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Competition & Worldly Deception Summarized by Bro. Kaleem

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Allah reminds us that in this worldly life is a life of deception. Allah has no problem with necessities and having a career but when it gets into extravagance, competition, and waste, it becomes an issue. Allah says in the Qur'an, Surah Takathur (Chapter 102): "Competition for more gains diverts you from Allah, until you end up in your graves. But no! You will soon come to know.Again, no! You will soon come to know. Indeed, if you were to know your fate with certainty, you would have acted differently. But you will surely see the Hellfire. Again, you will surely see it with the eye of certainty. Then, on that Day; you will definitely be questioned about your worldly pleasures."Allah talks about how people compete in worldly matters and reality only hits us when we die. We do not pay heed. We regret that we wasted our lives boasting and we only realize when it is too late. Allah repeats it over and over that true understanding of our situation will only hit most of us after we die. The full reality will hit when we realize the business and family we boasted about would not be with us in the grave while they were the very things distracting us from ibadah while we were alive. People have knowledge but do not have faith of what they know. On the day of judgement Allah will ask us concerning all of his favours to us and how we've used them. Can we imagine how we will give account when Allah asks us not just about our money but how we used the intelligence he gave us or if we used our skills to do good? May Allah allow us to realize the reality of our situation and what we've learned in the Qur'an and Sunnah before it's too late?

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Forgiveness Ramadan

By Taj Siddiqui

One of the distinguishing features of Ramadan is forgiveness. The Prophet (PBUH) explained in one Hadith that Ramadan is a month whose beginning is Mercy; whose middle is Forgiveness and whose end is Freedom from the Hellfire. This makes it a great time to ask Allah for His Forgiveness. It's also a wonderful time to open our hearts and cleanse them of grudges and bittemess by forgiving others. What better way to seek this divine forgiveness than by forgiving those who have wronged and hurt us? Just as we seek forgiveness from Allah, we must learn to forgive ourselves. When the servant knowingly gives up the things and acts that nullify the fast, despite his ability to reach them in secret, he gives indeed strong evidence of his certain belief that Allah, the Almighty, watches over him in both his manifest and secret deeds. There is no doubt that this kind of conduct is a significant training to strengthen faith in Allah. The Prophet (PBUH) said: "It is NOT permissible for a Muslim to abandon his brother (or sister) for more than three days, each of them turning away when they meet. The better of them is the one who gives the greeting of salaam first.' Forgiveness requires an extraordinary struggle against the bruised ego. And, the bigger the hurt, the more difficult it is to forgive. Forgiving is giving up your right to hate or hurt the person who hurt you. Hate hurts you physically, mentally, and emotionally. Forgiveness gives you peace, tranquility, and happiness. During Ramadan, the doors of Allah's mercy and forgiveness are open. Allah described the believers and said: "And those who avoid the major sins and immoralities, and when they are angry, they forgive." (Quran 42:37). How can we raise our hands and ask Allah for forgiveness but not be willing to forgive another human-being? The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that Musa (AS), the son of Imran once asked, "Oh my Lord! Who is the most honorable of your servants? And He replied, the person who forgives even when he is in a position of power". Peace and blessings are upon the Prophet. When he entered the city of Makkah after the victory, the Prophet (PBUH), had in front of him some of his staunchest enemies. Those who fought him for many years persecuted his followers and killed many of them. Now he had full power to do whatever he wanted to punish them for their crimes. It is reported that the Prophet (PBUH) asked them, "What do you think I shall do to you now?" They pleaded for mercy. "No blame on you today. Go, you are all free." Subhan Allah, soon thereafter they all came and accepted Islam due to his huge act of mercy.



Welcome Ramadhan

By Bro. Farooq Shafi

We begin this amazing month of Ramadhan, in a few days, In Sha Allaah. This is a short reminder about the Holy Month. Why do we fast? What do we expect to gain from fasting? And, how can we make the best of Ramadhan? What should we do to get the maximum benefit?" O You who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn taqwa, (self-restraint)." [2:183] Those of us who are fasting, enjoy the satisfaction that we are giving up our delicious food and drink, our leisure and amusement so that we can please our Lord and Sustainer. Allaah tells us in His Holy Book, all our other duties concern the poor, the needy, our families, and ourselves, but Fasting is for Allaah alone, and He rewards whom He pleases. We must always bear in mind the purpose of our fasting. It's not only to stay hungry and thirsty. It's to be conscious of Allaah at all times. Fasting teaches us to tame our lower passions, al-nafs-al-ammara-bis-sow. This is the lower self that clings to the earth, and drags us towards all the hateful and shameful actions, envy, greed, sexual lust, jealousy, anger, hatred, revenge...Fasting helps us to be disciplined. It helps us to strengthen our conscience, the higher self, which in Arabic is called al-nafs-al-law-waamah. This is the self-reproaching nafs, this is the higher self that constantly blames itself and seeks to put right all the errors and sins of the lower self. Throughout our lives, we struggle with this great Jihad, of trying to control our desires and passions, so that our thoughts, our words, and our actions are only good and pleasing to Allaah. Once the Muslims returned from a battle, and Prophet Muhammad SAW said to them. You have completed the lesser Jihad, now you must engage with the greater Jihad, which is the struggle to control and purify yourself.I pray that every one of us here will use this Ramadhan as an opportunity to fight this most important of all struggles, the Greater Jihad of taking control of our lives, control of our lower passions and desires. This struggle to cultivate self-discipline is not only for Ramadhan. It's a lifelong struggle. Shaitan (the devil) will constantly offer temptations and make our evil nature seem pleasing to us. But we must be on guard, and we must remember what pleases Allaah. We must say, "I take refuge in Allaah from Shaitan, the Cursed One". We must constantly keep in mind that Allaah will hold us to account for our actions. We do not want to be among the losers, the ones whose end is hellfire, Jahannam. We want to be among the winners, the ones who will enter paradise. We want to spend our lives, purifying our thoughts and words and actions, so that when we die we have a purified heart and soul.

