Anwar Aulaqi was born on 04/21/71 in New Mexico while his father was in the United States on a diplomatic posting from Yemen. Aulaqi holds an engineering degree from Colorado State University and obtained religious training from a France-based Islamic correspondence program on Sharia and Fiqh. Aulaqi obtained a Master's degree in Education from San Diego State University. He currently attends George Washington University where he is pursuing a PhD in Human Resource Development. He is attending school through a scholarship provided by the Ministry of Education in Yemen.

Aulaqi spent nearly five years as the Imam of the Al-Ribat Mosque in San Diego, California, where he had a following of approximately 200-300 people. On 06/07/99 Aulaqi became the subject...
Anwar Nasser Aulaqi

Mosque, at 3159 Row Street, Falls Church, Virginia. He resides at 3331 Kaywood Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, Aulaqi submitted to four FBI interviews. In an interview on 09/17/01 Aulaqi was shown a picture of the flight 77 hijackers and thereupon stated that he knew Nawaf Alhazmi from the Al-Ribat mosque in San Diego. He did not recognize Khalid Almidhdir.

During the FBI interview, Aulaqi was familiar enough with Nawaf Alhazmi to describe some of Alhazmi’s personality traits. Aulaqi considered Alhazmi to be a loner who did not have a large circle of friends. Alhazmi was slow to enter into personal relationships and was always very soft spoken, a very calm and extremely nice person. Aulaqi did not see Alhazmi as a very religious person, based on the fact that Alhazmi never wore a beard and neglected to attend all five daily prayer sessions. Aulaqi also was able to provide a physical description of Nawaf Alhazmi.
Investigation continues at WFO into the association between Anwar Aulaqi and persons connected to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.