

The Ahlul Bayt Digital Islamic Library Project (DILP) team is a registered, non-profit, tax-exempt Internet-based group of volunteers operating from throughout the world. Our objectives are to digitize and present quality resources, related to the history, law, practice, and society of the Islamic religion and the Muslim peoples, with particular emphasis on Twelver Shia Islamic school of thought.

The DILP was established in January of 1996, and is currently comprised of over 30 members from various countries worldwide.

Al-Islam.org is the premier site for Shi'a Islam on the



Internet. It is also one of the most well-known and popular Islamic websites on the Internet. The site is available in a Multilingual user-friendly interface, which includes a full Alphabetical & Topical index, with the ability to filter resources by language & media type.

Textual Resources On-line

The DILP is always expanding the textual portion of its library, which consists of the full text translation of important Islamic texts along with almost 400 other full-length texts and over 300 short articles from a variety of contemporary and classical sources. A search engine allows readers to search for keywords in all the online texts.

While the majority of the texts currently available in the library are English translations, the DILP has taken initiative to provide texts in other languages like Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Swahili, Gujarati and Urdu.

Islamic Multimedia Gallery

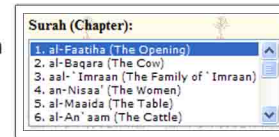
The multimedia portion of Al-Islam.org is known as the Islamic Gallery. Currently available in audio and/or video format are a large collection of the recordings of lectures, supplications, eulogies/elegies and recitation of the Qur'an. The Gallery also contains a number of photo galleries. These galleries are usually centered on a given topic or genre. Available are galleries of Islamic calligraphy, collections focused on places visited for ziyarat, and more.

Ongoing Projects

The Multilingual Qur'an A fully searchable Multilingual Qur'an with Arabic text, English translations, and commentary by Agha Puya / S.V. Mir Ahmed Ali. The Online Qur'an is currently undergoing an upgrade to include such as multiple Commentaries, browsing by Root-words and Topics.

Journal Archvies Archives of journal articles from scholarly magazines such as Al-Serat, Al-Tawheed, and Al-Thaqalayn.

The Event of Ghadir Khumm project A scholarly examination and presentation of the source and narrators of the tradition of al-Ghadir.



Islam in a Nutshell Fact sheets about Islam and Shi'ism translated into numerous languages including Albanian, Bosnian, German, Swedish, and Thai.

Islamic Supplication Browser Multilingual collection of Ad'iya and Ziyaraat, categorized by source & date.

The Road ahead

Hadith Database Project A multilingual and searchable Hadith database that will hold ahadith primarily from Shi'ah sources. The Ahadith will be categorized based on the subject & source.

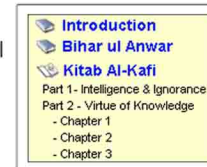
Content Management System Provide Textual resources in PDF & Mobile formats, providing support for wireless users who would like to download and then view resources offline.

Scholar's Portal A place where visitors can submit religious queries from a single point which goes to all or any authorities as chosen by the submitter. Answers appear on site and managed semi-automatically.

Wiki Project Facilitate the participation of a worldwide audience in creating & translating resources that would otherwise be very costly and/or nearly impossible.

E-Learning initiatives Explore possibilities of providing Islamic Education online, using Multimedia Technologies.

Audio Books Record Islamic Textual Resources in audio format as another means for visitors to access Islamic information as easily as possible to take maximum advantage of available content.



Facts & Figures

Statistics indicate that over 3000 people visit Al-Islam.org per day and that the website receives more than a 1.5 million hits per month

On-line news articles from sites such as BBC online, academic institutions, and other Islamic and religious websites have linked and continue to link to resources on Al-Islam.org

The DILP receives hundreds of e-mails from visitors around the world with feedback about Al-Islam.org and/or questions about Islam.

How you can help?

The DILP team members currently contribute towards the DILP efforts on a completely voluntary and unpaid basis. However, due to the bandwidth required in order to support the demand on the site, and the large amount of storage space required for the Islamic Gallery, the Al-Islam.org website currently has maintenance costs of hundreds of US dollars every month. The DILP is seeking donations in order to meet these costs and expand as an organization in order to achieve our goal of creating a user-friendly, scholarly, and tremendously informative Digital Islamic Library dedicated to the Ahlul Bayt (`a).

If you would like more information, please contact the Board members of the Ahlul Bayt Digital Islamic Library Project at dilp-ec@cs.stanford.edu, and/or visit our website at:

<http://al-islam.org/organizations/dilp/> .

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