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Sisters Treated Unjustly

by: Sister Sylmerie "All humans are descended from Adam and Eve," said Prophet Muhammad (saw), in his last known public speech. "There is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab or of a non-Arab over an Arab and no superiority of a white

person over a black". Give full measure and do not give people less than what is due to them; weigh with even balance and do not cheat people of their goods; and do not spread mischief in the land, and fear Him Who has created you and those who have gone before you {Quran 26:181-184} My dear sisters and brothers: Assalamu alaikum, the above Quranic quotes refer to two issues which sometimes seem to intersect and overlap with one another in certain instances. Over the last few years, I have heard from many sisters and brothers about how unjust they feel they are being treated by business proprietors, especially those selling merchandise (grocery products, clothing etc.). The biggest grievances are those that involve being charged different prices based upon ethnicity. For instance, if the business is of a specific ethnicity, those of the same ethnic background will be charged a lower price, while those of a different ethnicity are charged possible a higher price. There are complaints that some customers speaking the same language as the proprietor will receive favorable pricing;also, some customers are greeted in a very friendly manner, while others barely get any greeting. There is even gender bias, sisters are charged a higher price and treated in an unfriendly manner (for those businesses run by the brothers, (andtheir actions are not out of humility). Sticker shock, you say!! No such thing in these stores because many items do not have price stickers or price labels or even a return policy. Sticker shock happens when you're already at the register and feel ashamed to gripe about the price, because in many instances, these merchants attend the same masjid or other Islamic gatherings. The irony is when the customer base diminishes; merchants complain that customers have left (which resulted in a less profitable livelihood for them), in support of national chain stores. However, national chain stores are legally bound by the laws of the land, and they have great legal and financial repercussions if they do not adhere to these laws. We are all aware that businesses, small or large are all bound by these laws and also by moral ethics. Consequentially, customers will be inclined to shop at those stores where there is tangible recourse and outcome for addressing their complaints. Those who conduct business can have decidedly different ethics and widely differing definitions of what is right and what is wrong. Sometimes the dividing lines between what is moral and immoral become blurred. Moral and ethical behavior is a thread running through Islam. It is designed for all people, in all places and in all times and insists on good behavior at all times. Thus as laws and regulations change, Islamic standards remain fixed. Fairness, justice, respect, and honesty are part of Islamic behavior and not restricted to business dealings. Earning a livelihood and trading are important concepts in Islam. A Muslim must take honesty and fairness into account in all his dealings not just in business, and he does so because he knows that Allah (SWT) is watching and will judge people according to their deeds.

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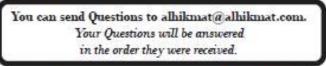
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Sadaqah Optional Charity

QUESTION: What are the virtues of giv-

ing optional charity?

ANSWER: Alhamdulillaah Optional charity is known as Sadagah, which is given for the sole purpose of pleasing Allaah. The Prophet (saw) said "Treat your sick ones with charity." Hence, it is very virtuous to give Sadaqah when a loved one falls ill in order to help cure disease and avert ill-fate. The Prophet (saw) also said that "Sadagah appeases the Lord's anger and averts an evil death."The Prophet (saw) said "Give Sadaqah without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity." Allaah says in chapter 57 Verse 18 "Indeed, the men who practice charity and the women who practice charity and [they who] have loaned to Allaah a goodly loan - it will be multiplied for them, and they will have a noble reward."The Prophet (saw) said: "Charity extinguishes the sins like water extinguishes a fire." Chapter 3 verse 92"By no means shall you attain righteousness unless you give (freely) of that which you love. And whatever you spend; indeed, Allaah is knowing of it." The Prophet said: "Your smile for your brother is a charity. Your removal of stones, thorns, or bones from the paths of people is a charity. Your guidance of a person who is lost is a charity" Sadaqah is a way to earn rewards after death. By giving Sadaqah Jariyah in either our name or that of a loved one who has passed on, we can earn continuous rewards now and in the hereafter. Examples of Sadaqah Jariyah include building a well, school, hospital, or masjid. The following verse is proof of the importance of Sadaqah for rewards in the hereafter CH:63 VERSE 10 :"And give charity from what We have provided for you before death comes to one of you and then you will say, My Lord! If only You delayed me for a short while, I would give in charity and be one of the righteous."



