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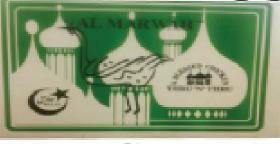
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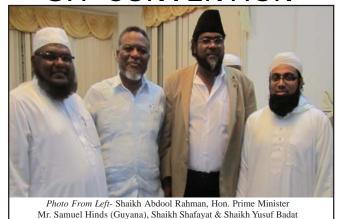
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## Al-Qur'aan- Ch. 3 V. 185

Every soul will taste death.

**Cadith** - Reported by Ibn 'Umar (RA): The Prophet (peace be upon him) as saying: "The worst of lies is to pretend to have seen something which he has not seen." [Al-Bukhari].

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## GOODMANNER

Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah Program Vice President of Broward Interfaith Council, Florida U.S.A

We learn in the Holy Qur'an, Surah Mulk 67:2, that "Allah has created death as well as life, so that He might put you to a test and show which of you is best in conduct". Are we passing the test here in this life with our good deeds and actions? Are we prepared to answer God's questions on the Day of Judgment regarding how we used our youth, our strength, our wealth, and our knowledge? Yes, pray, fast, give zakat, and make Hajj. These form the foundation for our faith, our iman, which we must nurture, cherish and strengthen. Always be grateful for Allah's guidance, protection and sustenance. Allah is the source of all our blessings. Remember Allah through zhikr. Study and live the teachings of the Qur'an. Be mindful of Allah in all that we do.

Ask oneself, "Are my actions pleasing to Allah?" And show the world our good manners and characteristics. Good mannerisms are part of iman. Good manners are not just a recommendation, but a command from Allah in the Qur'an 4:36. "Be nice to neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the friend by your side, and the traveler." We must be kind to everyone, everywhere: on a plane, on a bus, at work, at the store, while driving. Smile! And smile some more. The Prophet (S.A.W.) said, "The best gift a father can give to his son is good manners." Where do we learn good manners? In 33:21 we are told, "Indeed in the Messenger of Allah are the most beautiful pattern and conduct." Study the Prophet's life and make an effort to be

like him. to reflect



By Sis. Karen Shah

character in our every action and interaction. Walk and speak with humility. In 25:63 of the Qur'an, we learn that "true servants of the Most Gracious are they who walk gently on the earth, and who, whenever the foolish address them, reply with words of peace." And in 17:53, "tell my servants that they should speak in a kind manner, for truly Satan is ready to stir up discord between people." Allah knows our intentions, but the rest of the world only sees and judges us by our actions. The best and easiest dawah we can give is to conduct ourselves with gentleness, caring, generosity, forgiveness and

love.
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## RABBI'S CORNER

By: Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner Temple Solel, Hollywood Florida



## RETAIN FRIENDSHIP

## GOOD TIMES AS WELL AS BAD

This is a difficult article to write and I usually don't like writing difficult articles. My problem is that I want to

avoid conflict and it's important for me to discuss matters that bring people together, not divide us. But I'm not sure it's wise to completely ignore the conflicts that come up in the world that divide us. This past November saw another conflict in the Middle East that becomes the source of a sore point between our communities. I am certain that all of us were troubled by these events, saddened by what we saw, heard or read in the news, disheartened by the loss of life. We all share that. But I am also certain that between our communities most likely if we tried to have a conversation about it we would find that while we have commonalities that we would also find that our primary sympathies lie with different communities. And how do we reconcile that among friends? One of the things I like to remind people is that despite the fact that our sympathies may diverge, there is not really anything any of us can do about the decisions made by politicians and leaders in other parts of the world. I may have my primary sympathies, but that does not mean that I agree with everything the leaders are doing. And that does not mean that I don't have compassion for suffering on both sides. And while each of us can decide upon whom the primary blame falls, at the same time we can also find fault with the leaders on the side with whom we sympathize, leaders upon whom we have no influence. But more important than that, I believe it is supremely important for our communities here in America to remain connected even during the times of trouble.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Assalamu alaikum and Happy New Year 1434 to all. The 1st of Muharram was November 15th, 2012, which is the beginning of the New Year according to the Islamic calendar. Although many people celebrate

