

## Syllabus of the Subject

<b>Subject:</b>	Tefsir – <i>Thematic commenting of Quran</i>
<b>Study program:</b>	Islamic Theology
<b>Number of ECTS credits:</b>	4 ECTS
<b>Status of subject:</b>	Election
<b>Code of the subject:</b>	408
<b>Fund of classes:</b>	2+1
<b>Academic year:</b>	2021/2022
<b>Semester:</b>	VIII
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## A brief content of the course:

Content of the subject: “**Thematic Tefsir**” (this subject includes a number of topics extracted from noble Quran. Processed according to the method of thematic tefsir, which include various issues in the field of faith and worshipping also in the daily practical life, in the society where we live.

## Aim of the subject:

It equips students with basic knowledge in the field of interpretation and thematic commenting of Quran Kerim, by researching and studying the most important topics which are related to individuals and to the society. Development of skills and abilities to analyse various matters which are included in the study program in order to be able to derive the actual topics from the book of Allah s.v.t. Gaining and advancing of the critical sense in the aspect of evaluation of arguments based on the book of Allah s.v.t. Training to write various topics from Noble Quran, in a clear and convincing style of verbal and written expression, which are considered as features of a person with an academic liberal education. From lections in the field of thematic tefsir, we expect that student following completion of this course will gain sufficient knowledge on discussion of topics in a direct manner from noble Quran and researching important issues according to the methodology of thematic tefsir that is from the contemporary methods in the science of commenting and interpretation of noble Quran. To understand processes of development in the field of thematic tefsir from the first stages of this science up to date. And to give opportunity to students that in a critical form by encouraging debates to be as objective as possible and progressive in extracting topics from noble Quran, especially those which have religious character.

### **Expected learning outcome:**

**Following completion of this course, students will be able to:**

Describe stages of development of thematic tefsir along the history.

Compare between different topics studied during the course.

Discuss about these topics based on arguments of each interpreter, being objective in submitting them.

Defend stances of each interpreter, as their followers conceptualise them.

Present critical opinion for each of them, submitting the arguments of each school of tefsir.

Be able to apply the gained knowledge while in discussion of these topics and various interreligious matters.

### **Methodology of teaching:**

Teaching will be carried out according to the method of comparative and analysing study, through lectures and exercises and interactive discussions.

### **Content of the subject:**

**First week:** Introduction, presentation of the syllabus, method, organisation, requirements and evaluation. General reviews: Contribution of early Islamic scholars for thematic tefsir and use of this method in their commenting.

**Bibliography:** Dr. Lulzim Esati, *Tefsiri tematik- examples from Quran, (In the text below this will be the basic bibliography, therefore only pages will be mentioned below).*

**Second week:** Commitment to noble Quran - "*ahdurr- rrububijeh*" stance of seleft related to taking of this commitment to the world of souls and their arguments.

Proposal of topics for seminar works and for essays. Arguments of Halefs and their stance related to possibility of happening of this commitment. Traces of commitment in word, in souls of people.

Interactive discussion, regarding these disagreements between the scholars.

**Bibliography:** Pg: (242-251). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Third week:** Worshipping noble Quran – worshipping the human world, angels, animal world, plants. Worshipping solid items in the earth and on the skies. Desire to worship exists at every creature.

**Bibliography:** Pg: (179-187). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Fourth week:** Sincere repenting according to noble Quran. Conditions of sincere repentance. Father of mankind, Adem a.s.- example for sincere repentance. Examples

from Prophets a.s. in their repentance. Fruits of sincere repentance in this life and in the other one.

**Bibliography:** pg: (158-162). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Fifth week:** Commitments made by Beni Israils according to Quran. Evidence from noble Quran that Beni Israils were closer to paganism than to monotheism. Evidence from Tora indicating for crimes of Beni Israils against the Messengers of Allah.

**Bibliography:** pg: (252-265). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Sixth week:** Marriage and its' aims, types of creation of people in noble Quran and punishment for homosexuals in the Book of Allah s.v.t. Wealth in Quran, principles that guarantee happiness with the wealth in Quran.

**Bibliography:** pg: (139-147). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Seventh week:** Obligation of people towards parents, wisdom of ranking this obligation after worshipping Allah s.v.t. and examples from noble Quran related to conduct of Prophets with their parents.

**Bibliography:** pg: (11-19). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Eighth week: Intermediary test**

**Ninth week:** Obligation of human being towards the earth - ayats of Quran testifying it. Ayats disallowing irregularities on earth which threaten by a severe punishment for those causing disorders. Examples from Noble Quran indicating that the messengers of Allah a.s. warned each society of the consequences of *Fesad* – disorders - and ordering their people to have constructive role towards society and environment.

**Bibliography:** pg: (20-30). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Tenth week:** Honesty, in Akida - Faith, Ibadah - Worshipping, Dua - prayers, etc. in Quran.

Practical examples from the book of Allah s.v.t., verifying that honesty gives the believer a special immunity against intrigues of the devil. a.l.

**Bibliography:** pg: (165-172). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Eleventh week:** Two contradictory personalities - confession of the owner of two gardens in the noble Quran. Destroying of gardens as a result of lack of gratitude by their owner, and unfair pride towards his believer friend!.

**Bibliography:** pg: (93-102). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Twelfth week:** Karun, the person known as the richest by the history! His confession according to noble Quran. Five pieces of advice offered to Karun by his Rabins, and his sad end, who ended being swallowed by the earth.

**Bibliography:** pg: (103-110). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Thirteenth week:** Obligation of human being towards Muslim neighbour according to Quran. Obligation of Muslims towards Muslims in Quran.

**Bibliography:** pg: (31-44). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Fourteenth week:** banned foods in Quran and conditions for allowing their consumption in emergency cases.

**Bibliography:** pg: (215-225). Thematic commenting of Quran.

**Fifteenth week:** Final exam

**Bibliography:** Quran, with translation from effendi Hasan Nahi. Publication 1986.

### **Criteria and components of evaluation:**

**Attendance and engagement in lectures** 10 points

**Seminar works** 20 points

**Intermediary test** 30 points

**Final exam** 40 points

**Total** 100 points

### **Basic bibliography - mandatory:**

1. Prof. ass. dr. Lulzim Esati, tefsiri tematik- Examples from Quran, book expected to be printed, for the fourth year, Islam Study Faculty, Prishtina, 2014.

### **Additional consultative bibliography:**

1. Qur'an, with translation from effendi Hasan Nahi. Publication 1986.
2. *Kandili ndriçues*, short version of tefsir Ibn Kethir - translated by Mr. Bashkim Aliu, published by the foundation of Islamic youth in Zurich, 2007.
3. Ibn Mendhur, Xhemaludin Muhamed Ibn Mukrem, v 711.h./1311, *Lisanul Arab*, sh.b. Dar Sadir, Beirut, first edition 1990
4. El-Fejruz Abadi, Muhamed Ibn Jakub, v 817 h./1414, *Elkamus Elmuhit*, sh.b. Muesesetu Rrisale, Beirut, second edition, 1987.