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The Concept Of Ummah

By Dr. Ghous Muhammad The Concept of ummah has occupied an important place in Muslim politi-

cal thought from the very earliest centuries. There was a time, soon after the demise of the Prophet of Islam - (PBuH) and for more than one century, when the entire Muslim world was politically represented by a single state. There was one political administration that housed the majority of the Muslim ummah in the world. But even in those days, the ummah was not identical with the Islamic state or the 'imamah.' the term used by early Muslim jurists for the Islamic state. There were Muslim communities living outside the political frontiers of Islam even in the early decades of the first century. During the tenure of the second caliph, there were Muslim communities in India," China, the Far East and other parts of the world:3 These communities were undoubtedly part of the ummah in the moral and spiritual sense but were outside the politico-geographical frontiers of Islam. In the social, cultural, religious and ideological sense, they were certainly part of the ummah and the Muslim state was, to some extent, responsible for their welfare and defense, subject to certain conditions laid down by the Qur'an. Later, towards the middle of the second century A.H., the Islamic state was divided into two administrations: the Eastern Caliphate headed by the Abbasids, and the Western Caliphate led by the Umayyads. The concept of the ummah did not face any formidable challenge in this political division questions of political boundaries, citizenship, rights and privileges of Muslims living within the two Muslim administrations did not pose any serious problem to the unity and solidarity of ummah in the spiritual and cultural sense. Despite the presence of two political administrations - and later many others the concept of ummah remained alive and supreme. The idea of Dar al-Islam, or the territory of Islam, which was developed by the early Muslim jurists during the lifetimes of the companions of the Prophet (PBUH), provided a theoretical and legal framework for maintaining the unity of two or more political administrations inter, se. Irrespective of the specific rulers, the entire territory ruled by Muslims, whether in the East or in the West, was considered a part of Dar al-Islam. A uniform and common set of rules and principles was developed by Muslim jurists of the early centuries to define the mutual rights and obligations and regulate relations between the ummah and its political authority. The law of Shan'ah, with its variant interpretations, provided a common ground for allegiance to the ummah. This allegiance was so strong that it guaranteed Muslim unity and solidarity around the globe. The difficulty was felt towards the end of the seventeenth century when,



APRIL 2021 RAMADHAN By Bro. Al Mustapha

The Messenger of Allaah (S.A.) has informed us of a great favor that Allaahthe Almighty gives us in the blessed month of Ramadhan which is mercy and forgiveness. As human beings we have been

created weak and we are always committing sins. Not only do our hearts commit sin but in fact every limb of our body is dragged into doing sins, sometimes our feet, hands, tongue, ears and most of the time our eyes become agents of sin. As believers we really need to seek the mercy and forgiveness of Allaah for all the sins which we have committed intentionally and unintentionally. The Prophet (S.A.) said, "Every son of Adam (A.S.) is a sinner, but the best of them is the one who often seeks Allaah's forgiveness." The Messenger of Allaah (S.A.) informed us that he sought the forgiveness of Allaah one hundred times a day. So we should repent and seekAllaah's mercy and forgiveness MANY times per day especially in this blessed month of Ramadhan. Let us beg Allaah to forgive us for all the sins which we have committed secretly or openly, small, medium or large, knowingly or unknowingly. Let us also beg Him to forgive our parents, families, relatives and the entire Ummah. FOUR THINGS WE SHOULD TRY OUR VERY BEST TO DO IN THIS BLESSED MONTH The month of Ramadhan is one of the greatest months for achieving the mercy, forgiveness and blessings of Allaah. Every form of good deed or 'Ibaadah is encouraged in this month; praying our 5 daily Salaah, recitation of Quraan daily, Dhikr, Du'aa, paying Zakat by feeding the poor and helping the needy. However, the Messenger of Allaah has instructed us that there are fourthings which we should also try to do as much as possible. Referring to the fourhe said, two shall be to please your Lord while the other two shall be those which YOU cannot do without. Those which shall be to please your Lord are: 1. Recite the Kalimah 'LAA ILAAHA IL-LAL-LAAH' in great quantity. A believer should recite in great quantity this Kalimah and by doing so he/she refreshes theirImaan (faith). There are indeed many great virtues of this first Kalimah. Abu Hurairah (R.A.) reports that he said to the Prophet (S.A.), 'O Messenger of Allaah! Who will be fortunate to receive your intercession firston the Day of Judgement?' The Prophet (S.A.) said, 'That person who reads LAA ILAAHA IL-LAL-LAAH (there is no God except Allah) with sincerity.' The Messenger (S.A.) also said, 'The best words that I and all the other Prophets have said are LAA ILAAHA IL-LAL-LAAH.' Abdullah bin Abbaas (R.A.) said, 'Allaah forgives the person who recites LAA ILAAHA IL-LAL-LAAH and He accepts his repentance.'Anas bin Maalik (R.A) stated that someone asked the Messenger (S.A.), 'Does Jannah (Paradise) have any price?' The Messenger (S.A.) replied, 'Yes, the price of Jannah is LAA ILAAHA IL-LAL-LAAH.'He also said, 'I know of such a Kalimah that if anyone recites it with sincerity of belief in it and then dies. Hell becomes forbidden for him.