and acknowledge January 1st as the "official New Year; we should all be very cognizant of the Islamic New Year. We should recognize the significance of this date and remember the Hijra or migration from Mecca to Medina (Hijra). We should understand all the persecution and suffering that Prophet Muhamad (SAW) and his sahabas endured with patience and fortitude to upkeep and propagate the message of Islam. Their perseverance and sacrifice allowed this deen to come to us "on a silver platter". The Hijra was an event that took history in a new direction. Although the Islamic calendar starts from this migration, history prior to this date is very significant in Islam. This migration had a very positive effect in spreading the message of Islam to mankind. The beginning of each New Year, translates into new beginnings for most of us. As we prepare to make resolutions for the New Year, we too can migrate from our negative ways to more positive actions that are pleasing to Allah (SWT). Allah (SWT) says in the Quran, "Indeed what is to come will be better for you than what has gone by" (Quran 93:4). Continued on Page 29, Inshaa Allaah

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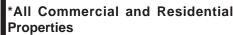
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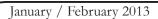
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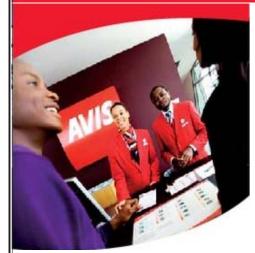
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## ALLAAH HAS DIVIDED Prayer (Surah Al-Fatiha) IN 2 HALVES

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[Sahih Muslim: Book 4, Book Name Kitab Al-Salat, Number 0775]

Abu Huraira (RA) reported: The Apostle of Allaah (SAW) said: If anyone observes prayer in which he does not recite Umm

ul-Qur'an (Surah Fatiha), It is deficient [he said this three times] and not complete. Then, it was asked of Abu Huraira (RA): What are we to do at times when we are behind the Imam? He said: Recite it inwardly (quietly to yourself), for he had heard the Messenger of Allaah (SAW) declare that Allaah SWT had said: "I have divided the prayer into two halves between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks. When the servant says: Praise be to Allaah, the Lord of the universe, Allaah the Most High says: My servant has praised Me. And when he (the servant) says: The Most Compassionate, the Merciful, Allaah the Most High says: My servant has lauded Me. And when he (the servant) says: Master of the Day of Judgment, He remarks: My servant has glorified Me; and sometimes He would say: My servant entrusted (his affairs) to Me. And when he (the worshipper) says: Thee do we worship and of Thee do we ask for help, He (Allaah) says: This is between Me and My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for.

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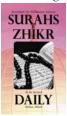
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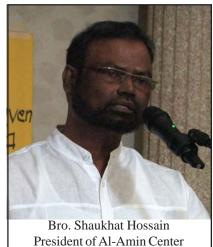
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Words of the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) should be known to

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By Bro. Taj Siddiqui

The Greek Orthodox monks living in the monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai have in their possession many precious documents going back many centuries. Their library is one of the finest in the world for ancient manuscripts. One of the most precious documents of all is the copy of a let-

ter narrated by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) to the monks in the year 628. It's contents might come as a surprise to many, since in this precious manuscript Muslims are exhorted to protect the Christians living within their midst. The words are so beautiful that we repeat them in full here: In 628 C.E. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) granted a Charter of Privileges to the monks of St. Catherine Monastery in Mount Sinai. It consisted of several clauses covering all aspects of human rights including such topics as the protection of Christians, freedom of worship and movement, freedom to appoint their own judges and to own and maintain their property, exemption from military service, and the right to protection in war.

