



# *This Dhul-Hijjah*

## **The Best Deeds for the Best Ten Days**

**Called to Rise. Chosen to Give.**

Every year, the month of Dhul-Hijjah calls us back to something essential—sincerity, sacrifice, and submission before Allah. **Not merely to ritual, but to reckoning—a moment of moral clarity about who we are, what we stand for, and whether our deeds truly match our convictions.**

This season of sacrifice does not wait for us to be ready. It arrives, finds us where we are, and calls us to rise. This year, that call feels especially urgent. We are living through a moment where the pressures on Muslim Americans, on people of faith everywhere, have never felt more acute. Our values are contested, our voices are marginalized, and our children and grandchildren are growing up in a world that offers them every kind of identity except the one rooted in *Taqwa* and truth. And in the middle of all of this, we are called to give our best deeds in the best ten days of the year.

### **What could be more fitting?**

Because the story of Dhul-Hijjah has always been the story of conviction and reliance in the face of the impossible. It is the story of Ibrahim (AS), who was asked to surrender what he loved most, and found that his sacrifice became a gift to every generation that followed. It is the story of Hajar (AS), running between the two hills of Safa and Marwa with nothing but her faith and reliance on Allah, and discovering that the water she searched for was beneath her child's feet all along. Their acts of faith did not just save them. They became sacred legacies for every Muslim on earth.

**That is the spirit in which I ask you, this Dhul-Hijjah, to invest in The Islamic Seminary of America. In the spirit of what we give for His sake. In the spirit of legacy.**

In these sacred ten days, I offer you three reasons to give:

**1. Because the work of remembrance requires institutions.** The Prophet (SAW) reminded us to remember Allah during the appointed days. But dhikr is more than words on our lips. It is the community we build, the leaders we raise, the institutions we sustain. When you support TISA, you are joining a community of Believing Academics who carry that remembrance into classrooms, mosques, boardrooms, and beyond.

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**2. Because fasting without feeding the future is incomplete.** Many of us will fast the Day of Arafah with sincere hope that it will expiate the sins of two years. This is certainly a blessed sacrifice. But what of the years ahead, when our grandchildren and their children will need someone qualified to answer their questions, to lead their prayers, to counsel their grief? Investing in TISA is an act of spiritual foresight, feeding a future we may not live to see but will certainly benefit from.

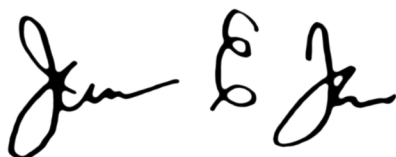
**3. Because charity in these ten days multiplies in ways we cannot calculate.** The Prophet (SAW) said there are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten. Among those deeds, charity holds a singular honor. Your gift to TISA in these sacred days is not just a donation. It is a deed that ripples forward, carried in the hands of every student we train, every community they serve, and every life they touch.

Together, we are building a resource that the North American ummah has needed for a long time. A homegrown, rigorous, spiritually grounded institution that trains leaders who look like us, sound like us, understand us, and will stand with us when the tests come. And the tests are coming.

You were not reached by this letter by accident. You are among those with the means, the awareness, and the conviction to act—chosen to give of your wealth and your vision for what this ummah can become. **Please join me in making a sacred gift in this most sacred season.** Give generously. Give urgently. Give as if the legacy of your community depends on it.

**Because it does.**

With heartfelt regards,



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**P.S. Automate your giving across all ten days of Dhul-Hijjah, especially the Day of Arafah, so you do not miss the blessings of a single day!** This year, our community is working together to raise \$50,000 to help sustain TISA's training and leadership formation efforts.

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