

Discussion session on Religion by Mr. Muhammad Tahami Bashan Alvi

The Pageturners IMSciences hosted a talk session by inviting a young emerging Islamic scholar Mr. Muhammad Tehami Bashan Alvi, a PhD candidate from Gift University, Gujranwala. Mr. Alvi has authored three books so far. These include *Samaaj, riasat, aur mazhabi aqliatein*, *Zikr jawanon ki muhabbat ka* and *Dar Idrak*.

The talk was about “Religion and Understanding of Religion”. Mr. Sikandar Tangi hosted and mediated the entire discussion session.

Mr. Alvi talked about Islam in great detail. He shed light on the basic elements of Islam i.e. the Holy Book, Sunnat, Fiqh and Tasawaf etc. The reason behind this session was to enhance religious knowledge among students and improve their understanding of the subject. Questions from students during and after the lecture reflected their pursuit of clearing religious confusions which are prevalent among majority of the Muslims in our society. It also exhibited the great level of interest in Islam found among youth in a time when religion is gradually taking a seat behind neo-liberalism.

At the end of the session, Mr. Alvi was presented with a gift package by Mr. Sikandar Tangi for his first visit not only to IMSciences, but Peshawar. He said he came to Peshawar carrying misrepresented views regarding the city and its people, but that he is leaving with a completely opposite i.e. positive view.