omar Saheb and others. So it came as a shock, that somebody who had I just spoken to passed away a short

while later. May Allah Ta'ala grant him His special mercy and complete Maghfirah and entry into Jannatul Firdous without reckoning, in the company of the chosen servants.

Hereunder are some of the amazing qualities of Maulana, which I had the opportunity of observing first hand.

WARM AND FRIENDLY PERSONALITY

First of all, he had a very warm personality. And this is something which is a great Sunnah. The Sunnah of Nabi Muhammad ﷺ is to treat people well, to be good to everyone, to have good Akhlaq (character), and Maulana was an embodiment of that. Nabi-e-Kareem ﷺ mentions in a Hadith: *“There is nothing heavier in the scale (of deeds) on the Day of Qiyamah than good character.”*

Nabi ﷺ mentioned in another Hadith: *“The Mu'min, by virtue of his good character, reaches the stages of those people who are constantly fasting and who are constantly in Ibadah at night.”* By good character, a person reaches the ranks and status of such people. Indeed, Maulana was a person of amazing character who had a warm and simple disposition.

SIMPLICITY AND HUMILITY

Maulana was a very simple person. He was an embodiment of simplicity and simplicity is another great Sunnah of our

Nabi-e-Kareem ﷺ. His attire, the car he drove, his lifestyle and mannerism were all simple. He came across as a simple person. He had no ‘takalluf’ - there were no unnecessary protocols about his way of dealing with people. He had no ‘tasannu’ - no artificial airs about himself. He was a very simple person and together with his simplicity was humility. He was a humble person. He was very down to earth, easy going and accessible to all. For Maulana’s status, piety, accomplishment and knowledge, he could have been somebody who would have been very commanding, very authoritative, he would have been difficult to speak to or reach, but Subhanallah, this is the hallmark of a great person: the higher a person goes, the more humble he becomes, and this was truly the case with Maulana. Year by year, one could see that his humility became more evident, and as Allah raised his rank, he would humble himself more and more. That is the embodiment of the Hadith of Rasulullah ﷺ: ***“He who humbles himself for the pleasure of Allah, Allah raises that person in rank.”*** Maulana was like that; very down to earth, very humble, very easy-going, very accessible to one and all. He would have no hesitation in making Salam to anyone and everyone. Whoever walked up to him, he would greet the person warmly, speak to him nicely... always warm, smiling, caring and always concerned about the wellbeing of people.

CONCERN FOR PEOPLE

This is another great quality of the Sunnah; to have concern

for people. Hazrat Maulana had this quality of concern, that whenever anyone met him, if he knew of someone who was not well or who had some problem, he'd always ask about it. He was what one would call a "people's person". This was one amazing aspect of Maulana's life. He visited the elderly people. He made an extra effort to visit sick people. He would go out of his way visiting people, he would visit the homes of elderly and sickly people.

Maulana would go to hospital and visit patients in the wards. Maulana was on dialysis for the last few years, yet whilst in hospital for his own dialysis treatment, Maulana would take the opportunity of meeting the ill, giving them duas and encouraging them.

Maulana attended Nikahs, he attended Walimahs and functions. We were together at many Walimahs and functions. This was to bring happiness to the hearts of people. I had the good fortune of sitting next to him, learning from his wonderful words of wisdom and advices. Maulana used to make a special point of attending Janazahs, even of people he didn't know. He met one and all, he spoke to one and all. He was accessible to one and all. These are beautiful attributes and qualities. May Allah Ta'ala perpetuate these qualities in the Ummah. Allah Ta'ala grant taufiq to practice on these wonderful attributes and qualities of Maulana.

HOSPITALITY

Maulana was a hospitable person by nature. Whenever one visited him, there was never a chance that one could leave without having something. I had many opportunities of visiting Maulana at his home, and some of our Saathies (friends) also accompanied me on occasion to visit him. Maulana would insist on having something. You couldn't leave without having something. He would meet you with a smiling disposition and a very warm welcome.

CLEAN HEARTED

Maulana was a very clean-hearted person and a very sincere person. This is also in line with the Sunnah of Nabi ﷺ where he said to Anas رضي الله عنه *“O my son, if you can make it happen that your day and night passes and you don't have ill feelings towards anyone in your heart, then do so. This is my Sunnah. And he who loves my Sunnah, loves me and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.”* This was clearly visible in the life of Maulana.