## **English translation of the letter:**

- -This is a message from Muhammad Ibn Abdullah, as a covenant to those who adopt Christianity, near and far, we are with
- -Verily I, the servants, the helpers, and my followers defend them, because Christians are my citizens; and by Allah!

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## CONNECTING

Submitted by Rev. Thomas Graf

Professor at BC College, Florida U.S.A. How quickly time passes... I can hardly believe that as I sit to write this reflection, we have already begun the first week in the Mainline Christian tradition of Advent. Most scholars separate the Christian traditions into



Rev. Thomas Graf

two main divisions: The MAINLINE CHRISTIAN DIVISION (Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Byzantine, Anglican/Episcopalian, Moravian, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian) and the FUN-DAMENTALIST CHRISTIAN DIVISION. (Baptist, Pentecostal, Evangelical and Non-Denominational) Within the Mainline Christian division, ADVENT begins the Christian New Year. Many religions have a separate "Religious Calendar" that facilitates their celebration of important feasts/holy days. The Islamic Hijri New Year begins at the first sighting of the new moon in the month of Muharram. (Which this year fell on November 15th) Our Jewish brothers and sisters began their New Year on September 16th, with the celebration of Rosh Hashanah. In Mainline Christianity, AD-VENT (Which began on Sunday, 12/2/12) heralds the beginning of the Christian New Year. The word ADVENT is an Anglicized version of the Latin word ADVENTUS (Translates: Coming) which comes from the Greek word PAROUSIA, which refers to the Second Coming of Christ. Advent actually is celebrated for 4 weeks, and begins the fourth week prior to Christmas. The four weeks of Advent are meant to be a special time of prayer and preparation.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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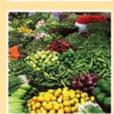
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Forehead to the ground a heart that's whole A piece of flesh an organ of its own Beats within with a thumping drone Remembrance on the tongue book in hand Quran ul Kareem and Allah with His plan Calm before commotion begins to show A pain in the chest where the streams flow Each breath harder to take by the second The realities of life begins to beckon Fighting for verve and time of the essence Each breath we take we feel His presence And so the test begins for you and us all As we reflect on moments that we recall Tears reach the eyes as we clench for hope An ordeal unknown and family to cope Life so precious each day we must live Express our thanks and seek to forgive A new stance on life with moments to cherish Take each day as if tomorrow we perish A wake up call that could have been tragic So understand the lessons and alter our habits Continued on Page 34, Inshaa Allaah

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## **CONNECTING TO GOD**

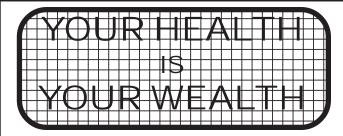
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In the early Christian Church, Advent was very similar to LENT (The 40 days prior to Easter) in terms of fasting, prayer and seeking pardon for any sinful behavior. The Advent Season, as it is often termed, should be a special time for Christians to reflect on several things:

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- 2. Their looking forward to, and the understanding of Jesus' Second Coming.
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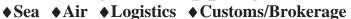
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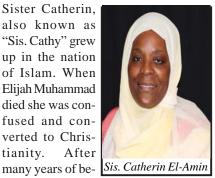
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Sister Catherin. also known as "Sis. Cathy" grew up in the nation of Islam. When Elijah Muhammad died she was confused and converted to Christianity. After



ing a Christian there were questions that she had that the church could not answer. No matter how many times she asked how could "Jesus be God" the pastor could not answer. In her heart she knew that Jesus was not God. After being exposed to true Islam, she knew it was the truth so she became a Muslim in June 2010. "Al-Hamdulillah, I am so thankful to Allah for guiding me to the path of Islam," says Sis. Cathy. (You can also tune in to Al-Hikmat TV for an Interview with Sis. Catherin El-Amin on "My Journey to Islam," Inshaa Allaah.