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How To Discuss The Quraan With Non-Muslims

By Sister Amanda Smith/ Miami, Florida

Of the many misconceptions that surround the religion of Islam, many are

rooted in misunderstanding the Holy Quran. From claims that Islam oppresses women to assertions that Islam promotes unrestrained violence, one can cherry pick an aya, or even a piece of an aya, that confirms their bias. As Muslims, learning how to dispel myths that surround the Quran is key to push back against the prejudice directed toward our community and to give effective dawah. 1. Study the Quran yourself. The first step to effectively addressing misconceptions about the Quran is to know the Quran yourself. One should be familiar with each ava and know what comes before it, what comes after it, and its tafseer. An excellent example of this is avatul saif, the verse of the sword. This aya is one of the most misquoted ayas of the Quran and is frequently used to paint the picture that Islam is a religion that promotes violence. However, often only part of the verse is quoted, "then kill the polytheists wherever you find them, and capture them and besiege them, and lie in wait for them in each and every ambush" (Surah Tawbah 9:5). The previous four verses that make it clear that this only applied to those who broke a treaty with the Muslims and attacked them first are more often than not completely ignored. Furthermore, the rest of the verse, which shows that the Muslims should stop fighting those who attacked them first if they repent, is rarely quoted: "But if they repent and perform prayers, and give alms, then leave their way free. Verily, Allah is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful." A Muslim who does not know the Quran well may struggle to discuss this with a non-Muslim, but a Muslim who does know the Quran well would have the ability to clarify the justice of the holy Ouran. 2. Memorize the Ouran in Arabic and the translation.Memorization of the Quran is full of many blessings from Allah SWT and can make it possible for the Quran to guide us wherever we may be. Memorization can also be an excellent tool for dawah. When speaking to non-Muslims about the Quran, reading an aya from memory in its original Arabic and its translation can come off as very impressive. It demonstrates that you know the Quran very well and that you are trying to be accurate. Furthermore, the Quran itself is full of rebuttals to common arguments against Islam. Many ayas directly tell us what to say in response to arguments on many topics such as tawhid, consumption of alcohol, and even the legitimacy of the Quran itself. Often the best response is the one Allah SWT already gave us. Memorizing the Quran with its translation can not only serve to guide usbut give us the opportunity to say to another person what Allah SWT may will for them to hear. Recommend how to read the Quran . If a nonLinda Kaplan, Esq.



Now that President Biden has proposed legis-

lation that would legalize all undocumented persons who were in the U.S. before Jan 1, 2021, I thought that I should discuss the economic impact of this proposal. The organization New American Economy (NAE) is a bipartisan research and advocacy organization fighting for smart federal, state, and local immigration policies that help grow our economy and create jobs for all Americans. They discuss the reasons why having a large undocumented population is a problem - it undermines law and order, permits a shadow economy that is hard to regulate, and is unfair to those who have had the good fortune to be able to immigrate legally. But they also point out that a large number of the nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants here are working, paying taxes, and starting/running their own business which creates jobs for others. You can find the entire article along with links to the scholarly research that forms the basis for the report here https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/issues/undocumented-immigrants. I am writing this to summarize some of the findings in this report for my readers. Undocumented immigration is not linked to a spike in U.S. crime rates. NAE points out that between 1990 and 2013, a period when the number of undocumented immigrants more than tripled, the rate of violent crime in the U.S. fell by 48%. Undocumented persons are net contributors to Medicare and Social Security and have a similar positive effect on state and local taxes. In Florida, a state with a large undocumented population, the undocumented pay more in state and local taxes than they use in public resources like education. In 2016, undocumented immigrants contribution \$ 543 million in state and local taxes. The same year the business income of undocumented entrepreneurs in Florida was \$ 1.4 billion. This has certainly increased substantially since that time. The New American Economy discusses the costs of deportation. In addition to the more than \$ 400 billion that it would cost the U.S. government to remove them, the economic cost would be even greater. They estimate a reduction of U.S. GDP of \$ 1.6 trillion and a shrinking of the U.S. economy of 5.7 %. NAE stated, "By even the most conservative estimates, finding, apprehending, detaining, processing, and transporting the undocumented population would deal a Great Recessionlike blow to the U.S. economy." Some think that deporting undocumented workers would automatically create more jobs for unemployed Americans. But this ignores the reality that we would be shrinking consumers, entrepreneurs, and taxpayers. Also, Native Americans and immigrants often possess different skills and educational levels and many immigrants take jobs that Americans simply don't want. These would be food processing workers, agricultural workers, grounds maintenance people, construction trade workers among other positions. Alabama enacted a restrictive immigration law and within one year, 70,000 jobs were lost in Alabama. It is estimated that this law cost Alabama \$ 10.3 Billion in GDP. Arizona jobs decreased by 2.5 % due to the passage of a strict immigration law. If Congress provides a path to the legalization of those already here, there would be significant economic benefits. While the new legal status would offer access to a variety of public benefits programs, it would also allow newly documented immigrants to pursue new job opportunities and education, boosting productivity and earnings and the higher earnings would increase consumer

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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE By: Faria Mohammed



Community Prayer Vigil For

Victims Of The Asian Community Atlanta Georgia USA

Alhamdulillaah a Community Prayer Vigil for the Victims and Families of the Asian Community of Atlanta Georgia was held at Ghandi Square in the City of Davie Florida USA on Sat. Mar. 20th 2021.

