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**Al-Furqaan Foundation Responds to the Quran-Burning in Florida with a campaign to distribute 50 copies of Quran for every copy burnt!!!**

Addison, Illinois—August 13, 2010. In response to the planned “Qur’an Burning” event by the Dove World Outreach Center on Sept. 11, the Al-Furqaan Foundation will distribute 50 FREE English Translations of the Qur’an for every Qur’an they burn.

Though the Al-Furqaan Foundation, a non-profit based in Illinois, regularly delivers free copies of the *English Translation of the Message of the Qur’an* all over the U.S., the Foundation will compound its efforts in order to peacefully and proactively educate the community.

“As a non-profit foundation that delivers free Qur’ans, we understand the importance of the Qur’an. We deliver the Qur’an in the hopes that we can build bridges in our communities so that our neighbors can understand our religion, not from the actions of people, but rather from what the book itself says,” said Wajahat Sayeed, Founder and President of Al-Furqaan Foundation.

In addition to distributing 50 free Qur’ans for every Qur’an burnt, the Al-Furqaan Foundation is refusing to sell Qur’ans to those who are involved in the Qur’an burning and are actively educating bookstores around the country about this event in Gainesville, Florida and urging all Islamic bookstores to do the same.

“In protest of this unconscionable act, the Al-Furqaan Foundation will neither tolerate nor participate in spreading Islamophobia and hate. To burn a Qur’an is offensive to Muslims and serves no purpose but to polarize our communities even more. What the church fails to realize is that unlike other books, even if all the Qur’ans in the world were to be burnt, there are millions of Muslims, some as young as 7 years old, who have committed the entire Qur’an to memory and can rewrite it cover to cover. This is the Miracle of the Qur’an as the only book that cannot

be destroyed,” said Sayeed. “Our campaign will inshaAllah let such people know that whatever symbolic gestures of hate they want to portray, they will be in vain and will only encourage us to increase our efforts at education and dawah – 50 times more InshaAllah!”

Al-Furqaan Foundation has also compiled a list of 10 facts about the Qur’an that most people do not know, that can be downloaded from their website. They are mailing and contacting all Masaajid to encourage their congregations to support this positive campaign to fight ignorance with light. “We urge all Muslims to stop this heinous act by working and supporting us to send out a constructive response. As Muslims, we should be aware that incidents like this are attempts to get us to act foolishly. We should not take the bait and act rashly or emotionally, for doing so will only fulfill their agenda. We should react with wisdom rather than with emotion,” said Sayeed. “During this holy month of Ramadhan, the month of the Qur’an, we urge all Muslims around the world to support this campaign and donate generously to make this campaign successful. We are also calling on all people of conscience to join us to condemn this heinous act and support our efforts to educate the community about Islam, Quran and Muslims.”

The Al-Furqaan Foundation, a non-profit based in Illinois, whose aim is to educate the residents of the US about Islam and Muslims, by distributing free Copies of the *English Translation of the Message of the Qur’an* to every household, every hospital room, every hotel room, every retirement home and college dormitory in the United States. Since the Foundation’s initial start in 2003, over 420,000 Qur’ans have been distributed, of which 235,000 were delivered door to door. Currently in the U.S., 37 hotels and over 50 hospitals carry the Foundation’s English translation of the Qur’an. For more information visit [www.al-furqaan.org](http://www.al-furqaan.org)

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