## YOUTH CORNER

left son's funeral to answer

in hurry after being called in for an urgent surgery. He answered the call as soon as possible, changed his clothes & went directly to the surgery block. He found the boy's father pacing in the hall waiting for the doctor. On seeing him, the dad yelled: "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have any sense of responsibility?" The doctor smiled & said: "I am sorry, I wasn't in the hospital & I came as fast as I could after receiving the call and now, I wish you'd calm down so that I can do

A doctor entered the hospital

my work" "Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down? If your own son dies now what will you do??" said the father angrily. The doctor smiled again & replied: "From dust we came & to dust we return, blessed be the name of God". Doctors cannot prolong lives. Go and pray for your son, we will do our best by God's grace" "Giving advises when we're not concerned is so easy, "murmured the father. The surgery took some hours after which the doctor went

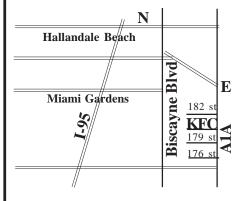
out happy. "Thank goodness!, your son is saved!" And without waiting for the father's reply he carried on his way running. "If you have any question, ask the nurse!!" "Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait some minutes so that I ask about my son's state. "commented the father when seeing the nurse minutes after the doctor left. The nurse answered, tears coming down her face: "his son died yesterday in a road accident, he was in the burial when we called him for your son's surgery and now that he saved your son's life, he left running to finish his son's burial."

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Kathleen Leonard

dedicated to fostering understanding, social harmony and peace through dialogue, education and social activities. Kathy also served on the Interfaith Council of Broward, is a student of Tibetan Buddhism and an active member of Temple Adath Or, a Jewish Renewal temple in Fort Lauderdale.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Bryn Mawr College in 1961 and a Masters' degree from Yale University in 1962. Kathy served as Public Relations Director of the North Shore Community Arts Center in Great Neck and a

member of the Public Affairs division of McGraw-Hill, Inc. before joining an outplacement firm in Manhattan and starting her own career counseling business. She is committed to increasing understanding and communication between people of different \( \) faiths and backgrounds.

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## HAPPY NEW Y

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By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha / Coral Springs, Florida A very profound message from Allah (SWT), the Hearer, the Seer, the Knower. If we reflect upon this statement, it is full of hope and optimism for us. If we indeed want to attain betterment in our lives, we need to review our relationship with our Lord. We must frequently ask ourselves, based on our day to day behavior and our character and our personality, do we feel that we are building a stronger connection with our Lord. Sincere self-evaluation will help us recognize our shortcomings and our faults. Although old habits are hard to break, the hope for positive yields should be our incentive to make those changes. That's step one, step two would be to commit ourselves to making changes in our lives and step three to implement changes so that we secure that better future that Allah (SWT) has promised us. Allah (SWT) has also stated that "Verily He will not change the condition of a people, unless they change what is within themselves" (Quran 11:13).

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## **QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER**

By Shaikh Shafayat Moham

## A LIFE OF MODERATION

**Question:** Is it Unislamic to Enjoy Life?

Answer: The Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) once asked a companion: "(Is it true) that you fast all day and stand in prayer all night?" The companion replied that the report was indeed true. The Prophet then said: "Do not do that! Observe the fast sometimes and also leave (it) at other times. Stand up for prayer at night and also sleep at night. Your body has a right over you, your eyes have a right over you and your wife has a right over you." - Sahih Al-Bukhari. The Prophet Muhammad (S.AW) said: "Do good deeds properly, sincerely and moderately. Always adopt a middle,

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moderate, regular course, whereby you will reach your target (of paradise)." - Sahih Al-Bukhari. We are suppose to live for Allaah and do every thing only for the pleasure of Allaah. Allaah doesn't want us to withdraw from the worldly life and quit living. It is not recommended or Sunnah that one devotes him/herself to staving in the Masiid 24/7 and stops working, or lives in celibacy and does benefit from the permissible pleasures and bounties Allaah has provided for human beings Inshaa Allaah. It is not expected for us to pray Salaah all day, staying up all night long, fasting every day, have nothing to do with life and wear only dirty / patched clothes etc.

