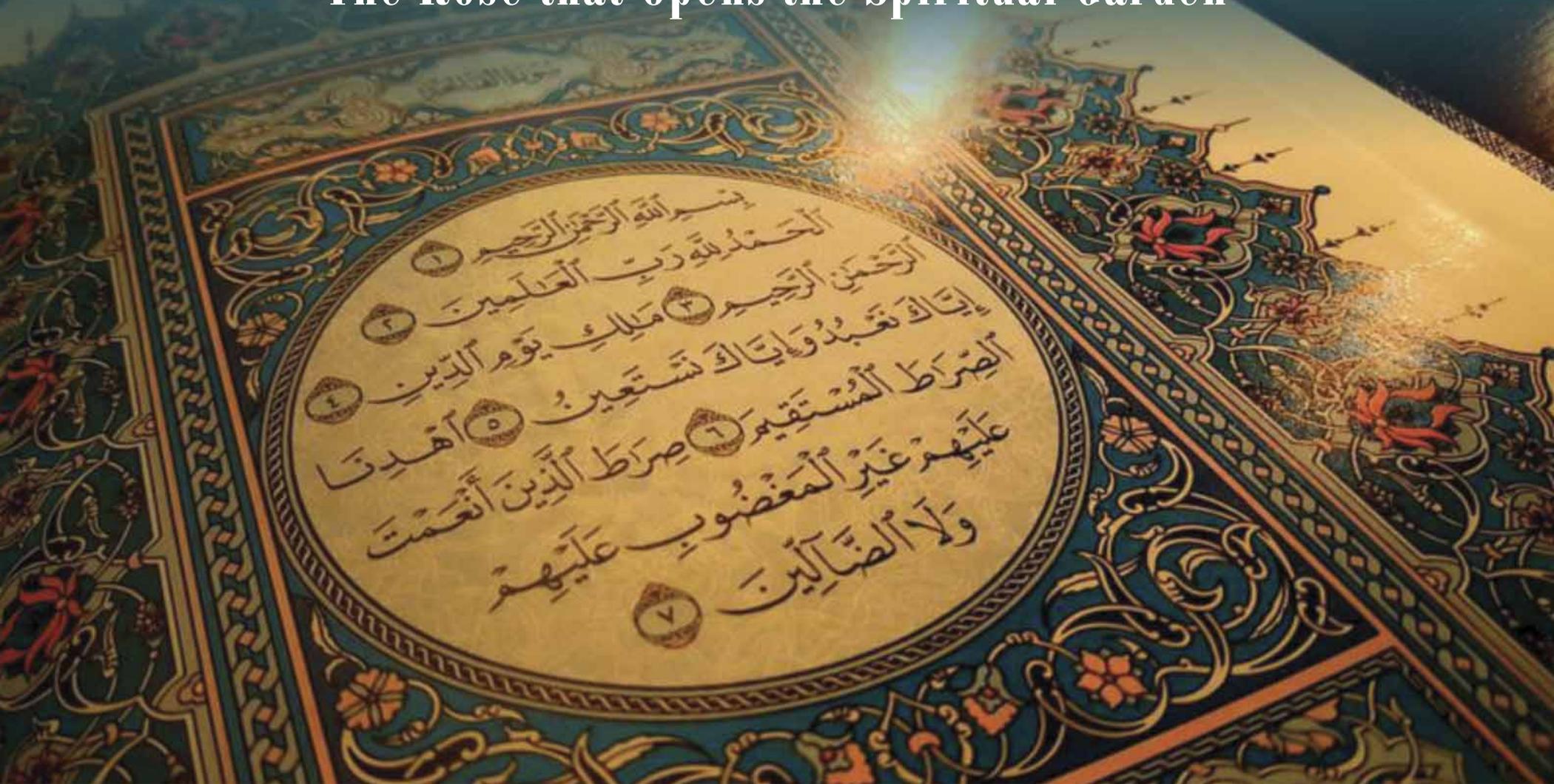


Sura Al Fatihah

The Rose that Opens the Spiritual Garden



Saturday,
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Presented by
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The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society will continue its over thirty-year tradition of hosting an annual symposium by offering a special virtual course this year. Although the in-person meeting of friends and family will be missed, we are excited to utilize an online format to bring you an informative program in the comfort of your own homes. This year, our program will focus on the spiritual lessons contained in the opening chapter of the Holy Quran, titled Sura Al Fatihah.

From time immemorial, man has questioned his existence: How did we get here? Who is our Creator? What is our purpose in life? What happens when we die? There is an intrinsic calling for answers to these questions. Although religion has historically been viewed as a source of guidance on such existential queries, many in contemporary times view religion (the concept itself, regardless of which faith tradition) as unreliable and unrelatable. Some base this position on perceived conflicts between religious beliefs and scientific facts, religion being considered inferior to contemporary pragmatic thought. Others view religious principles as inherently exclusive, at odds with notions of fairness, equality and justice for all. And still others feel religious philosophies fail to nurture spiritual growth, it being an impediment to developing a personal connection with the Divine.

For Muslims, the Holy Quran provides a comprehensive manual on all aspects of life, one that both appeals to intellect and inspires inner spiritual contentment. And Sura Al Fatihah, referred to as “The Mother of the Quran,” encapsulates in its seven short verses a concise summary of the essence of the faith. It presents a message that is universal in scope and applicable to all; it enlightens on the nature of the Divine by beautifully describing God’s primary qualities and characteristics; and it expounds on the relationship between each individual and God, thereby offering insight to the very purpose of life.

Please join us as we study the verses of Sura Al Fatihah. We hope the presentations will afford lessons that will be appreciated by persons of all faiths and no faith alike, and will provide a valuable lens through which the entirety of the Quran should be read and the religion of Islam should be understood.

We look forward to you joining us for the program!