



understanding as to what they mean today. Along with proper understanding of Arabic grammar, the true meanings of Quranic words, and their use with respect to the context in which they have been revealed in, one student of Quran may get closer to the Truth. The task of creating a Quranic dictionary or encyclopedia that would explain the classical meanings of Quranic words and their use along with significance was undertaken by Allama Ghulam Ahmed Parwez in 1960, where he compiled Lughat-ul-Quran in Urdu language. Now this dictionary has been translated to English by Quranic Education Society in Norway, in order to appeal to a larger audience worldwide and to inspire modern Quranic students.

I wanted to write this book in response to the types of questions i had encountered during the course of my 17 year career as a religious teacher, to young children and adults in the United Kingdom. I was faced with many questions; this meant that i had to refer to various books and other sources of research to get the best answers as possible. i could not find any comprehensive text dealing with questions that were asked of me. It occurred to me that i should compile a book comprehensive enough to address central questions and issues associated with practices of our Deen as well as special Du'as which we should try to read in every day life. I have dealt with the importance of Durood Shareef and Du'as that should be recited. This book is aimed at the English speaking youth to make it more accessible so that the maximum amount of benefit can be reaped from it. I hope that this ensures what children learn will remain with them so that they do not forget the lessons this book teaches. I take responsibility for what ever is written in this book and any mistakes are my own and may Allah forgive me of there are any. I pray that people get benefit from this book and pass on any knowledge they get for the pleasure of Allah. This is a brilliant translation of the Aab-e-hayat (Water of Life), the last classical anthology of Urdu poetry. First published in 1880, it has exerted enormous influence over modern Urdu literary history.

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