The opening prayer was done by a Hindu Pundit and Shaikh Shafayat while the closing prayer was by a Pastor. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman plus many City Mayors, Commissioners and Elected Officials gave condolences and remarks. The Co-Chairs of the event were Mr. Sajan and Mrs. Winnie Maa Shaa Allaah.

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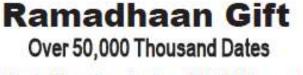


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Stop The Madness Of Killing Each Other

By Br. Twalib Ali / Canada

Tomorrow it could be Iran, Syria, Pakistan, India, Africa, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, China and Indonesia etc. We all should be proud to be called Muslims (and not by Division names) and be grateful to Allah for this Title, His Favours and His Bounties. 'May Allah help us to accomplish the task of encouraging each other to be Steadfast and Righteous, and assist us in the monumental task that lies ahead of dismantling the WALLS that divide us into Sects that is affecting the lives of every Muslim on this planet and future generations. May Allah forgive us for our short-comings and guide us on the Path that leads to success in this life and in the Hereafter, and spare us from His Wrath and Punishment'. Amen Verses to reflect upon in the Holy Quran (Yusuf Ali text) Sura 2 Verse 268: 'The Evil one (Satan and his followers) threatens you with poverty and bids you to conduct unseeingly. Allah promise you His Forgiveness and Bounties. And Allah care for all and He know the all things' Sura 2 Verse 269: 'He (Allah) grant wisdom to whom He please; and he to whom wisdom is granted receiveth indeed a benefit overflowing; but none will grasp the Message but men of understanding'. Sura 3 Verse 7: 'He it is who has sent down to thee the Book: in it are verses Basic or Fundamental (of established meaning): they are the Foundation of the Book; others are allegorical. But those in whose hearts is Perversity follow the part of that is allegorical, seeking discord and searching for its hidden meanings, but no one knows its hidden meanings except Allah..... and none will grasp the Message except men of understanding'. Sura 5 Verse 102: 'The Apostle's duty is but to proclaim the Message: but Allah know all that ye reveal and ye conceal'. Sura 6 Verse 50: 'Say (to the people O Muhammad): I tell you not that with me are the Treasures of Allah, nor do I know what is hidden, nor do I tell you I am an angel. I but follow what is revealed to me. Say: Can the blind be held equal to the seeing? Will ye then consider not'? Sura 6 Verse 71: 'God's Guidance is the Only Guidance'. Sura 6 Verse 155: 'And this is a Book (the Holy Quran) which We have revealed as a Blessing; so follow it and be Righteous, that ye may receive Mercy'.Sura 7 Verse 3: 'Follow (O Mankind) the Revelation given to you from your Lord, and follow not as friends or protectors, other than Him. Little it is ye remember of admonition'.PS: We should recognize who are our real friends. Some Muslim countries have befriended those who are clearly opposed to Islamic Belief, Values and Principles and is bent on destroying the Essence of the Divine Message which our Beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) who is the final Messenger of Almighty God fought so hard to establish for our benefit, and under harsh circumstances, yet he prevailed with Allah's help. Sura



Al Quran Embraces All

By : Bro Hamzad Mohammed, T.T.U.T.A. Teacher of the Year 2013, Trinidad, W.I.

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and somefew to be

chewed and digested" is an extract from one of Francis Bacon's (late English essayist) writings entitled, 'Of Studies'. The Holy Quran is one of those books which should be chewed and digested properly if one is to derive most or all of its benefits that can nourish both a Muslim and non-Muslim's soul. Indeed this statement is true as the rising sun!Our main religious text, Al Quran, regales mankind with its aayah (verses) which regards it as a miracle, guide, healer of spiritual diseases, book of wisdom, source of eminence, book of reason, protector against corruption, confirmer of previous revelations and an explainer of Islamic principles. With such greatness, this Muslim's text should be viewed with utmost reverence if one is to gain that perpetual treasure called Jannah (paradise or heaven). It's imperative that Muslims make use of the Quran at all times. At no time should we abdicate our responsibility in this regard for we'll regret it According to the proverb, 'Make hay while the sun shines' should always be borne in mind for we as Muslims need to squeeze the Quran for its pulp while we are alive Never should we procrastinate, for it is said that 'Procrastination is the greatest of sins'.If people are to look at the present state of the world, it evokes a question, "How can mankind extricate itself from the moral and spiritual quagmire it is immersed in?" Inevitably, Muslims proffer unequivocally that complete adherence to Al Quran is the only hope. Even today, many non-Muslims around the globe have reverted and are reverting to Islam, having come to the realization that Al Quran is the only religious compass that can guide them on the path of siraatalmustaqiim(Straight path). One famous person of the recent past who renounced his faith and converted to the religion of Islam was the deceased legendary former three- time world heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali (formerly Cassius Clay). This move would towards Islam is rapidly gaining momentum. I myself have had conversations with many reverts who personally testify to me that they are benefitting copiously from spiritual solace moreso now than ever. Alhamdulillah (All praises are due to Allah) for that transformation. It is pertinent to note that that Allah has stated in 16:64 of Al Quran-part of it being: "And we sent down the book to thee to make clear to them those things in which they differ ... " So with this Islamic quote, one can clearly see why the honourable re-entry into the fold of the glorious deen (religion) of Islam I would now fittingly conclude with a few poetic verses on Al Quran. Precious a Quran with much enlightment, Great the Book of spiritual contentment, Fountain of truth whence blessings rain, A prescribed Tablet to remove your pain.