ISTIQAMAH (STEADFASTNESS)

As I mentioned earlier on, to make Imamah for such a long tenure is not easy, especially if you have many Musallees from different backgrounds; to be able to deal with them, to help them, to advise them, to guide them, to listen to them, to bear some of the hardships that come from them. Maulana did it not

for 5 years or 10 years, but for 43 years! Mashallah, this is the height of Istiqamah!

SABR (PATIENCE)

Maulana possessed the amazing quality of Sabr. In the last few years of his life, he was unwell requiring dialysis. Despite that, whenever one met him, he was always very positive. This is also part of the Sunnah. He resigned himself gracefully to his situation in life with a positive mindset. In fact, on the last night when I asked him, “*How are you feeling? How are you doing?*” He replied, “*Alhamdulillah alaa kulli haal.*” This is Sunnah! When a person is in difficulty and somebody asks you how you are, then say, “*Alhamdulillah ala kulli haal*” - All praise be to Allah Ta’ala in all conditions. Because even in our worst condition we still have to praise Allah Ta’ala. He was an embodiment of Sabr and patience.

EXCESSIVE ZIKR

Maulana encouraged people to recite Durood Shareef abundantly on Thursday and Friday. He himself used to recite 3 000 Durood on a daily basis, besides his other Azkar!

RELATIONSHIP WITH ULAMA AND SENIORS

He had a very close relationship with all the great Ulama of

the time. On many occasions, Maulana would come over when Hazrat Maulana Abdul Hafeez Makki Saheb (*rahmatullah alayh*) would be at Masjid-ut-Taqwa in Sea Cow Lake, Durban. Maulana Haroon Saheb would come to meet him and spend time with him. For that matter, any senior Aalim who came from anywhere in the world, Maulana would make it a point to go and meet him, sit with him, talk to him, listen to the advices, yet he, himself, was such a great Aalim!

In fact, if he didn't go to meet those Ulama, those Ulama would have gone to meet him, but again we see the lesson of humbleness, eagerness, and desire to go and meet Ulama, to sit with Ulama to learn from Ulama, to exchange views with Ulama and to benefit from them. Maulana enjoyed a good relationship with the Imams of the Haram and with the likes of Shaikh Allamah Muhammad Awwamah (*hafizabullah*).

I recall when we did the opening of the offices of Darul Ihsan Centre in Overport, Shaikh Habib Omar Al Hafeez from Tareem in Yemen was the guest. We invited Maulana and he obliged. Whenever we invited Maulana for any function when Ulama or guests were present, he would always avail himself. Never was it that he adopted an attitude of, "I am a great Aalim in my own right, what do I need to come and listen to other Ulama and learn from them or benefit from them." He was a person who never felt it below his dignity to sit with other Ulama.

INCIDENTS DISPLAYING MAULANA'S NOBLE QUALITIES

Incident 1

Maulana was in Umrah and I happened to also be there in December 2019. Maulana was on an electric wheelchair to come in and out of Masjid Nabawi because of his weakness and illness. I recall meeting him right at the door of the Haram, Babul Badr, and accidentally, as we were coming out, Maulana knocked a person who was entering. Maulana stopped the wheelchair and apologised profusely to this person. I was witness; I saw this myself. Repeatedly telling him, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry," in Arabic, telling him, "*Forgive me. It was a mistake, I'm so sorry that I injured you, I hurt you.*" Even the guards that were standing there consoled him and told him, "*Ya Shaikh, you don't have to worry*". This was the level of humility, that made him feel so perturbed for causing some kind of harm to a fellow Muslim. That's just one example. There are many such examples that many people may have before them.

Incident 2

Once I met Maulana outside the Masjid in Isipingo Beach and I didn't see his car which used to be parked there. So I asked: "Hazrat, *What happened to your car?*" He said, "*What must I tell you... One of the Musallees didn't have a car, so he asked me if he can use my car, so I said, 'Okay, take it and go.'*" and Maulana

smiled and said, “*You know normally, it’s the other way around.*” The Imam takes the car of the Musallee because he needs some transport but here the Musallees are taking the Imam’s car for their work! I was really moved by Maulana’s gesture of care and kindness. This goes to show again, the open-heartedness and the humbleness and all these beautiful qualities. I’m just touching the surface, this is just a tip of the iceberg. Really speaking, I’m sure there will be very many incidents like this that people will relate from their interactions and experiences with Maulana.