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## Continued from Page 11 ALLAAH HAS DIVIDED Prayer (Surah Al-Fatiha) IN 2 HALVES

Then, when he (the worshipper) says: Guide us to the straight path, the path of those to whom Thou hast been Gracious not of those who have incurred Thy displeasure, nor of those who have gone astray, He (Allaah) says: This is for My servant, and My servant will receive what he asks for." A reminder to all of us: And abandon open and secret sin; surely they who earn sin shall be recompensed with what they earned. (Surah Al-An'am: Ayah 120) Duaa (a prayer): My Lord! Grant me that I should be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I should do good such as You are pleased with, and make me enter, by Your mercy, into Your servants, the good ones. Ameen!

RETAIN FRIENDSHIP IN GOOD TIMES AS WELL AS BAD

By: Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-LendneR / Temple Solel, Hollywood Florida

My first job out of school was the Rabbi at a college. In November of that year Israeli Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin was assassinated. There were two profound events that occurred personally during that time. One was an Algerian professor who came to visit me to tell me how much of a loss he believed it was for the world with his death. The second was that in our personal lives the babysitter for our daughter was an Egyptian Muslim woman. She came to babysit the next week and was telling us how sad she was for the loss of that Prime Minster. Then, several years later, still at that college, we launched a discussion group among Jews and Muslims on campus. The leader of the Muslim group was a Palestinian American student. This group began meeting during

the period of time when there was a great deal of violence between Israel and the Palestinians in the West Bank. I asked him how could he be working towards community conversations when he had family facing violence every day. He responded that this violence was the reason more than ever for communities not directly experiencing that violence to form relations with each other. And finally, in 2006 I established the first ever Muslim Jewish conversation between our communities in the county where I lived in Louisiana. The first meeting had been scheduled for weeks and ended up taking place just days after the summer 2006 war began between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. The local media became particularly interested in our conversations not merely because it was the

first time ever in our county but because we did not cancel the meeting after the war broke out. And leaders on both sides said the same thing communication is most important during the times of conflict to keep our communities talking and finding commonalities during difficult times. As I write my article the conflict has subsided, and I hope and pray for peace, tranquility and success for all of the parties who have been involved in the conflict. And while I have no influence over the leaders who make the decisions influencing the future of events in that part of the world, I can keep open the lines of communication here in Florida to encourage our communities to retain our friendships and lines of communications in good times as well as bad.

# Continued from Page 30 The Islamic Center of

## WASHINGTON

The mosque was completed in 1954 and dedicated by former President Dwight Eisenhower on June 28, 1957. The Washington diplomatic community played a leading role in the effort to have a mosque constructed. Egypt donated a magnificent bronze chandelier and sent the specialists who wrote the Qur'anic verses adorning the mosque's walls and ceiling. The tiles came from Turkey along with the experts to install them. The Persian rugs came from Iran, which are still in the mosque of the Center. Support for the project also came from the American-Muslim community. The site was purchased in 1946 and the cornerstone was laid on January 11, 1949. The building was designed by Italian architect Mario Rossi and was dedicated on June 28, 1957 with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in attendance. The center continues to be controlled by a board of governors made up of various ambassadors. Around the building are arrayed the flags of the Islamic nations of the world. The mosque has been visited by many high profile dignitaries, including several presidents. The highest profile visit was by former President George W. Bush on September 17, 2001, only days after the attacks of September 11. On national television, Bush quoted from the Our'an and worked to assure Americans that the vast majority of Muslims are peaceful. In addition to the mosque, the center contains a library and classrooms where courses on Islam and the Arabic language are taught.