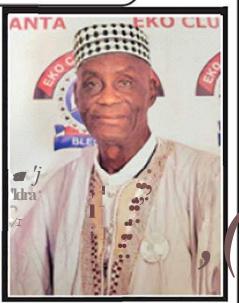
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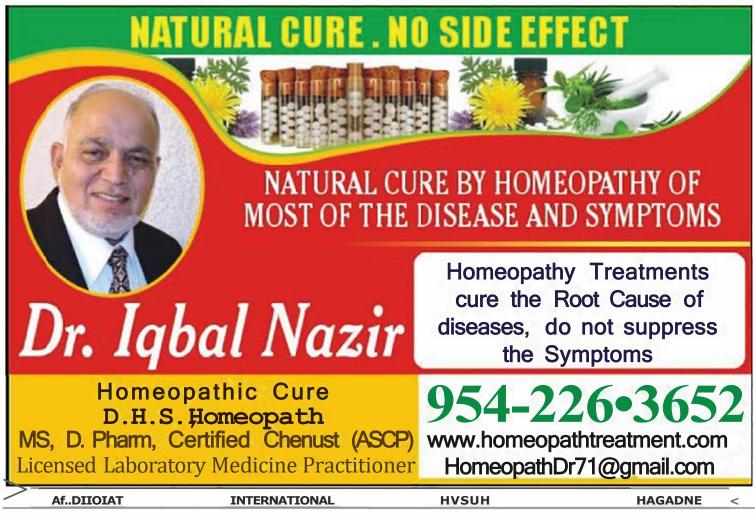
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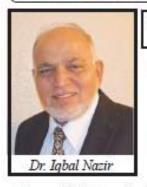
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Connection Of Hair Dyes To Breast Cancer By Dr. Iqbal Nazir

Sanna Heikkinen for her Doctorate from the University of Helsinki, Finland examined 8000 thousand women with breast cancer, and 20,000 controls reported observed a 23% Increase in breast cancer risk for those who dyed theirs regularly. Sanna wants to determine why the women of an older age when the gray starts to set in should dye their hairs, as this harmless beauty ritual may cause an elevated risk of breast cancer. Earlier researchers have similarly found that women who regularly dye their hair are at an increased risk of other cancers, including the brain, bladder cancer, and leukemia. British scientists have also issued warnings in the past about the dangers of both home hair dye kits and professional dyes applied at their salons. One possible explanation for the elevated risk is that certain chemicals in the hair dye react with other pollutants in the air to form tumors when used on a common basis. A landmark Back in 2000 by researchers from the University of Southern California and the International Journal of Cancer, found that women who dye their hair every month double their risk of getting bladder cancer. They also found that the risk continues to increase with prolonged use and that hairdressers who work with their dyes professionally face an even higher risk. The long-term effects of a chemical called PPD- paraphenylenediamine, which is commonly used in hair dyes cause skin sensitization and irritations. The European Commission's recommendations raised concerns for many women at their time. As many as one-third of women in the United States routinely color their hair. Nonetheless, the reality is that very few of us dare to face getting older without helping nature along a little by covering the grey in our hair. Fortunately, there are several natural dyes available on the market, or if you want to be safe and create your hair color at home. Here are few suggestions. If your naturally blond hair needs a color boost, try making a chamomile tea infusion as follows: Place 8 chamomile tea bags in a pot of water that has just been boiled, but has been removed from the heat. Allow them to steep for 30 minutes, then add a cup of yogurt and a few drops of lavender oil to the brew. Massage the mixture onto clean hair, leave it in for 30 minutes, gently wash it out, and allow your hair to dry naturally. To restore the color to darker tresses. Brew a pot of clean, organic coffee, using a dark, unflavored roast. Once the coffee has cooled, poured into a basin, and working over the sink, work the mixture through your hair. Leave it for 15 minutes, then rinse it off in the shower. You should be aware that some lighter hair may turn reddish rather than dark brown. For those looking to restore their Continued on page 36



Beautiful Character Of Prophet Muhammad

Submited by Dr. Addul Hye

Rasulullah (SW) was an ocean of kindness. He never refused anyone who would ask. He always used to

