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**A Muslim Child's
Way of Life**

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*In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful.*

Publisher's Note

We are publishing this book with two purposes in mind. One is to signify the meanings of the statement of Faith, which is *Laa ilaaha illallaah*; and what position it should hold in our lives. The conditions and the requirements of the statement of Faith are clearly described for our children in such a style that they will grasp it without any difficulty.

All the Articles of Faith have been explained to them in a very easy manner. In fact every child gets the clear idea of all the requirements of Faith by reading this book, and this was one aim which has been achieved in a perfect manner.

The second aim was to promote healthy extracurricular activities in the school children. Various types of debates, writing competitions and sports produce sound effects both mentally and physically upon the children. They become fluent in expressing themselves

through words whether it is by speaking or by writing. Such competitions increase the thinking capabilities of the children, making them creative and expressive.

In schools, the principals and the concerned teachers should organize such competitions on a regular basis to keep the children busy with healthy activities.

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Laa Ilaaha Illallaah **A Muslim Child's Way of Life**

The Ministry of Education organized a competition for the best research paper on one of the five pillars of Islam and allocated valuable prizes for the first five winners. The terms and conditions of the competition included the following:

1. The paper should not exceed ten pages.
2. The competitor should not be over fifteen years of age.
3. The paper should be submitted within two weeks.
4. The same paper can be shared by more than one competitor.

The Ministry of Education stated in a leaflet that a delegate of the Ministry was going to distribute the prizes in person to the winners.

The news of the competition and the valuable prizes had a deep impact on the

students as well as their parents. All the students wanted to win a prize. The teachers also wanted their own students to stand a chance of winning one of those valuable prizes.

All the schools that participated in the competition turned into what looked like a beehive as a result of the students' hectic movements to find the right books of reference. Some students were looking in books of *Fiqh* to write on prayer, some were reading about pilgrimage, others were concerned with *Zakaah*, others were thinking about writing on fasting, and others chose to write on the Statement of Faith: *Laa ilaaha illallaah*.

Many students felt that the papers they had produced were of a poor quality, so they disappointedly tore them up and gave up the idea of taking part in the competition. Some students, however, sought advice from their parents and consulted their teachers for help. Those students who had written papers were

both nervous and excited as the deadline approached. They all managed to meet the deadline after all.

The big day of announcing the results and distributing the prizes came after a long wait. The students who had taken part in the competition went early to the school to find out about the results. Some of them were not as concerned with the prize itself as they were with success. Success has a special taste and brings with it joy and happiness. Everyone was hoping to win. Teachers were hoping that their own students would win the prize. Principals were hoping that their schools would win. Parents were even more concerned about their children winning the prize.

The students rushed to school to find out whether or not they would spot their names on the notice board in the school yard.

The Ministry of Education had already announced that Sa'eed bin Jubair School

was the school which had won the first prize, and the paper that won the prize was written by a fourteen-year-old student named 'Abdur-Rahmān. The title of the paper was '*Laa ilaaha illallaah: A Muslim Child's Way of Life.*' 'Abdur-Rahmān discussed in this paper the meaning of *Laa ilaaha illallaah*, its status, its conditions, its virtues and its requirements.

Like the rest of the students who were waiting for the big day to come, 'Abdur-Rahmaan left home early that day. He was confident of winning the first prize. He prayed all the way to school, and when he got there, he found a big surprise awaiting him. He was indeed the first prize winner! His eyes lit up with joy, and he fell prostrate on the floor next to the headmaster's office, offering thanks to Allāh for the major achievement he had made. Mr. Khaalid, the principal of the school, was elated with joy. He walked towards him and

congratulated him on this achievement. In the morning assembly that day, it was Mr. Khaalid who addressed the students and the faculty. He opened his speech by giving praises to Allāh and invoking Allāh's blessings upon His Messenger. Then he thanked 'Abdur-Rahmaan for the efforts he had made to win the first prize. He also considered this success a success not for one person, but for the whole school community. Before he concluded his speech, he requested 'Abdur-Rahmaan to read his paper before his teachers and fellow students.

'Abdur-Rahmaan came forward, his paper in his right hand, and stood on a platform which was prepared for the occasion. Then he began reading his paper.