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So Allah's (SWT) promise for us to secure a better future depends on our actions. Let us be proactive in doing good deeds that will earn Allah's (SWT) pleasure and mercy. Let us not be complacent in life, let us not stagnate spiritually or in doing good deeds and in attaining blessings. We just do not know how many blessings we will need or which deed will earn the mercy of God Almighty. We just cannot wish and pray for things to be better without making sincere effort to change ourselves, and we also have to be patient. Allah (SWT) is the best of planners, we are not. Sometimes what we want and what we think will make our lives happier, may not be what's best for us and may not happen and so we get frustrated and begin to lose hope. However, many times we see that what eventually happens is even better for us than what we hoped for. So as part of our change, let us commit to always persevere and not falter in our faith and belief in Allah (SWT). While we may be tempted to question His help, He will never give up on us to make our life positive and blessed. So remember just one positive change we make could have a domino effect in our life. Obviously, the changes we make should have a direct effect on increasing our Eeman and on changing one or more negative characteristic to a positive one. Our New Year's resolution should make us a new and better person, we should attempt to filter out (By request, the names of the quesnegative aspects in our lives and to promote positives ones. Sometimes resolutions and transitions last for just a month or so and the energy to change fizzles out; however, our promise to be a better believer should never falter, because the blessings we will

By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha accumulate will help us not just in this life, but in the Hereafter (insha Allah). Allah (SWT) says: "I am as my servant thinks I am, and I am with him when he remembers Me. If he remembers Me to himself, I remember him to Myself; and if he remembers Me in a gathering, I remember him in a gathering better than it. If he draws near to Me a hand's span, I draw near to him an arm's length, if he draws near to me an arm's length, I draw near to him a fathom's length and if he comes to me walking, I go to him running". Allah (SWT) is always there for us, we need to show our gratitude to Him and hasten to Him and always be grateful and thankful to Him for all that He has blessed us with. May Allah (SWT) guide us to do actions that are pleasing to Him and to live a life which brings us closer to Him and His mercy (ameen). Please have a safe, healthy and blessed New Year and many more to come (Insha Allah). Quote from a wise man: "We must become the change we want to see".

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Words of the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) should be known to

## Muslims & Non-Muslims

I hold out against anything that displeases them. No compulsion is to be on them. Neither are their judges to be removed from their jobs nor their monks from their monasteries.

- -No one is to destroy a house of their religion, to damage it, or to carry anything from it to the Muslims' houses.
- -Should anyone take any of these, he would spoil God's covenant and disobey His Prophet. Verily, they are my allies and have my secure charter against all that they hate. No one is to force them to travel or to oblige them to fight. The Muslims are to fight for them.
- -If a female Christian is married to a Muslim, it is not to take place without her approval. She is not to be prevented from visiting her church to pray.
- -Their churches are to be respected. They are neither to be prevented from repairing them nor the sacredness of their covenants.
- -No one of the nation (Muslims) is to disobey the covenant till the Last Day (end of the world)."

PEACE BE UPON HIM. HE'S TRULY A MERCY TO **HUMANKIND.** 

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## MUSLIMS

are commanded to have

## GOOD MANNERS

Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah Then others will want to know about our Prophet (S.A.W.) and Islam. Make a resolution to please Allah with our good conduct exemplified by our Prophet (S.A.W.). Show the world our good manners!

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## Continued from Page 11 A New Horizon for Immigration: The Deferred Action for **Childhood Arrivals**

By: Attorneys Bruce A. Coane & Brandy Williams

Deferred action does not provide an individual with lawful status but rather grants them the opportunity to legally work in the United States. Once they get a work permit, they can obtain a Social Security card and, in most states, they will be able to get a driver's license. Mr. Coane is an immigration attorney with 30 years of experience and is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He may be reached at (305)538-6800 or at bruce.coane@gmail.com. The law firm's website is www.coane.com. His office is located on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach, Florida.

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By Br. Hamzad Mohammed

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- \*Hold it in your hands and speak ill of anyone
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- ❖ Speak ill of it at anytime.

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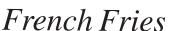
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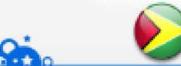
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