donate to whoever asked him. Even if he could not donate/ respond immediately, he would promise to donate later. He always spoke the truth. He never told lies. His heart was full of gentleness and softness. His habit was to speak calmly and with steadfastness. He never spoke evil. His entire life he exemplified extraordinary character. During his whole life he was simple, free, open minded, and a good helper. He was always careful to make sure none of his associates ever had any discomfort or got hurt by him. At night he used to put his shoes on silently to go out and was silent when opening the door. After finishing his outside work, he would slowly and silently enter the house through the door. He never disturbed anyone from their sleep while entering. He would look down while walking. While walking with associates, he would be behind them. He always gave Salam first to anyone. He used to sit humbly. While eating, he used to eat with great respect. He never ate to his fill. He never liked to eat delicious, expensive food. He was always fearful of Allah, which is why he was silent most of the time. He would not talk without necessity. He would speak clearly so no one had any difficulty understanding him. He would not speak too long or short. His talk would reflect his behavior and softness. If anyone would address him, he would respect them and listen eagerly with full attention to them. He would object to any talk against religion, or he would leave the conversation. For even an ordinary person, he would be considered a great gift from the great treasury of Allah. He never spoke bad about any gift from Allah. He never made comments about whether the taste or smell of something was bad. If he did not want to eat something, he would not express his distaste for it. He would not find fault with anything nor show any frustration. If anyone made a mistake, he would not express displeasure. Anas (RA) said, 'I served over 10 years to the Prophet (SW). During this 10 year, no matter what I did, he would never say "why did you do that?" or "why did you not do that?" But when anyone would cross the boundary of Islam, no one could suppress his anger. If he would be angry/unhappy with someone, he would simply turn his face from him, he would not say anything. If he would be upset with anyone, he would look down. His shy-

ness was more than an unmarried girl.

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AL-QUR'AAN - Ch. 16 V. 125

"Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious."

AL-QUR'AAN - Ch. 41 V. 33

"And whose words are better than he who calls towards God, and does righteous deeds, and says, "Verily, I am of those who have surrendered to God."

AL-QUR'AAN - Ch. 3 V. 104

"Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all

HADITH: Abu Sa'eed (R.A) narrates that Rasulullah (S. A.W) said, "Almighty Allaah says: "If anybody finds no time for remembrance and for begging favors of Me, because of his remaining busy with the Qur'aan, I shall give him more than what I give to all those who beg favors of Me. The superiority of the Word of Allaah over all the other words is like the superiority of Allaah over the entire creation." (Tirmidhi)

HADITH: Hadrat Uthman (R.A) narrates that Rasulullah (S.A.W) said: "The best amongst you is he who learns the Our'aan and teaches it."

The above verses and Hadiths emphasize the blessings and importance of spreading the Message of the Qur'aan however, due to the negative propaganda in the world today against the Qur'aan, it is even more important upon us to spread the message of the Qur'aan Inshaa Allaah.

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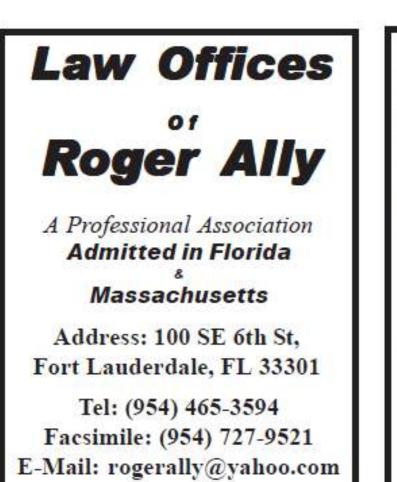
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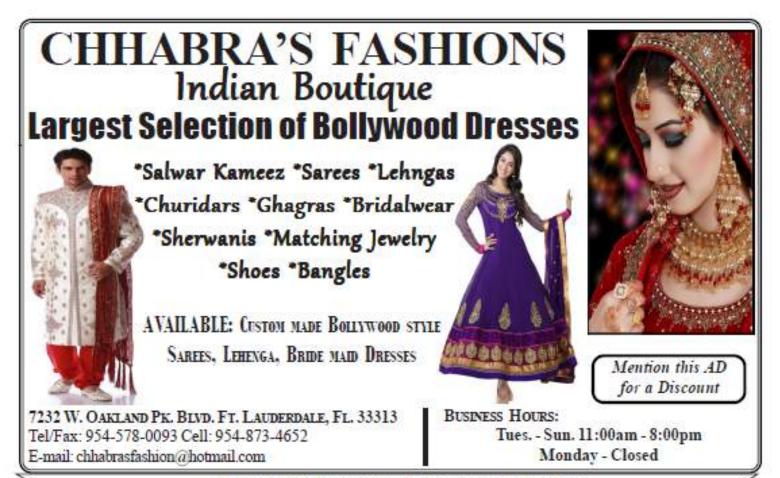
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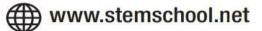
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TREE OF LIFE

By. Bro. Azad Ali

The family of man is like a growing tree . Its strength depend upon its roots, Where branches bloom with fruits of plenty And siblings just like strong new shoots......If not planted upon fertile ground

Leaves and blooms shall dry and fall, Shoots in good health may not be born Their future shall not be bright but dull......Seeds of fruits flung far and wide Some may fall on fertile ground, A few shall grow side by side With branches looking up and never down......

Alas, some may grow near and afar In soils that yields a little, They may never be as strong and fruitful With branches less green and brittle......

Such are the lives of man today

Just like trees that are far and wide, Some shall blossom, some dull and gray

Some shall blossom, some dull and gray

Never to bear fruits of peace, side by side.....

HUMOR

Husband & Wife

Philosophy

If a wife wants a husband's attention, she just has to cry. If a husband wants a wife's attention, he just has to look Very happy.

-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-

A Philosopher Husband said: - Every Wife is a 'Mistress' of her Husband.."Miss" for the first year & "Stress" for rest of his life..

