



# Selflessness in Serving Divine Knowledge

---

with Lecturer in the  
Department of Hadith  
Mawlana Abdurrehman Haji



“In the United States, there is no other institution of higher Islamic education like Darul Qasim College. The professionalism, academic rigor, and welcoming atmosphere are some of the many characteristics of this institution that set it apart from others.”

“I hope to impart whatever little I gained from my teachers to seekers of knowledge who come to Darul Qasim College. At the same time, I see myself as one of them. I too am learning new things every day. The only difference between my students and I is: I sit on one side of the desk and they on the other. Otherwise we’re all learning everyday, alḥamdulillah.”





“Personally, I learned many lessons from the mashāyikh of Saharanpur (India). One is the need to rigorously verify and authenticate anything one reads or hears. Another is selflessness in serving Divine knowledge to those who seek it.”



“As a lecturer in the Hadith Department, I aim to provide a space for students to explore their thoughts and ideas through a guided approach that helps them to reach their maximum potential. This guided approach is key to a process of development that is inline with traditional Muslim scholarship. I learned this approach from Shaykh Yunus Jawnpuri and I believe it was the key to his genius. He was one of the greatest hadith scholars of our time.”



“Allah ﷻ blessed me with the opportunity to spend 4 years in the company of Shaykh Yunus. I had never seen anyone like him before I met him and I haven’t seen anyone like him since. One of his greatest features was the utmost importance he gave to following the sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ.”

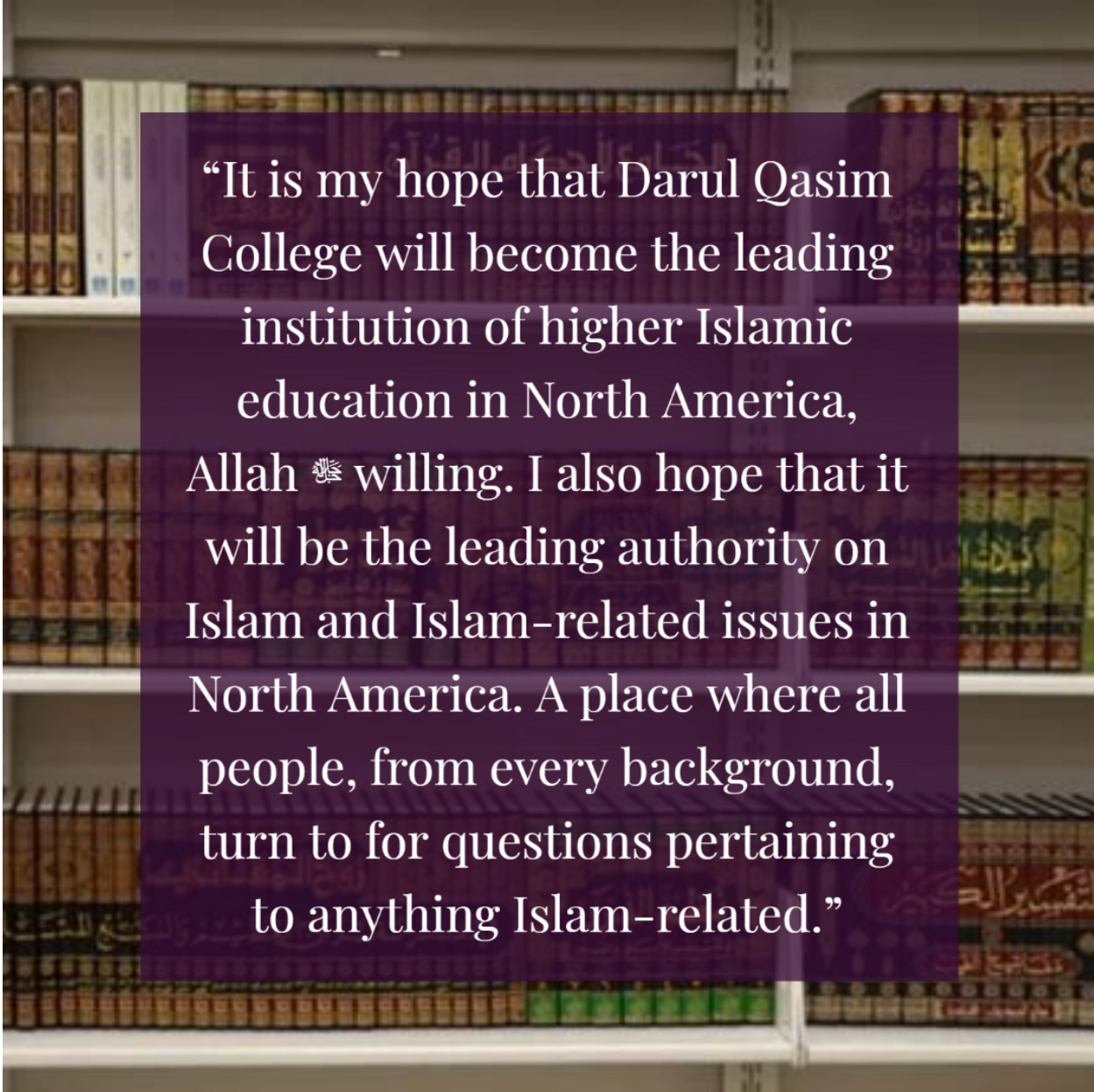


“Shaykh Yunus was extremely particular about making sure his practices, in all facets of his life, were in total conformity with the Sunnah. Whether it be worship, dealings, mannerisms or character, etc., his existence became a powerful teaching tool. Honestly speaking, I’m not even worth the dirt on the bottom of his shoes, yet, I use some of his teaching methods in my own classrooms at Darul Qasim College.”

“To begin, I try to paint a holistic picture of the hadith I am teaching. I do this by first mentioning anything from the book of Allah ﷻ that supports the hadith. I then take students through some or all of what different scholars of Islam have understood from that hadith. Finally, collectively we try to see whether the hadith is established from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ or not. If it is not, then I ask them why. These are just some of Shaykh Yunus’s methods that I use when teaching hadith studies.”







“It is my hope that Darul Qasim College will become the leading institution of higher Islamic education in North America, Allah ﷻ willing. I also hope that it will be the leading authority on Islam and Islam-related issues in North America. A place where all people, from every background, turn to for questions pertaining to anything Islam-related.”