Incident 3

Another incident I recall very well, is that once there was a dispute between some people and we decided that we’ll take this matter to Maulana and ask Maulana to resolve it. So I accompanied the delegation and we had the meeting at Maulana’s house. Once again, his hospitality was extended. I recall very clearly that Maulana spoke to both parties for a few minutes... He said, “*We are all one. Why do we have to have the dispute? Come! Why can’t you’ll compromise? Why can’t you’ll just come to a middle road, give in little this way that way. What are we going to lose?*”

... In such a polite and convincing manner Maulana spoke to both parties, that both parties agreed to whatever decision was given by Maulana. Alhamdulillah, both parties immediately accepted it. Maulana was very happy too. Thereafter, Maulana served all the guests that were present. What was supposed to

be a tense meeting got diffused, and everybody left there happy and smiling.



CONCLUSION

These are just some glimpses of the life of this great Aalim and personality that we have lost. I humbly request everyone to recite Yaseen Sharif, and twelve times Qul Sharif (Surah Ikhlas) and convey the thawab to him. We should make Isale Thawab for Maulana (*rahmatullah alayh*) and make Dua-e-Maghfirah for him. Allah make his Maghfirah and forgive him, grant him entry into Jannatul Firdous. Allah Ta'ala reward his family and grant them Sabr Jameel.

His son, Maulana Muhammad Abasoomar, made a big sacrifice, and Maulana made a bigger sacrifice, that he sent him to be in the company of Shaikh Allamah Muhammad Awwamah for this year despite not being well himself; but he gave preference to his son going to further his studies and his expertise in the science of Hadith under a great master of Hadith. This alone is an indication of his sacrifice and his Sabr and his commitment to the spreading of Deen and the knowledge of Deen.

After Maulana's demise, good dreams were seen regarding him, which can be taken as glad tidings in the afterlife and a sign of acceptance in the Divine Presence, Inshallah.

Allah Ta'ala grant Sabr Jameel to his whole family; his wife, his children, his grandchildren, other family members and the students and the associates and friends of Maulana. Allah Ta'ala make it easy for them. We are all feeling the loss, we all are feeling an emptiness on the demise of such a great Aalim.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us Taufiq to follow in his footsteps and to emulate his noble example. Aameen.

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**LETTER OF SHAIKH YUSUF TALAL
DELORENZO REGARDING THE DEMISE OF
HAZRAT MAULANA HAROON ABASOOMAR
(RAHMATULLAH ALAYH)**

Shaikh Yusuf Talal Delorenzo is a class mate and colleague of Maulana Haroon (rahmatullah alayh) - they studied together in Binnori Town, Karachi. Shaikh Yusuf is currently based in the USA.

Wa alaykum as-Salaam,

I join you in your sorrow at the passing of a respected scholar and friend; and in supplicating the Almighty for His Mercy and Bounty with regard to Maulana Haroon.

Yes, he was a classmate and a friend. We came from different worlds, but found ourselves on common ground as foreign students in a madrassa in a faraway land. With the distance of the years, I often think of that time as magical, in the sense that it was a time when everything was possible to our young and untested minds. I don't know if that is how Haroon thought of those times in recent years, but I do.

I remember him as the possessor of an imaginative and creative mind. I'm sure you've heard how he achieved the highest score on the All-Pakistan final exams. So, there was never any doubt of his academic abilities. We had a standing joke, the two of us, which stood the test of time. He would finish first every term

and every year, and I would finish second. But one year, for one term, I finished first and he finished second. The joke was that the reason for his second place finish was that he had arrived late for the term because he'd been delayed with his tablighi jamaat in India, or wherever it was they'd gone that year! I never let him forget it. And he never failed to laugh good-naturedly, because that was the way he was. He was just a really good guy. I don't know if you can say that about a distinguished scholar, but I can because we were friends.

Maulana Binnori (*alayhi al-Rahma*), decided for whatever reason to form a special program for us, Haroon, Faisal Kholwardia, and me. The result was that we spent a lot of time together, in class and outside; especially outside, because Haroon led our nightly takrar sessions, reviewing the day's lessons and preparing for the next. He had a crystal clear memory, and the ability to think through the most difficult and complex questions. He was very patient with me especially, as I was the least gifted one in our class.

