

Portal Islamica Report

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The fully functional e-Learning and Content Management portal — www.PortalIslamica.org is being launched to coincide with the opening of the *Mulla Asgher Memorial library & Islamic Resource Center*. In addition to a repository of multimedia resources, this portal can handle student registration, tests and certification. This will enable third party coursework developers to upload their own courses. This is an industry standard SCORM compatible Learning Management Software (LMS) whereby each developer can be given a password access to upload and mange SCORM compatible courseware used by online education providers all over the world. It also has an e-commerce facility to enable Course developers to be remunerated for their courses.

With the core functionality fully developed, more courses added as the development phase continues. Basic. Intermediate and higher level learning material can now be offered for all learners. The ultimate vision is to have the this e-learning portal to be an extension of the Institute of Islamic Postgraduate Studies based in Syria, for learners to get a certification through IIPS, by completing a certain number of modules, combined with a specific summer period spent at the IIPS.

Secondly the Digital/Multimedia Library functionality that has been developed can enable authors and publishers to upload e-books text, audio and video resources in a relational database for easy cross-referencing. The initial compilation so far comprises of numerous titles and it is envisaged that the administrative team at the Mulla Asgher Library and Resource Center, where the servers will be hosted, will have a dedicated team continuously adding multimedia content and developing further courseware.

Numerous content provider sites can now have a direct link on the portal to allow for easy search and navigation. In view of the information overload, and following the maxim of 'less is more', a careful selection of the materials and verified links will enable users to have access to authentic and material in one place quickly and efficiently.



The initial content development has been focused on aspects of Aqaed for learners different levels. Tawheed, Adl, Nubuwwah, Imamah and Qiyama are covered as central concept of Islamic belief as well as titles in Philosophy, Theology and History.