Ha Ha Ha



CONGRATULATIONS CORNER Congratulations To Fareez & Fazeena



Photo Above: Al-Hamdulillaah Congratulations to Fareez and Fazeena . They got married on February 22, 2021 at The Bamboo Gallery, Florida USA. May Allaah bless them Inshaa Allaah - Mashaa Allah

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Welcome Ramadhan

By Bro. Farooq Shafi

We want our Ruh, our soul to be as pure and unblemished as the day when we were born. The last verses of Sura Al-Fajr (Ch 89), are indeed the words we would all like to hear from Allaah when we die and return to Him:""O Purified Soul, well pleased with yourself, and well-pleasing to Me, enter you among my devotees, enter you my garden."Ramadhan is also a time for us to remember those who are fasting every day of their lives, not by choice, not because they want to fast, but because of poverty. They simply don't have enough to eat or drink. We who enjoy clean drinking water, hot meals every day and a warm comfortable home, we must remember that we are very fortunate to have these blessings. Ramadhan is a time to remember the less fortunate. It's a time to show Compassion and Mercy. You know, every time a Muslim begins an important action, he says the Bismillaah....! He says: I begin this action in the Name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate! How many times a day do we say these words? Surely it must have some effect on our behavior, if we are conscious of the meaning. Surely compassion and mercy must flow from our words and actions. In time our whole character should be infused with Allaah's mercy and compassion. This is one of the big lessons of Ramadhan. And that is why it is important for us to pay our Zakat during this month. Zakat is the 2.5% of unused wealth that goes to the poor and needy. Let us try to remember these important lessons of Ramadan. Many of us think that Ramadhan is a time to 'go slow' and to avoid exerting ourselves. Some of us, if we had the opportunity, we would want to sleep all day until iftar. This is completely wrong. Ramadhan is not a time for hibernation. That's for the polar bears and grizzly bears in the cold North American winter. It's not for Muslims! Ramadhan is the time we should be busy reading and understanding the Quran, studying our faith and trying to improve our knowledge and our character. It's a time of spiritual renewal and revival. Many important events took place in Ramadan: . The Holy Quran was revealed in Ramadhan. . The Battle of Badr took place in Ramadhan. Makkah was conquered in a bloodless battle during Ramadhan. Tariq bin Ziyad conquered Spain during Ramadhan. The list goes on and on...So remember, Ramadhan is not an excuse for laziness. It is a time for improving ourselves, improving our mind and body and spirit. We must welcome Ramadhan like a long lost friend. May Allaah accept our fasting which we do only for His sake. We do not fast just to lose weight or to show off to others, how religious we are. We fast because we love Allaah, and we want to please Him. We owe Him so much. Fasting is a very small thing that HE asks us to do, only for Him. Allaah says in the Holy Quran: "Fasting is for Me alone, and I will give rewards for it." Allaah doesn't specify how much, 10 times, 70 times or 700 times. Allaah gives rewards for fastContinued from Page 25

Connection Of Hair Dyes To Breast Cancer

By Dr. Iqbal Nazir

natural red, look no further than <u>red hibiscus tea</u>. Steep five of these tea bags in boiled water for 30 minutes. When the tea is cool enough, saturate all your hair with it. Leave it on for about an hour, then rinse and wash as normal. Look as good as you want without compromising your health with these natural solutions.



How To Discuss The Quran With Non-Muslims

By Sister Amanda Smith/ Miami Florida

Muslim expresses interest in reading the Quran, consider advising them to start from the back. The surahs near the end of the Quran quickly discuss many of the core concepts of Islam, such as tawheed, nubuwwat, and youm al-qiyamah, but do not discuss much figh. However, if one were to start with surah Bagarah, one would come across many dense ayas related to figh such as the laws of divorce or contract law. To a non-Muslim who does not have a solid understanding of Islamic beliefs, figh can seem like meaningless rules. Having a strong understand of Islamic beliefs before introducing Islamic practices can make them more understandable to non-Muslims. Additionally, consider which translation of the Quran to recommend. I personally recommend "The Study Quran," because each surah is accompanied with a tafseer, which may help someone who knows little of Islam to understand it better. However, this translation is not available for free online, so as a bare minimum I often recommend that non-Muslims look at multiple translations of a verse, or at the very least to avoid translations with many parentheses as they distract from the meaning rather than help. The Quran comes from Allah SWT, and He has the power to protect it. Studying the Quran and making the choice to discuss it with others gives us the opportunity to serve Allah SWT. In sha Allah I pray that any Muslim who seeks the tawfiq to give effective dawah will receive it. Ameen.



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USA Legalizing 11 Million Undocumented People

By Linda Kaplan, Esq. / Florida USA

spending and tax revenues to federal, state and local governments. The key statistics that are mentioned include \$ 68 billion in additional state and local tax revenues within a decade, \$ 116 billion in additional federal tax revenues. Clearly, we must consider the humanitarian issues in our considerations. We have many undocumented people in the U.S. who have lived here for decades, have U.S. Citizen children and grandchildren, who have built businesses and contributed to the wonderful diversity of our country. But if this doesn't convince you of the need for significant immigration reform please consider the economics of the immigration reform and the positive impact it will have on our economy.



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