So, yes, he was kind and he was generous. With all of that, he was humble. I certainly had problems with my ego, my nafs, in those days, and now! But that was never anything that Haroon suffered from. On the contrary, he never once showed himself to be anything but a friend with a helping hand extended to one and all. He was very even-tempered. I know that I had trouble more than once adjusting to the ways of one of our Egyptian teachers. Haroon would listen to my complaints and smile. "It will be better, you'll see," he'd say to me; never once intimating

where the blame might lie. He was just that kind of an understanding, sympathetic and gentle soul.

Finally, let me say this to you and your friends and relatives. If any of the students I knew at the madrassa in those days was a reflection of our teachers, all of whom I assure you were saints, then it was Haroon Abasoomar.

Wa's-Salaam,

Yusuf

**BRIEF BIODATA OF
HAZRAT MAULANA HAROON ABASOOMAR
(RAHMATULLAH ALAYH)**

1. Birth – Carolina, Mpumulanga Province, South Africa – 1952
2. Studied at Waterfall Islamic Institute (Mia’s Farm)
3. Hifz completed under Hazrat Hafiz Abdur Rahman Mia (*rahmatullah alayh*)
4. Completed studies at world renowned Islamic institution of learning, Al Jamiatul Uloomul Islamiyyah (Newtown Madrasah) under Allamah Yusuf Binnori (*rahmatullah alayh*)
5. Attained first position in the Wifaqul Madaris examination (Pakistan Darul Uloom National Board examination)
6. Shaikhul Hadith of Madrasah Taleemuddeen, Isipingo Beach, Madrasah Inaamiyyah, Camperdown and in the latter years of life at Madrasah Hameediyah, Durban
7. Khalifah of Hazrat Maulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Saheb (*rahmatullah alayh*)
8. Served Jamiatul Ulama KZN in the capacity of Secretary as well as Ameer from 2004 - 2007 and in the latter years as part of the Executive Committee

9. Imam of Isipingo Beach Masjid for 43 years
10. Principal of the Isipingo Beach Maktab
11. Founder and Ameer of Darul Hadith Research Centre
12. Trustee of Darul Uloom Newcastle
13. Ameer of Madrasah Anwarul Islam, Cape Town
14. Ameer of Madrasatul Binnory comprising over 50 Maktab in the Phillipines
15. Head of the Syrian Refugee Maktab Project by Darul Hadith, Istanbul
16. Trustee of several Masajid and Institutions
17. Passionate supporter of the Khatm Nubuwwat effort
18. Strong supporter of the effort of Dawat and Tabligh



ABOUT DARUL IHSAN HUMANITARIAN CENTRE

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre, then named Darul Ihsan Research and Education Centre (DIRECT), was founded by Mufti Zubair Bayat (*bafizabullah*) in January 2000, in Kwadukuza (Stanger), a town on the North Coast of KZN Province, South Africa. In 2018, the identity as a Humanitarian Centre was adopted as a suitable reflection of the expansion of services and diverse projects of the organisation. Presently, the Darul Ihsan Head Office is located at Sea Cow Lake with branches in Overport, Phoenix, Howick, Shallcross and Johannesburg.

The work and objective of Darul Ihsan embraces the diverse needs and hopes of humanity, both locally and abroad, under the premises of ‘Guidance, Ubuntu, Empowerment.’ Darul Ihsan seeks to promote a better understanding of Islam as a religion of peace, thereby serving as a bridge-builder between faiths and communities.

The centre is guided and managed by qualified Islamic Scholars (Ulama). Darul Ihsan provides a variety of services such as Fatwa, Counselling, Education & Training, Hifz Class, High-School Students Madrasah, Welfare, Ulama Development Programs, Publications, Da’wah, Relief, Mediation and Arbitration, Workshops, Empowerment Programs, Youth Development, Drug Counselling, Seminars, and other related activities.

ABOUT BAITUL IHSAN SPIRITUAL CENTRE

Baitul Ihsan is a spiritual retreat (Khanqah / Rabat / Zawiya / Tekke) founded and operated by Mufti Zubair Bayat (*hafizahullah*). For more information about the author, visit www.muftizubair.co.za. Daily Zikr sessions are held after Fajr, as well as informal talks relating to Islah (Spiritual Reformation) on an ongoing basis.

Two weekly sessions are also held at various venues, along with other special programs. There are dedicated sister's programs, as well as overnight stayover programs. All the programs are live streamed and can also be downloaded from the website www.muftizubair.co.za.

May Allah accept the humble efforts.

